

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10-11, 2009**

**STATE BOARD ROOM
1ST FLOOR, CAPITAL PLAZA TOWER
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 10-11, 2009, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The Board conducted the following business:

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Brothers called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for the roll to be called.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were C.B. Akins, Kaye Baird, Joe Brothers, Dorie Combs, Judy Gibbons, Billy Harper, Doug Hubbard, David Karem, Austin Moss and Brigitte Ramsey. Jeanne Ferguson joined the meeting in progress. Absent was Robert King.

REVIEW OF INDIVIDUALS' APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

At 8:05 a.m., Judy Gibbons moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing individuals' applications for the position of commissioner of education per KRS 61.810(1)(f) and Doug Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 12:05 p.m., Dorie Combs moved to come out of closed session and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was announced that no action was taken during the closed session.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Chair Brothers announced that the board is creating a new award to add to the tradition of those it already gives annually, namely the Joseph Kelly Award and the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award, designed to honor outstanding dedication to improving student achievement to all students. He continued that the Kentucky Board of Education is announcing the creation of "The Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award – Striving for Achievement through Instructional Equity". Brothers explained that it will be awarded annually to an

individual or group with outstanding accomplishments in striving to help all students achieve at high levels through instructional equity and in closing the achievement gap. He noted the award is being established to honor the tremendous work and dedication of long-time KDE employee Associate Commissioner of Special Instructional Services Dr. Johnnie Grissom. Brothers stated that Johnnie has always focused the work of her office on learning at high levels for all students. He said that she will be the first recipient of the award and it will be presented to her at the August meeting after she returns to Kentucky from her current treatment regimen in Oklahoma. Brothers commented that he hoped that Dr. Grissom is listening via webcast and sent her everyone's love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Chair Brothers also announced that today the board is recognizing Myra Morgan, Kentucky's 2008-09 Milken Educator Award Recipient. He pointed out that Myra is a kindergarten teacher at Gallatin Elementary in the Gallatin County School District. Brothers continued that combining proven, research-based instructional methods with music and dance to reinforce learning, Morgan has been known to spontaneously sing a lesson to engage her students. He shared that she and her team have implemented the school's research-based reading program, Literacy First, with strong results, and have demonstrated great success with the Building Blocks reading and writing preparation program. Chair Brothers indicated that as department chair and leader of the kindergarten team, Morgan led her colleagues in executing an effective transition of Gallatin Elementary's kindergarten program from half-day to full-day. He stated that she and her colleagues developed a user-friendly report card to show parents how their children are progressing academically, and created a guided self-study to help students with low test scores improve their achievement. He explained that Morgan analyzes test scores to find gaps in learning and identify strategies to help students to achieve at higher levels and stated that her strategies have helped her students consistently score in the 90th percentile in math and reading on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. Brothers said that Morgan is chair of the school's core curriculum committee and a member of the district leadership team. He mentioned that she has mentored new teachers through the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program and has served on district-level professional development committees. He then called Ms. Morgan forward to receive the award from the Milken Foundation and recognized her for her outstanding achievements as a teacher of young children.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Brothers asked if there were any corrections to the minutes and it was noted that Billy Harper's name needed to be added to the list of new members cited in the second bullet under announcements on page 7 of the Agenda Book. At this point, David Karem moved approval of both sets of minutes including technical amendments and Doug Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brothers made the following announcements:

- Additions to the agenda are being made tomorrow under agenda item XXII. Internal Board Business where the board will have a short update on SB1 implementation, a brief update on the “Race to the Top” grant opportunity, to consider appointing a nominating committee for the purpose of bringing forward a slate of board officers in August, to consider paying the NASBE dues and to take action to approve the board’s meeting dates.
- Item XIV., Waiver of 702 KAR 4:160(5) requested by the Christian County School District has been withdrawn from the agenda by the district.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW KDE EMPLOYEE AND KDE TEAM MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Interim Commissioner Elaine Farris introduced the following:

- New KDE Employee - Anita Fleming, Administrative Specialist III, Division of Communications
- April Team Member of the Month - Clyde Mohan, Video Conferencing Project Manager, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- May Team Member of the Month - Karla Dodson, Administrative Specialist III, Kentucky Virtual High School, Division of Secondary and Virtual Learning
- June Team Member of the Month - Angela Smith, Human Resources Administrator, Division of Human Resources

