

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on December 1, 2021 at the Kentucky School for the Deaf. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met in-person, however a few board members continued to utilize video teleconference. This was a hybrid meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Young welcomed all board members and viewers and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am ET. Chair Young reminded members of the Open Meeting Act. Chair Young also stated that for any items that required a vote, a voice vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Amanda Ellis in place of CPE President Aaron Thompson, Mary Pat Regan, Solyana Mesfin and Allison Sloane.

KBE member Alvis Johnson was absent.

KDE Director of Education Policy Meredith Brewer stated a quorum was present.

III. Review Items

A. AdvanceKentucky Annual Update

AdvanceKentucky Executive Director Anthony Mires and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray gave the AdvanceKentucky annual update.

B. KDE Employment Report

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Lynn McGowan-McNear presented the KDE Employment Report.

C. Audit Update and Expense Reports for the Kentucky Board of Education and Commissioner of Education

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth gave an update on audits and expense reports for the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education.

D. School Facilities Task Force Review of Recommendations

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney presented about the School Facilities Task Force recommendations.

E. Update on KDE Early Literacy Initiatives

KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray gave an update on KDE Early Literacy Initiatives.

IV. Presentation of the Kevin M. Noland and Mary Ann Miller Award for Outstanding Public Service to Kentucky Schools

Dr. Glass awarded Reeca Carver with the 2021 Kevin M. Noland and Mary Ann Miller Award for Outstanding Public Service to Kentucky Schools.

V. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)

Amanda Ellis reported about recent news and progress at the Council for Postsecondary Education.

VI. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Acting Secretary Mary Pat Regan spoke about the current work of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

VII. Kentucky School for the Deaf Presentation

Two students from the Kentucky School for the Deaf gave a presentation on the school's history and impact.

VIII. A Year in Review from the 2021 Kentucky Teacher of the year Donnie Piercey

2021 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Donnie Piercey presented on his activities during his year as Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

IX. Lunch

X. Good News Items

A. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library expands to help more young children in Kentucky develop a love of reading

Randy Poe shared about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library expanding to help more young children in Kentucky develop a love of reading.

B. KDE's Brandon K. Davis elected to National FFA Board of Directors

Jamie Bowling shared about KDE employee, Brandon K. Davis, being elected to the National FFA Board of Directors.

C. GoTeachKY ambassadors named

JoAnn Adams shared about the new set of GoTeachKY ambassadors.

D. Students share voices on education summit and issues in video

Solyana Mesfin shared about student involvement with the recent Education Summit.

XI. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Dr. Glass updated the Kentucky Board of Education on the current work and events happening the Kentucky Department of Education and public schools in Kentucky.

XII. Approval of Consent Agenda

This item allowed the board to approve the consent agenda as a group in one action as opposed to hearing each individual agenda item. KDE staff identified these items as those that were non-controversial and routine in nature. The items contained in the consent agenda, were as follows:

A. Action Items

- 1.** Approval of New District Facility Plans - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- 2.** Approval of Amended District Facility Plans- KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- 3.** Approval of 2020-2021 Local District Working Budgets - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney
- 4.** Approval of 2020-2021 Local District Tax Rates Levied - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- 5.** Approval of 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- 6.** Approval of Amendments to 704 KAR 19:002, Alternative Education Programs – KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and KDE Executive Advisor Matthew Courtney
- 7.** Request to Withdraw Emergency Regulation 702 KAR 1.191E - KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- 8.** Request to Withdraw Emergency Regulation 702 KAR 7.125E - KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- 9.** Approval of 704 KAR 3:395, Extended School Services- KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton

Claire Batt motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

XIII. Public Comment Segment

Chair Young reminded the public that public expression was solicited via the meeting's news release and distributed to members and staff prior to the meeting. Chair Young stated the board received ten (10) public comments via email from ten (10) individuals. The board has received ten public comments via email. The comment was sent to KBE members in advance of the meeting and is posted on the KBE portal for public viewing.

Chair Young thanked those who submitted public comment on behalf of all KBE members and thanked them all for taking the time to share their feedback and concerns with the board and stated the KBE always appreciates the opportunity to hear from constituents on matters that pertain to education across the Commonwealth.

XIV. Internal Board Business

A. Approval of Summary Minutes for October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting and November 29, 2021 KBE Awards Committee Meeting

Chair Young shared that the minutes for October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting and the November 29, 2021 Awards Committee Meeting were distributed to members in advance. The chair asked for any corrections to any of these minutes; there were none.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes and Patrice McCrary made the motion. Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of the Recipient of the 2021 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

Awards Committee Chair Patrice McCrary presented about the recipient of the 2021 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. Committee Chair McCrary motioned from committee. The motion did not require a second because it came from committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Selection of Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Committee Members and National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Committee Members

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney facilitated a discussion about the membership of these committees. Patrice McCrary and Claire Batt were nominated for membership on the WSCC Committee. Chair Young called for a

motion to approve. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson made the motion and Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote. No one was nominated for the NASBE Committees and the item was tabled.

D. Discussion and Approval of KBE Legislative Priorities

Chair Young facilitated a discussion on the KBE Legislative Priorities. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

E. Approval of Outside Employment Request

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen facilitated a discussion on outside employment requests from Randy Poe and Holly Bloodworth. Chair Young called for a motion on Randy Poe's requests. The motion was made by Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson and seconded by Patrice McCrary. Randy Poe recused himself from the vote. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Chair Young called for a motion to approve Holly Bloodworth's request. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling and seconded by JoAnn Adams. Holly Bloodworth recused herself from the vote. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

XV. Action Items

A. Approval of Federal Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)

KDE Associate Commissioner David Horseman, KDE Division Director Beth Hargis and KDE Branch Manager Karla Tipton presented about the Federal Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report and facilitated a discussion. Chair Young called for a motion. Lee Todd made the motion and Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson seconded it. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Approval of 704 KAR 7:170, Corporal punishment

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and KDE Executive Advisor Matthew Courtney facilitated the conversation on 704 KAR 7:170. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Approval of Emergency Regulation 702 KAR 1:191E, District Employee Quarantine Leave

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross

provided an overview of the proposed emergency regulation and facilitated the discussion. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Claire Batt and seconded by Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

XVI. Hearing Officer's Report

A. Approval of Certification of 702 KAR 7:140, School Calendar, to prevent expiration

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen and KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney presented about 702 KAR 7:140. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Lee Todd and seconded by Patrice McCrary. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 1:191, District Employee Quarantine Leave

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross presented the statement of consideration for 702 KAR 1:191. Chair Young called for a motion. Randy Poe made the motion and Claire Batt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

XVII. Litigation Report

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen provided an update on the litigation report.

XVIII. Board Member Sharing

Allison Slone, Holly Bloodworth, Randy Poe, and Claire Batt all shared during this time.

XIX. Adjournment

Patrice McCrary moved to adjourn, and JoAnn Adams seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.