



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM WILLIAM "BILL" TWYMAN, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



As most of you know, the Kentucky Board of Education had a special meeting on November 28 to study and discuss charter schools, since a bill on this topic is likely to come out of the 2017 General Assembly. I am proud to say that the tone and atmosphere of this meeting was one where all members were gathering knowledge and facts about charter schools to see if this board could come to agreement around a possible policy initiative to include in its legislative agenda. At the end of the study session, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff were asked to follow-up with some additional information for us to consider and to draft a proposal on charters for possible action on Dec. 7.

I am pleased to report that KDE quickly produced the follow-up information for us and also a document that was couched as presenting recommended best practices for charters to provide to the General Assembly if a bill comes forward for passage. While the board did not endorse charter schools, we did unanimously come together around the recommended best practices document. Members of varied opinions wholeheartedly agreed that we support initiatives that drive advances in student learning and minimize any negative effect on the public schools.

It was a proud moment to see that the Kentucky Board of Education is still and has always been about what is best for students.

BOARD APPROVED RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Kentucky Board of Education approved at its December 7 meeting recommended best practices for charter schools to be included in its legislative agenda for the General Assembly to consider if a bill

comes forward for passage. It also was made clear that the board supports initiatives that drive advances in student learning and minimize any negative effects on the public schools.

The full document approved by the board can be accessed at the following link:
<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4388&AgencyTypeID=1>.

For more information on the board's recommended best practices, contact Tracy Herman at tracy.herman@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-4474, ext. 4815.

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA APPROVED

In addition to advancing the board's recommended best practices for charter schools, the Kentucky Board of Education approved that the Kentucky Department of Education's primary focus during the 2017 session would be on aligning Kentucky's accountability system with the new requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Two other issues are reflected on the legislative agenda: addressing the unfunded liability of the Teachers' Retirement System and Kentucky Retirement System and expanding career and technical education opportunities throughout the state.

For more information on the 2017 legislative agenda, contact Tracy Herman at tracy.herman@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-4474, ext. 4815.

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON STATUS OF NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims brought the board up-to-date on where the development of the new accountability system stands. She noted that due to the U.S. Department of Education's extension of the timeline for submission of Kentucky's plan for the system to September 2017, the board would not be required to have a special meeting in January but instead would be getting details on the new system at its February meeting.

Sims shared the following schedule with the board:

- November 1 – Consequential Review Work Group held first meeting to begin looking at any unintended consequences from the recommendations of the Systems Integration Work Group.
- November 2 – Accountability Steering Committee meeting held to provide feedback to the Systems Integration Work Group on their recommendations.
- November 14 and 15 – Focus Groups were held with higher education and business and industry to secure additional feedback from these constituencies.
- November 15 – Regulatory Review Work Group held its first meeting to look at shaping regulations for the new accountability system.
- November 16 – Systems Integration Work Group met to consider feedback from the Accountability Steering Committee.
- November 30 and December 1 – (new meeting dates) Systems Integration Work Group to continue its work.
- December 6 – Discussion of accountability work with superintendents at the KASS Winter Conference.

Note: From this point on, subsequent meeting dates are scheduled for January due to holidays and school breaks.

- January 6 (rescheduled from November 21) – Consequential Review Work Group to continue its work on looking at unintended consequences from the recommendations made for the system.
- January 9 and 10 (rescheduled from November 30 and December 1) – Accountability Steering Committee to meet, look at feedback from the Systems Integration Work Group and finalize its recommendations on the new accountability system.
- Early February – Content of the new accountability system made available for public review and comment.

For more information on this topic, contact Rhonda Sims at Rhonda.sims@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-2256, ext. 4751.

K-SCREENER UPDATE PRESENTED

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis reminded the board that this was the fourth year of the kindergarten screener administration to provide readiness results to schools and districts as soon as the screener is given. Thus, instruction can be based on these results and planned to meet children’s needs.

Though the results of the 2016 screener overall remained unchanged from last year showing about 50% of children ready for kindergarten, some encouraging trends have begun to emerge relative to continuous growth of African American students, those in state-funded preschools and those from Head Start. The data can be found at the following link:

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

For more information on the screener and the results, contact Amanda Ellis at amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151.

KSB STUDENTS PERFORM MUSICAL SELECTIONS AT BOARD MEETING

The Kentucky Board of Education was privileged to have some students from the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) perform musical selections at the board’s Dec. 7 meeting. They were assisted by two of their instructors, Wade Honey (piano) and Brian White (strings). The program was coordinated by Tabathia Roark, Head of the KSB Arts and Humanities Department.

Students who performed were:

Keyboard

Macy Spigelmire, Shawn Smith, Michael Davis, and Logan Armstrong

Mountain Dulcimer

Landon Smith

Mandolin

Gracie Smith

For more information on this performance, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via email at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the October 4-5, 2016, Work/Study Session and Regular Meeting
- Final Order Dismissing as settled Benny K. Patrick vs. Commissioner of Education Stephen L. Pruitt
- Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report of 2015
- 703 KAR 5:070, Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability System
- Adoption of a Physical Activity Assessment Tool
- District Facility Plans for Clay County, Barbourville, Elizabethtown and Russellville Independent School Districts
- 2016-17 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- 2016-17 Local District Working Budgets
- Capital Funds Request Guidelines for FY2017-18 for Submission to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
- Commissioner’s Evaluation Document

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Delivery Results from 2016
- Introduction to SEEK
- Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update and its Alignment with the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program
- Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties
- Hearing Officer’s Report on Regulations
- Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant Update
- 704 KAR 7:051, Repeal of 704 KAR 7:050, Student Discipline Guidelines (First Reading)
- 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum Nutritional Standards for Foods and Beverages Available on Public School Campuses During the School Day; Required Nutrition and Physical Activity Reports (First Reading)
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except the Office of Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)
- Commissioner’s Goals for the Coming Year

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2017 AND 2018

KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

February 8, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 12, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 7, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
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

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, 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 December 7, 2016, 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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