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET

Secretary Helen Mountjoy submitted a written report since she was unable to attend.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Robert King submitted a written report since he was unable to attend.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Phil Rogers reported the following:

- The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) is involved in redesigning the master’s programs with a move to focus on excellence. He noted that the changes coordinate with changes made by NCATE to help universities go beyond meeting minimum standards to meeting targeted standards.
- Other changes that have been made by the EPSB include ratcheting up the rigor on the continuing education option. This option was on-line for about one and a half years

and has been revised to align with the focus of the master's redesign on teacher leadership. The program is coming back on-line this fall with a pilot that will have a strong connection with national board certification.

- The results of a task force on certification includes limiting emergency certificates to once in a teacher's career.
- As to the use of alternative certification, in the year 2000, 318 people used this route but in 2009, 2,018 people became certified through this alternative method.

REPORT FROM THE PRE-K TO 16 COUNCIL

Chair Joe Brothers thanked Jeanne Ferguson for her service on the council and noted that David Karem will be the new board representative to take a seat on the council. He also shared that Billy Harper will become the next president of the council.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Interim Commissioner Elaine Farris reported on the following items:

- The department has presented before several legislative subcommittee meetings lately. Topics covered at the budget review subcommittee included the various grant and funding opportunities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the implementation of the ARRA Title I/IDEA funding and the commissioner's search. At the Interim Joint Committee on Education, an added topic was a summary of HB 322 and its outcomes for districts. For the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee (EAARS) on June 9, the committee wanted to hear about the setting of new academic standards for K-12 in collaboration with the Council on Postsecondary Education and EPSB and the commissioner's search. All of the presentations went well. At the EAARS meeting it was emphasized that we must keep the lines of communication between the department, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professional Standards Board on the standards work.

At this point, Joe Brothers pointed out that this would be Elaine Farris' last meeting with the board in her capacity as interim commissioner and he thanked her for her service. A round of applause and a standing ovation were given to Interim Commissioner Farris. She then thanked staff for supporting her and making the work a team effort.

GOOD NEWS

The following items of good news were shared by the noted board members below:

- Billy Harper - Three public preschool teachers recently received Classroom of Excellence Awards from the Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood Development. The three are Christine Clark, The Family and Children's Place, Jefferson Co. ; Lisa Mudd, Dixie Elementary School, Fayette Co. ; and April

Throgmorton, Morton Elementary, Paducah Ind. The voluntary Classrooms of Excellence program identifies high-quality state-funded preschool classrooms, based on a comprehensive review of activities and methodology. Applicants participate in an intensive self-study and also must show that their classrooms meet specific criteria. In addition to these awards, Calloway County Preschool Center has been recognized as Kentucky's first Early Childhood Center of Excellence. The Rowan County Preschool Center also joins four previously identified Centers of Quality. The Early Childhood Centers of Quality designation was developed in 2008 as a response to stakeholder recommendations for statewide services to deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students. Centers that achieve this distinction will serve as models of practice for other districts in the region through on-site consultation, mentoring and presentations at state, regional and national levels. Congratulations to these fine teachers and preschool programs for exemplifying excellence in meeting the needs of Kentucky's students!

- Doug Hubbard - Auburn Wigginton, one of Kentucky's "State Scholars" students from Campbellsville High School in Campbellsville, KY, is being featured on the national website for the State Scholars Initiative. Auburn is a senior and plans to go into a medical career. She gives a written testimony on the website about how the program pushes her to work hard and provides opportunities for hands-on experiences in the math and science areas. The State Scholars Initiative is administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education. State Scholars students are asked to complete a rigorous course of study in high school. State partnerships work to motivate students in a variety of ways. Working within the State Scholars framework, each state tailors the program to meet its particular needs. Kentucky's program, called Kentucky Scholars, is managed by the Partnership for Kentucky Schools and currently 15 districts participate in the program. Congratulations to Auburn for this national notoriety!
- Judy Gibbons - Three Kentucky students have been named to the 2009 class of the President Scholars Program as announced by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. These high achieving seniors join an elite group of 141 students from across the country honored for their commitment to others and a strong academic record. A 29-member Commission on Presidential Scholars appointed by the President of the United States selected the scholars. This year's Presidential Scholars from Kentucky are Jacob S. Bailey, Simon Kenton High School, Kenton County; Connie Wu, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Lexington; and Adam T. Horn, Woodford County High School, Versailles. Congratulations to these deserving students!

PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT

Coming forward to speak to the board was Jim Hanna, Paul Laurence Dunbar teacher. He spoke about his concern on Senate Bill 1 not testing the humanities area anymore and the need for the board to think about making sure this area is tested with rigor in the new testing system.

701 KAR 7:031, REPEAL OF 701 KAR 5:035, PROCEDURES FOR RECORD REQUESTS (FINAL)

General Counsel Kevin Brown explained that this is a repealer regulation that resulted after consultation with the Attorney General's Office where advise was given to abide by the Finance and Administration's regulation on this topic. Thus, he indicated a repeal of the department's regulation was in order. Brown noted that the department's regulation is outdated and explained that Finance and Administration's is up to date. He emphasized there is no change in the process that the department would follow in this area, but emphasized having one regulation prevents confusion.

At this point Doug Hubbard moved final approval of 701 KAR 7:031 and C.B. Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT

General Counsel Kevin Brown indicated that 702 KAR 3:090, Depository Bonds was passed at the June meeting of the Interim Joint Education Subcommittee and that the KHSAA regulation including the amendments that the board made at its retreat was passed by the Administration Regulation Review Subcommittee at its June meeting.

2010-2012 BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS

Coming forward for this discussion were Deputy Commissioner Ruth Webb and Associate Commissioner Joe Lancaster. Webb indicated that Lancaster would first be discussing 2009-10 followed by a look to the future on 2011-2012.

Joe Lancaster then proceeded to give an overview of where the budget stands during the closeout of this fiscal year. He went through a series of handouts with the board and answered their questions. Following this overview, he explained that for 2011-2012, the planning process would require the department to follow the instructions that will be received from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management after July 1 providing the parameters for the capital budget request. Lancaster said that the board will provide input on budget priorities in August followed by approval of the budget submission in October. He then asked Tom Engstrom to talk about the Capital Plan.

Engstrom said that the Capital Plan is another prelude to the actual budget request process and noted a copy had been mailed to each board member. He explained that each agency submits its capital needs to a statewide planning board in order for it to compile a statewide plan. Engstrom pointed out that in order for a project to be requested as part of the capital budget request it must appear on the capital plan. He noted that change of the requests through the legislative process is fairly normal.

At this point Barb Kibler came forward to talk about the KSB and KSD budgets. She said that in August staff will give a more detailed report on the budgets of these two schools but because of a request by board members, a brief report on the two schools' budgets will be

made today. She explained that the department is having to come up with dollars for summer school at KSB and emphasized these dollars will have to be taken out of the next year's allotted budget so that in essence KSB's budget starts behind. Kibler explained that KSD had some large payouts on retirements that will affect its budget. She went on to note that KSB has to follow Jefferson County's pay scale and this requires paying those teachers more. She commented that the department has started trying to take cost cutting measures including the implementation of a 4-day work week at the two schools for the summer, which will cut down on utilities about \$20,000. She reported that this has been approved by the Personnel Cabinet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Joe Brothers made the following announcements:

- The board will next move into committee meetings with the Management Committee starting shortly in the State Board Room once the full board recesses.
- The Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting will convene upon completion of the Management Committee meeting in the State Board Room.
- Upon its adjournment, the board will stand in recess until tomorrow morning.
- The board will be having dinner together this evening at the Capital Plaza Hotel in the Kentucky Room at 6:30 p.m. to honor Interim Commissioner Elaine Farris' service. No business will be conducted.
- Tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m., the board will be attending a breakfast sponsored by KSBA, KASA and KASS at the Capital Plaza Hotel in the Caucus Room. No business will be conducted.
- The full board will reconvene tomorrow morning in the State Board Room at 8:45 a.m.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Action/Consent Items

