



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM WILLIAM “BILL” TWYMAN, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on June 7 in Frankfort where it heard the first reading of 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System. The review of the accountability regulation was facilitated by Rhonda Sims, KDE Associate Commissioner of the Office of Assessment and Accountability, and Brian Gong, Executive Director of the Center for Assessment.

Discussion centered on the five primary indicators of the proposed system, which include student proficiency, growth, opportunity and access, transition readiness and achievement gap closure. Proposed measures were addressed for each indicator. Short and long-term goals for the system also were considered. Additionally, the board spent time studying the proposed star rating system that would be used to indicate the level of performance for a school and district.

The recommended system is certainly reflective of the feedback that has been received over the last year from Kentuckians. It was determined that some additional details of the system need further refinement and those amendments will be addressed prior to the board's second reading of the regulation in August. Kentucky must submit its Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, which includes this new system, to the United State Department of Education by mid-September of this year.

BOARD VOTES TO REMOVE FLEMING AND ROBERTSON COUNTIES AND CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM STATE ASSISTANCE

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster provided the KBE with the most recent diagnostic review summaries for Fleming and Robertson Counties, as well as Caverna Independent School District. Evidence within each review supported Foster's recommendation to remove the three districts from the category of state assistance. All three superintendents were present for the discussion and Foster commended them for their efforts to improve the academic culture, facilities, financial management and leadership capacity within their respective districts. While academic achievement was noted by board members as an area in need of continued focus, the board ultimately approved the removal of these districts from state assistance due to their demonstration of significant progress and capacity for continued growth.

For more information, contact Kelly Foster at kelly.foster@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-4474, ext. 4001.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (KDE) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE PRESENTED

Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd updated the board on the development progress related to KDE's strategic plan. The five-year plan (2017-2022) is being finalized by a strategic planning team and consists of a new mission statement, two overarching goals and eight strategies. The board will review the final plan and provide input at the August meeting. The full presentation can be viewed at the following link, under item IX:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&PublicMeetingID=19184&AgencyTypeID=1>.

For more information on this topic, contact Karen Dodd at karen.dodd@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-2102, ext. 4700.

2017 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION RECOGNIZED

The board was honored to recognize eleven (11) "Alternative Programs of Distinction" for the 2016-17 academic year. These awards seek to appreciate the work of educators and programs that serve at-risk students. Each of this year's winners received \$2,000 from KDE and \$1,000 from the Kentucky Center for School Safety. The 2017 winners are as follows:

- *Bullitt Alternative Center, Bullitt County*
- *Covington Alternative Programs, Covington Independent*
- *Heritage Park High School, Daviess County*
- *The Learning Center, Fayette County*
- *McCracken Regional School, McCracken County*
- *The McDaniel Learning Center, Laurel County*
- *Perry County Alternative School, Perry County*
- *The Providence School, Jessamine County*
- *Ramey-Estep High School, Boyd County*
- *Regional School Programs, Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services / Dayton Independent*

- *Western Day Treatment, Jefferson County*

For more information on this recognition, contact Sherri Clusky at (502) 564-4772, ext. 4040 or via email at sherri.clusky@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the April 11, 2017 Work Session and April 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures Manual
- 2017-18 Preschool Grant Allotment System and Funding Rates
- Voluntary Certification for Non-Public Schools
- 704 KAR 7:051, Repeal of 704 KAR 7:050, Student Discipline Guidelines
- New District Facility Plans for Augusta Independent, Bell County, Bourbon County, Boyd County, Breathitt County, Campbell County, Christian County, Clinton County, East Bernstadt Independent, Grant County, Grayson County, Hardin County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Kenton County, LaRue County, Lincoln County, Ludlow Independent, Menifee County, Montgomery County, Newport Independent, Oldham County, Pendleton County, Russell Independent, Southgate Independent, Walton-Verona Independent, Wolfe County and Woodford County School Districts
- Amended District Facility Plans for Jessamine, Marion, Mercer and Shelby County School Districts
- 2018 Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- 2017-18 Local District Indirect Cost Rates
- Capital Funds Requests Guidelines per HB 471
- 2016 Report, 2016 Exceptions and 2018 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members
- Kentucky Educational Technology System (KETS) FY18 Unmet Need for Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- Kentucky Educational Technology System (KETS) Trust Fund – FY18 Allocation
- Authorization of Payment for National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Membership Dues

ITEMS REVIEWED AT JUNE BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- 2018-2020 Biennial Baseline Budget Update
- 780 KAR 3:072, Attendance, compensatory time, and leave for certified and equivalent service (First Reading)
- 780 KAR 3:080, Extent and duration of school term, use of school days and extended employment (First Reading)
- 702 KAR &065, Designation of agent to manage middle and high school interscholastic athletics and revisions to Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) bylaws (First Reading)
- Hearing Officer's Report on Regulations
- Litigation Report

Future KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

August 2-3, 2017	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2017	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular Meeting	Frankfort
December 6, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort

Future KBE Meeting Dates for 2018

February 7, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 11, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 1-2, 2018	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 2-3, 2018	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular Meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on meeting dates, please contact Leslie Slaughter at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808 or via e-mail at leslie.slaughter@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 7, 2017 regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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