

Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting February 3, 2016

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 3, 2016, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order - 8:30 a.m. ET (Full Board - State Board Room)

Vice-Chair Bill Twyman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. local time. He asked the audience to mute their cell phones, announced where the meeting materials could be found and welcomed those viewing the meeting via webcast. Twyman went on to comment that Chair Marcum had undergone surgery and is recovering at home. He indicated that Marcum hopes to return in April.

II. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Twyman then asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll. The results of the roll call showed Roger Marcum and Robert King to be absent; however, King arrived later in the meeting.

Attendance Taken at 8:30 AM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Grayson Boyd
Mr. Leo Calderon
Ms. Debra Cook
Ms. Susan Edington
Ms. Sarah Ford
Mr. Samuel Hinkle
Mr. David Karem
Ms. Nawanna Privett
Mr. William Twyman
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Roger Marcum
Mr. Robert King (President King arrived later in the meeting.)

III. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2015, Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Twyman then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 9 meeting minutes. None came forward so he asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of the December 9, 2015, regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Debra Cook and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Ms. Susan Edington	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Absent
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

IV. Introduction of New KDE Employees and Team Member of the Month

Commissioner Pruitt introduced the following employees:

- Office of Administration and Support, Jamie Buford, Administrative Specialist III, Division of School and Community Nutrition
- Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts, Bobby Walter, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Student Success; Leslie Spears, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits
- Office of Next Generation Learners, Jarrod S. Slone, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Learning Services
- Office of Assessment and Accountability, Jennifer Larkins, Education Academic Program Consultant, Division of Support and Research
- Office of the Commissioner, Ashley Lamb-Sinclair, Kentucky Teacher of the Year (taking sabbatical from teaching in Oldham County till end of the school year)
- Team Member of the Month for January, Monica Raines, Administrative Specialist III, Division of Next Generation Professionals, Office of Next Generation Learners

V. Report of the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Secretary of Education Hal Heiner indicated that the Governor sees the need for education as a priority and has included a \$100 million bond issue for career and technical education. Heiner noted that a K-14 responsibility exists and said that unless a student goes on to some form of postsecondary, he/she is not truly successful. He went on to say that lottery funds will come back into education to help postsecondary and dual enrollment.

Mary Gwen Wheeler added that to be successful, we all need to work together and the new accountability model could allow for other ways to measure success.

VI. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

President Robert King shared that later today he will be meeting with all of the campus presidents. He stated that the public colleges and universities are targeted to take the 4 1/2 percent budget reduction this year and then 9% cuts in each of the next two years. King emphasized it to be a serious situation.

VII. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board

Executive Director Jimmy Adams pointed out the following:

- On March 8, the new National Board Certified Teachers would be recognized at the Capitol.
- The Combatting Inappropriate Student/Educator Relationships Task Force is moving toward finalizing its recommendations, which should be ready in March.
- A national report was released on the quality across states of principal preparation and according to its policies and procedures, Kentucky is third.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Pruitt explained the following:

- He recently did his first state of education report in the Commonwealth to let everyone know where P-12 education stands. He noted it would be an annual event.
- At each board meeting, a brief report on the work and activities going on at KSB and KSD will occur. Lately, KDE staff has been in the schools a lot doing an analysis of programs and facilities. Also, each of the parents that have addressed the board on KSB were invited to meet with the commissioner individually and those meetings took place with the ones who accepted. Relationships with some providers that have not recently been working in the schools but whose services are needed have been re-established. Finally, the KSB and KSD principals and KDE's Gretta Hylton are going to visit the Georgia Schools for the Deaf and Blind as well as staff from there are to visit Kentucky to assist the schools with their programming and operations.
- The Governor released his budget proposal and we are grateful that SEEK was held harmless. However, it is going to be tough to cut 4 1/2 percent in the next five months at the end of the year. It will mean a \$17.9 million dollar cut. We will do our best to lessen the impact on schools and districts and on KSB and KSD, since they do not receive SEEK funds. We will keep you apprised as final decisions are made on any cuts that are required.
- Regardless of the cuts that may have to be made, we are still responsible for educating all of our students and will do our best to accomplish this.
- Members of the Prichard Committee's Student Voice Team were asked to stand by the commissioner.

David Karem commented that he felt many people did not understand that the reduction included 4 1/2 this year followed by the two years of 9% reductions. Leo Calderon said he was very concerned about the reductions because we are already behind as a state in the amount that is allocated per pupil.