1. **District Facility Plans: Calloway, Christian, Fulton, Grayson, Jefferson, McLean, Perry, Rockcastle and Woodford Counties and Caverna, Corbin, Covington, Harlan, Ludlow and Monticello Independents.** Chair Doug Hubbard asked if staff had reviewed the submitted district facility plans and if they meet the requirements. Division Director Mark Ryles replied affirmatively; thus, C.B. Akins moved to approve the submitted district facility plans and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. **District Facility Plan Amendments: Bracken, Franklin, Grant, Pike and Spencer County School Districts.** Chair Hubbard again asked if all the submitted

facility plan amendments had been certified by department staff and Mark Ryles replied affirmatively. Thus, Kaye Baird moved approval of all submitted facility plan amendments and C.B. Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Appointment to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control.** Division Director Michael Dailey and KHSAA Commissioner Brigitte DeVries came forward for this item. Michael Dailey indicated that George Norris of Georgetown was being recommended by the KHSAA commissioner and the department's interim commissioner. He noted that the person leaving the board was a central Kentucky person and that Mr. Norris would keep that geographic balance in place. At this point, Austin Moss moved approval of George Norris' appointment to the Board of Control and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. **702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance (Final).** Interim Deputy Commissioner Larry Stinson came forward to talk about consideration for final approval of this regulation. As far as corrections or changes to the regulation, he indicated that a revision has occurred in how daily attendance is counted as well as changes in some codes. He also noted removing the language on school district calendar procedures and making it a separate regulation. Stinson did point out a pending problem that has been discovered relative to a timing issue because of how the process works where the change in calculating attendance would not go into effect until September, causing a switch in the process after already starting the school year. He also noted that this change will require significant reprogramming of the Student Information System. Therefore, he recommended that language be inserted on page 152 to say this change would be effective beginning the following school year.

C.B. Akins commented that he continues to have reservations about being able to be present for 17% of the day and counted 50% present. He said he thought that this sends a mixed message of the importance of funding over learning.

Mr. Stinson replied said the change is being made for funding purposes and is supported by superintendents. He pointed out that this is the board's decision whether to make this change.

David Karem said that he has heard local districts feel that the counterpoint is minute by minute accounting, which takes too long.

Larry Stinson replied that there is a misunderstanding about this point because when this change goes into effect attendance is still counted minute by minute. What is currently taking a long time is reconciliation of the numbers in various reports due to differences in how rounding error is handled. He noted that the change in regulation will not solve that problem, but a planned change in the software will.

At this point, Austin Moss moved final approval of 702 KAR 7:125 including the change in language on page 152 as recommended by staff. Kaye Baird seconded the motion and it carried.

3. **702 KAR 7:140, School District Calendar (Final).** Interim Deputy Commissioner Larry Stinson said there were no changes in the language from when the board reviewed this regulation at its last meeting. He stated the language was simply lifted out of the attendance regulation so it would be a separate regulation unto itself. At this point, Kaye Baird moved final approval of 702 KAR 7:140 and C.B. Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) requested by Ft. Thomas Independent School District.** Larry Stinson explained that the regulation states that if the district uses common carriers other than their own buses, this must be approved by the local board each time. He indicated that Ft. Thomas is asking the state board to provide a waiver enabling them to give one blanket approval due to having no local bus fleet.

At this point, Kaye Baird moved to grant the waiver to Ft. Thomas Independent and Austin Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. **2010 Minimum Specifications for School Buses.** Larry Stinson reported that the manual has been updated to incorporate federal safety standards and meet the requirements of the federal stimulus initiative.

C.B. Akins moved to approve the 2010 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses and David Karem seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. **2008 Report, 2008 Exceptions and 2010 Plan for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members.** Present for this discussion were Bill Scott and Kerri Schelling from the Kentucky School Boards Association. Mr. Scott acknowledged that the training had been revamped under Kerri's leadership. Next, Ms. Schelling proceeded to answer a question that the board had brought up relative to how Kentucky's 86% of school board members that go above the minimum training compares to other states. She noted that some states have no required training and many do not keep this kind of data; thus, she felt that Kentucky goes above and beyond when compared to other states. Additionally, Ms. Schelling was asked to address the reasons for those members listed on page 202 of the Agenda Book who had not met their training requirements and thus an extension was being requested. She indicated that four of the members she contacted thought that they had met the requirement and suggested that the district did not send in their paperwork. She said she was still in the process of verifying these. As to members that were appointed during the year, she explained that the board generally gives them extra time to meet the training requirements.

At this point, Austin Moss moved to approve the 2008 report, 2008 exceptions and the 2010 plan and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review Items

1. **704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services.** Chair Doug Hubbard indicated that this item is before the committee as a review item and that next time it will come forward for action. Division Director Paul McElwain noted that three changes are being proposed in this regulation as listed in the staff note.

