

The legislative update from the Missouri State Teachers Association

April 14, 2022

PSRS/PEERS Board members approved

Two candidates for the PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees obtained the signatures necessary to qualify to be candidates for Board seats. Incumbent Board member and Chairman Jason Steliga and Allie Gassmann will begin four-year terms on the board starting July 1, 2022.

House continues to move education bills

This week the House gave first round approval to related bills, including HB2376 (Kelly), HB2325 (Patterson), HB2365 (Shields), and HB2152 (Henderson) will need an additional vote in the House before they are sent to the Senate for committee hearings and possible debate by the full Senate.

Senate Education Committee votes out two omnibus education bills

The Senate Education Committee created two large education omnibus bills, combining bills that had been heard or voted out of the committee at earlier hearings. Bills that were added into the omnibus committee substitute are: SB660 (Arthur), SB681 (O'Laughlin), SB958 (Bean), SB703 (Eslinger). Also passed by the committee was HB2304 (E.Lewis).

State Board of Education shouldn't ignore education professionals

MSTA Executive Director Bruce Moe issued a letter to the SBOE regarding the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Blue Ribbon Commission this week.

"MSTA members will continue to have a voice in this process as we work with all members of the commission, providing important information and input from education professionals. No one has more insight, and more at stake in the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission than Missouri's educators. We should have more seats at the table."

Read the full statement at msta.org/action.

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MSTA Action at a glance