IX. Good News

The following board members presented these items of good news:

- **Susan Edington** - A Muhlenberg County educator is the Kentucky Special Education Teacher of the Year. The Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) named Kelly Teague, a special education teacher at Muhlenberg North Middle School as the recipient of this year's award. Teague has been a special education teacher for 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grades in both resource and co-teaching settings in Muhlenberg County schools since 2009. She serves on the Special Education Advisory Council, is a sponsor for the Beta Club and is a member of the Special Education Professional Learning Community at Muhlenberg North Middle School. Join me in congratulating Kelly on being chosen for this honor!
- **David Karem** - Kentucky's high school graduation rate is among the highest in the nation according to the latest data released by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The state's 2013-14 graduation rate of 87.5 percent ranks Kentucky ninth overall and far exceeds the national graduation rate of 82.3 percent. A closer look at graduation rate data shows that while there are gaps among various student groups, in Kentucky, for the most part, the gaps are smaller than they are in many states and in the nation as a whole. This is especially significant among students living in poverty, who represent the majority of public school students in Kentucky. The state saw gaps narrow and significant improvement in the graduation rate among African American, Hispanic and students who qualify for free/reduced-price meals compared to the previous year. Congratulations to the fine educators and students across Kentucky and staff at the Kentucky Department of Education on this great news of our state's continued progress in K-12 education!
- **Nawanna Privett** - A total of 10 music teachers from 10 cities across eight states have been announced as finalists for the third annual Music Educator Award. In total, more than 4,500 initial nominations were submitted from all 50 states. A joint partnership and presentation of The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation, the Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining quality music education in schools. Each year, one recipient is selected from 10 finalists, in recognition of their remarkable impact on students' lives. The winner will be flown to the host city of the GRAMMY Awards to participate in GRAMMY Week activities and attend the GRAMMY Awards ceremony. In addition, the winner will receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The nine other finalists will each receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants. The honorariums and grants provided to the finalists and schools are made possible by the generosity and support of the GRAMMY Foundation's Education Champions: Converse, Disney Performing Arts, Ford Motor Company Fund, and Journeys. In addition, the National Association for Music Education, the NAMM Foundation and the National Education Association support this program through outreach to their constituencies.

Lois Wiggins, band director at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School in Lexington, is one of 10 national finalists for the 2016 Music Educator Award. Wiggins has taught for 31 years in Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana; she has been at Hayes since the school opened in 2004. She earned a bachelor of science in Music Education from Austin Peay State University, a masters of Music Education from the University of Georgia, and a Rank I in Secondary Education from Western Kentucky University. Wiggins serves as band chair for the Kentucky Music Educators Association and band content area leader for Fayette County Public Schools. She also is a member and associate conductor of the Lexington Brass Band and co-conductor of the Central Kentucky Youth Repertory Orchestra. The winner will be announced in February. Join me in congratulating Lois on this tremendous honor!

X. Public Comment Segment

Coming forward to speak during this segment of the meeting were:

- Brandi Hitzelberger – KSB
- Dana Flynn – KSB
- Gyanna Howard – KSB
- Eliza Jane Schaetfer - Student Voice Team of the Commonwealth
- Buddy Berry - Student Voice Team of the Commonwealth

XI. Full Board Item - Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Schools and Districts and Next Generation Learners

XI.A. Update on Kentucky's Plan to Close Achievement Gaps Through Novice Reduction (Review Item) - Associate Commissioners Kelly Foster and Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion

Associate Commissioners Kelly Foster and Amanda Ellis as well as Linda Rains, the Novice Reduction Coordinator, came forward for this topic. Amanda Ellis indicated the board would get quarterly updates on the novice reduction work. Kelly Foster shared that 3,500 educators across the state have received the training on novice reduction. Linda Rains then showed the board the webpage on the KBE website that is devoted to novice reduction resources.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked if local boards know about this initiative.

Amanda Ellis responded that it was presented at the Kentucky School Boards Association's conference and information about it has appeared in the commissioner's communications, which go to local board chairs.

President King asked about how success on this will be measured.

Kelly Foster replied that the School Report Card data will be used.

XII. Full Board Item - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

XII.A. An Update on Pending Elementary and Secondary Legislation Before the Kentucky General Assembly (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman - 30-minute presentation/discussion

Associate Commissioners Kevin Brown and Robin Kinney and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman came forward for this topic. Brown indicated that Herman would give an overview of the legislative bills related to education and Kinney would address the budget and where the process stands.

Tracy Herman then provided a list of bills that have been introduced and gave the highlights of these. She said a charter bill has not yet been introduced and noted that a large bill, SB 1, will be heard by the Senate Education Committee in the near future. Herman said some changes are being made to the bill before it is heard by this committee. She then went through the main provisions of SB 1 and noted that since the regulations for the Every Student Succeeds Act are not yet ready, this causes a problem with making sure SB 1 complies with the federal legislation.