Austin Moss asked if the training for giving medications was the same as what a two or four-year RN degreed person receives. Paul McElwain responded that some of the same content appears in the training but stated it is different from the standpoint that it is not anywhere close to the extensive training that nurses receive. He did clarify that the trainers of the school personnel would be RNs and said that the requirement is that school personnel would be delegated to give medication if they consent to do so and that the training would occur in order for them to give the medication. McElwain went on to say that the issue is to be able to provide the service to students in the absence of the health professional giving the medication.

Kaye Baird asked for the ratio of students to school nurses. Paul McElwain replied that in Kentucky it is about 1 to 1,700 or 1,750, which is much higher than the 700 student ratio that is recommended.

David Karem then asked for some national comparison data as to where Kentucky stands with student to the school nurse ratio to other places. McElwain said he would provide the board with some data on this.

Austin Moss indicated he had printed off the training module and this would be available to other members to review. It was requested that the module be sent to all members.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Action/Discussion Items

1. **Certification of Non-Public Preschool.** Present for this discussion were Associate Commissioner Jamie Spugnardi, Division Director Annette Bridges and Preschool Branch Manager Bill Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan indicated that Trent Montessori is asking to be certified. He clarified that Trent Montessori has successfully completed the accreditation process conducted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and that their classroom teachers are certified in interdisciplinary early childhood education.

At this point, Dorie Combs moved approval of the certification of Trent Montessori School and Billy Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. **Certification of Non-Public Schools.** Barb Kibler and David Millanti came forward for this agenda item. Kibler indicated that the staff note for the item appears on page 221 of the Agenda Book and that it contains a list of non-public schools that the department and the Non-Public Schools Commission are recommending be certified. She indicated that the department and Non-Public Schools Commission had agreed upon accrediting agencies that schools can work with in order to meet requirements and be recommended for certification and clarified that as far as teacher certification, the different agencies require certain levels of qualifications.

Judy Gibbons asked why some were being recommended for one year certification and others for four or five years.

David Millanti replied that sometimes a school will be granted an interim certification of one year or two years in order to work out some minor issues and then the Non-Public Schools Commission will bring them back to recommend certification for the remainder of the 5-year cycle if these issues are worked out.

At this point Jeanne Ferguson moved approval of the submitted non-public schools for certification and Dorie Combs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. **Preschool Funding, 2009-2010 Rates.** Division Director Annette Bridges indicated this item comes before the board annually and that it is part of the board's responsibility to approve the rates. She then pointed out on page 230 how the rates have changed over the years. Bridges indicated that currently, we are serving less children and that because of the Response to Intervention initiatives, children suspected of having a disability are no longer automatically put in preschool but instead go through a process for identification. She noted that the number of preschool children identified with a disability has decreased and said that right now approximately 50% of the program's students are identified with disabilities and 49% are identified as at-risk. Bridges clarified that at one time the disability figure was as high as 63%. She also reminded the committee members that last year the change was made on how funding was calculated for the districts where instead of using only a December 1 count, it is now based on two counts, one taken in December and one in March with an average calculated for adjustment purposes.

Jamie Spugnardi clarified that the department does not want to provide incentives to over-identify for the category of children with disabilities.

Dorie Combs then asked if we are getting students that need to be in the program.

Annette Bridges said she felt for disabilities the answer would be yes and explained that between Head Start and state preschool, 86% of eligible children are receiving services. She felt that some may be missed due to the 150% of poverty guideline because they do not meet the criteria.

Judy Gibbons asked if going to 200% of poverty would pick up more students and Bridges replied affirmatively. However, she noted that funding did not permit moving to 200%.

Brigitte Ramsey expressed concern that the number being considered is inflated if budget reductions do occur.

Jamie Spugnardi replied that staff has to calculate the rates on the basis of information that we currently have and said that even if reductions occur it could be that preschool is not affected.

At this point Dorie Combs moved approval of the preschool rates and Billy Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review Item

1. **Extended School Services (ESS) Program.** Coming forward for this item were Jamie Spugnardi, Chris Powell and April Pieper. They presented the committee with a revised staff note and data. The changes in the data appeared in red in the revised version of the staff note. Chris Powell proceeded to go through the data and indicated that after school ESS programs have decreased while the number of daytime programs have increased. She also noted data that points to daytime programs being more effective.

April Pieper summarized the current program work on page 2 of the revised staff note as well as the proposal for new recording descriptors of the data. She emphasized that staff wants to be able to supply the board and others with better data that will show the impact of the program.

Joe Brothers emphasized that impact data will help in seeking funding from the legislature for Extended School Services.

Thursday, June 11, 2009

REPORTS FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY, CHRISTIAN COUNTY AND COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON THE STATUS OF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT SUPPORT PLANS

Associate Commissioner Sally Sugg began the presentation and noted that she and Johnnie Grissom work with these districts who have failed to meet their CATS index or the NCLB requirements. Sugg explained that the districts were asked to specifically address how they are working to reduce achievement gaps. She then asked Jefferson County to come forward for their presentation time to the board.

Dr. Sheldon Berman reminded the board that their initiative involves a large restructuring of two middle schools that has resulted in two gender-based schools implementing an intensive set of interventions. He explained that these interventions include reduced class size, enhanced technology, increased professional development, master teachers, coaches, a social development initiative, a focus on the math and science curriculum, intensive reading intervention and a restructuring of staff.

Deputy Commissioner Sandy Ledford added that the two schools have a priority manager that mentors the principals and works with the teachers.

At this point Bill Perkins, principal of Olmstead North went through the data for his school using a PowerPoint presentation and then Betty Graham, principal at Olmstead South, did the same for her school.

The board had expressions of praise for the efforts being made in these two schools.

Next, Christian County School District came forward for their presentation. Superintendent Brady Link said he had brought some additional data for the board to consider and emphasized that the accountability starts at the top with the superintendent. He noted that the district's portfolio scores had increased significantly, good progress was made on on-demand and regarding nonacademic data, retention and dropout were both down. He then introduced some of his principals that would be sharing the initiatives going on in the schools as follows: Demetria Choice, Hopkinsville High School; Mary Cavanagh, Christian County Middle School; Kathy Hancock, Christian County High School; and Nathan Houghton, North Drive Middle School. Each of the principals then summarized the initiatives being implemented in their schools as well as the progress that could be cited.

The board was complimentary on the work occurring in Christian County.

The third district to present was Covington Independent. Superintendent Lynda Jackson came forward and introduced the following three principals: Shawn Bohannon, Holmes Middle School; Joy Collins, John G. Carlisle Elementary School; and Dennis Mains, Holmes High School. The board was presented with a written report outlining the accomplishments and next steps at each of the schools and each principal addressed the board as far as the initiatives being implemented at the different sites.

Again, compliments were passed on to the district staff for their efforts.

REPORT FROM UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE STATUS OF THEIR SCHOOL AND DISTRICT REPORT PLANS

Union County Superintendent Josh Powell appeared before the board along with some of his staff to talk about the work going on in the Union County School District. He presented a PowerPoint that covered district demographics and the progress of the district in arts and humanities, practical living, writing portfolio, reading and math. Powell reported on the

predicted progress of the schools using a KCCT-like instrument. Powell emphasized that since his last appearance before the board, there had been some unique experiences within the district, the recruitment of a minority staff member in the administrative office and the continuous focus to strive for excellence.

Board members asked for the district MAP scores to be forwarded to them. Thanks were conveyed to the district staff for their hard work.

APPROVAL OF ACTION/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Jeanne Ferguson moved approval of all submitted facility plans and facility plan amendments and Doug Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ON ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Judy Gibbons brought forward the following items from her committee:

- Certification of Non-Public Preschool – Judy Gibbons recommended approval to certify Trent Montessori preschool and the board concurred.
- Certification of Non-Public Schools – Chair Judy Gibbons recommended approval of all submitted non-public schools for certification and the board concurred.
- Preschool Funding, 2009-2010 Rates – Chair Judy Gibbons recommended the board approve the recommendations of staff for the preschool rates and the board concurred.

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Doug Hubbard reported on the following items:

- 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance (Final) – Chair Hubbard recommended final approval of the regulation, including a provision in Section 2 on page 7 that would make this part of the regulation effective for the following school year instead of the current school year. The board concurred with this recommendation.
- 702 KAR 7:140, School District Calendar (Final) – Chair Hubbard on behalf of the committee moved final approval of the regulation and the board concurred.
- Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2) requested by Ft. Thomas Independent School District – Chair Hubbard recommended approval of the requested waiver from Ft. Thomas and the board concurred.
- 2009-2010 Minimum Specifications for School Buses – Chair Doug Hubbard recommended approval of Minimum Specifications for School Buses and the board concurred.