Next, Robin Kinney stated that the budget has been labeled as HB 303. She said the Governor outlined his goals and objectives in his speech to the legislature and that the state budget director would be presenting it to the appropriations and revenue committee this week. Kinney then went through the highlights of the Governor's budget. She noted that none of the KBE's and KDE's priorities were funded. She pointed out that an extra \$39 million was put into SEEK for certain items and went on to say that staff is doing an analysis on how KDE would meet the 4 1/2 percent reduction with only five months left in the year. She noted that in the past, when faced with reductions KDE has tried to spare local schools and districts but emphasized that would not be possible this time. Kinney did note that it is early in the budget process and nothing is finalized.

At this point, Mary Gwen Wheeler said that the board needs to play a role in commenting that parts of SB 1 are not good for students, schools and districts.

XIII. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting - 10:30 a.m. ET (Tentative Time)

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler called the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting to order.

XIII.A. Review Items

XIII.A.1. Status Report on Danville Independent School District's Probation as a District of Innovation (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Coming forward for this agenda item was Division Director David Cook and Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster to provide an update on Danville Independent's probationary status as a District of Innovation. Cook reported that the outcome of staff's visit to Danville was overall very positive. He said the Danville Diploma has been well done, the plan is more universal than when originally written and the elementary schools are now integrated into the plan. Cook stated that Danville is now a Focus District and is working to align the work on this front with their other

initiatives. He felt the train is moving in the right direction and said staff would come back in April to make a recommendation relative to action on the district's District of Innovation status.

Kelly Foster added that the district is working on aligning school improvement and the innovation efforts. She explained that some of Danville's staff have visited one of the Hub Schools and Education Recovery staff has worked in the district.

XIII.A.2. 780 KAR 4:031, Repeal of 780 KAR 4:030, Standards for Secondary Programs (First Reading) and 780 KAR 7:071, Repeal of 780 KAR 7:070, Equipment Insurance (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Staff Attorney Chase Banister came forward for this item as well as Matt Chaliff from the Office of Career and Technical Education. Banister noted that another regulation already addresses the content contained in 780 KAR 4:030 and the content of 780 KAR 7:070 is being moved to another regulation. Thus, he emphasized the two regulations need to be repealed.

Chair Wheeler said the board appreciates the commissioner's directive to reduce unnecessary regulations and stated that action on repealing these two regulations would occur at the April meeting.

XIII.A.3. 780 KAR 7:060, Equipment Inventory (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Chase Bannister and Matt Chaliff remained at the table and Bannister went on to explain that the content of 780 KAR 7:070 is actually being moved to 780 KAR 7:060.

Committee Chair Wheeler pointed out that action on this regulation would occur in April.

XIII.A.4. 704 KAR 3:471, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:470, Ranking of Certified School Personnel (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Coming forward for this item was Staff Attorney Todd Allen. He explained that this regulation needs to be repealed because the KBE does not have authority over the ranking of certified personnel because the Education Professional Standards Board now has this under its purview.

Committee Chair Wheeler noted that this would come back to the committee in April for action.

XIV. Hearing Officer's Report

General Counsel Kevin Brown noted that the written report giving the status of regulations as they proceed through the legislative committee process is found on the online materials system. He asked for questions, but none came forward.

XV. Board Member Sharing

Vice-Chair Twyman asked if any members had items to share during this part of the agenda. None came forward.

XVI. Special Recognition of Jonathan Parrent, Former KBE Member

Vice-Chair Bill Twyman then stated that the board is taking the opportunity to recognize one of its former members, Jonathan Parrent, who recently stepped down from the board due to job and family obligations. He went on to say that Parrent served on the board from 2010 to 2015 at a distinguished level and that he filled a strong leadership role on the Curriculum Committee as well as being vice-chair of the board. Twyman noted that Parrent played a key role in the commissioner's search that resulted in Commissioner Pruitt being hired. He emphasized that the board is taking time to honor and thank him today for his service to the students of Kentucky and asked him to come forward to accept a plaque engraved with the following: "Jonathan Parrent, Served 2010-2015, In Recognition of Service to the Children of Kentucky as a Member of the Kentucky Board of Education, We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body. -- Ralph Waldo Emerson."

Jonathan Parrent came forward and expressed his gratitude for the recognition.

XVII. Presentation of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award - 11:30 a.m. ET

Vice-Chair Bill Twyman moved on to the agenda item dealing with the presentation of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award. He said the following: "In June 2004, the Kentucky Board of Education established the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award to be conferred annually on an individual or groups in Kentucky for outstanding leadership, commitment and service in promoting equity and opportunity to learn at high levels for all Kentucky students. These traits -- leadership, commitment and service -- are the hallmarks of Dr. Robinson's remarkable career as an advocate for all children. Unfortunately, Dr. Robinson is unable to join us this year but sends his congratulations to the winners. While Dr. Robinson has set a high standard, the selection committee, made up of board members, believes that two nominees are worthy of the award bearing his name.