- 2008 Report, 2008 Exceptions and 2010 Plan for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members – Chair Hubbard moved approval of this item and the board concurred.
- Appointment to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control – Doug Hubbard recommended the appointment of Gene Norris as an at-large member to the Board of Control and the board concurred.

BOARD MEMBER SHARING

Items touched on during board member sharing included:

- Dorie Combs – attendance of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference and KHSAA safety group, along with Doug Hubbard
- Kaye Baird – attendance at Ramey Estep Alternative School graduation, KSD graduation and KSB graduation
- Judy Gibbons – work of the Advocacy Team in Northern Kentucky
- Austin Moss – concern over the atmosphere at local school district graduations
- Brigitte Ramsey – attendance of the Early Childhood Task Force meeting, First Lady’s Dropout Summit meetings and NASBE study group
- Austin Moss – attendance at the NASBE Board of Directors meeting

KDE EMPLOYMENT REPORT

C. B. Akins said he continues to be concerned about departments with 28 or so employees and only one minority.

INTERNAL BOARD BUSINESS

The following items were addressed during this portion of the agenda:

- Chair Brothers asked for a motion to appoint David Karem to the vacancy on the Pre-K to 16 Council as the board’s representative. Doug Hubbard so moved and Billy Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Chair Brothers asked for a motion to appoint Billy Harper as chair for this year of the Pre-K to 16 Council. Doug Hubbard so moved and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Senate Bill 1 Update – Associate Commissioner Ken Draut reported on the assessment and accountability work relative to Senate Bill 1. He gave a one-page handout that summarized the work as far as the timeline, the communications, the state regulation work, the current contractual changes, the program reviews, the norm-referenced test, end-of-course assessments and the assessment system for 2012.

Next, Jamie Spugnardi and Michael Miller talked some about the program review and standards work. They indicated a committee is working on the program review framework at this point. As far as the standards, Michael Miller said Kentucky is one of 49 states participating in the CCSSO standards work. He indicated that work groups are being formed in cooperation with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professional Standards Board to review and provide feedback on the standards. Miller reported there will be a validation committee and that Kentucky has submitted two names for membership on this committee, which the Governor supports. He stated the department is on target to meet the timeline for the standards work and noted staff will be back before the board regularly with updates.

- Communication on Arts and Humanities – Brigitte Ramsey asked if any further guidance had been given to districts on what the program reviews will look like for Arts and Humanities. Staff reviewed the communications that had gone out to date. Ms. Ramsey and Dorie Combs both felt a need exists to communicate to teachers that the department is not suggesting to do away with this focus and teachers in the arts and humanities area because there will be accountability in these areas for the new test along with expectations of addressing the Program of Studies. Ramsey and Combs were both hearing that districts think that they do not need specialists anymore in arts and humanities.
- Race to the Top – Jamie Spugnardi reported that staff is in regular communication with CCSSO and Gene Wilhoit on this topic. She said that the RFP will be released in July for Race to the Top funding. Spugnardi noted that the department has several ideas ready when the specifics for applying are released.
- At this point, Jamie Spugnardi was recognized for her service to the board and it was noted that this would be her last board meeting before her retirement. Board members were made aware of her reception on June 29 at 2:00 pm at the department in Frankfort.
- Appointment of KBE Nominating Committee – Chair Brothers asked that the board approve his appointment of Austin Moss, Chair; Judy Gibbons, Doug Hubbard and Dorie Combs as the board’s nominating committee to bring forward a slate of officers for consideration at the August meeting. Brigitte Ramsey made such a motion and Kaye Baird seconded it. The motion carried.
- Payment of NASBE Dues – Brigitte Ramsey moved to pay the NASBE dues and Dorie Combs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2009, 2010 and 2011 KBE Meeting Dates - C.B. Akins moved to approve the proposal for these meeting dates with the exception of changing next year's February meeting to be February 10-11, 2010, next year's April meeting to be April 13-14, 2010 and the 2011 April meeting to be April 13-14, 2011. Kaye Baird seconded the motion and it carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned the meeting.