First, we will recognize Playhouse in the Park/Murray Calloway County Community Theater as a co-winner of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award. According to Denise Whitaker, Principal of Murray Elementary School, who nominated Playhouse in the Park, here are just a few of the reasons the group should be chosen for the award:

- The organization has created an inclusive, educational experience through its Penguin Project, which is a theatrical experience where children with special needs fill the lead roles in a production with the support of a peer mentor. The production rehearses for 4 months and at each rehearsal, the artist/mentor pair learn the role together. This culminates in a full production that performs for sold out audiences. The project is in its second year and was developed by Dr. Andy Morgan, a pediatrician in Peoria, Illinois. He selected Murray's Playhouse as a replication site and it is the only one in Kentucky and one of seven in the U.S. This year more than 50 students, ages 10-21, participated as artists and mentors. The

community is very supportive of the project and schools encourage their students to participate.

- Lisa Cope, Director of the project, said, 'As a society, we tend to marginalize some groups of people. But this project is the opposite of that kind of thought. It is about being kind, inclusive and letting other people shine.'
- A teacher of one of the artists said she did not realize how much one of her students could do and watching him on stage helped her to see him in a whole new way. She also felt his confidence and relationships with peers had grown.
- One community member stated, 'We have been setting the bar too low for many of these children!'

Join me in congratulating Playhouse in the Park/Murray Calloway County Community Theater on being chosen for the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award."

Twyman then asked Lisa Cope, Executive Director, to come forward to receive the award and say a few words and introduce the guests that accompanied her to the presentation.

Next, Vice-Chair Twyman said the following: "The other winner of this award is the University of Kentucky's Partnership Institute for Math and Science Reform, known as PIMSER. PIMSER received two nominations, one from Tim Schneider, Interim Secondary Teaching and Learning Lead of Campbell Co. Schools, and the other from the Lewis Co. High School Science Department, Sara Poepelman, Chair. The organization supports the advancement of math and science education throughout our state and provides high-quality professional development experiences for math and science educators that they can take back to their schools and districts to enhance their student learning experiences. Ms. Poepelman said that PIMSER has positively impacted thousands of young Kentuckian's learning and understanding of math and science and engineering concepts.

Here are just a few other reasons the nominators felt PIMSER should be chosen for this award:

- PIMSER has provided science and math teachers with cutting edge experiential understanding of the Kentucky Academic Science Standards as well as strong research-based instruction in learning and assessment design. One teacher stated, 'PIMSER gave me the confidence to help the students guide their own learning experiences.'
- In his journey as a 20-year veteran educator and a somewhat new instructional leader, Tim Schneider expressed that it is primarily due to the ongoing activities and support he has experienced under the tutelage of PIMSER that has had the greatest influence on him as an educational leader today. He says the organization is his educational leadership "Think Tank" when reviewing goals for his own professional improvement and the district initiatives to improve the instruction for the students in his school system. He feels that PIMSER is that place where he can go to see and experience the current research put into practice. Additionally, he noted, 'My experiences with PIMSER have provided me not only the resources but the confidence and background skill set to work with teachers and administrators at the building and district levels on the implementation of the new science standards, college and career readiness, student engagement, standards-based grading, a growth mindset, congruency of standards with instructional and assessment practices, differentiated instruction, literacy

standards in the content areas, embedding engineering within the curriculum and many other relevant topics.'

For the tremendous, positive impact they have had on countless numbers of educators and students across the Commonwealth, join me in congratulating the Partnership Institute for Math and Science Reform as a recipient of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award."

Vice-Chair Twyman then asked Kim Zeidler-Watters, Executive Director, to come forward to receive the award and say a few words as well as introduce the guests that she brought with her. At the close of the presentation, Twyman indicated the board would recess for lunch in honor of Jonathan Parrent and the two winners of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award.

XVIII. Lunch in Honor of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award Winners and Jonathan Parrent, Former KBE Member - 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. ET (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)

XIX. Recognition of Districts of Distinction - 1:00 p.m. ET

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt and Vice-Chair Bill Twyman conducted a recognition ceremony for Kentucky's Districts of Distinction. The districts that were recognized were Calloway County, Floyd County, Ft. Thomas Independent, Hickman County and Russell Independent.

XX. Management Committee - 1:30 p.m. ET (Tentative Time)

Committee Chair Bill Twyman called the committee meeting to order.

XX.A. Action/Consent Items

XX.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Bath County, Bellevue Independent, Boone County, Mayfield Independent and Warren County (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Coming forward for this item were Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Donna Duncan. They indicated that all of the new facility plans were being recommended for approval.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve this item.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of all submitted district facility plans passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XX.A.2. District Facility Plan Amendment: Morgan County (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan remained at the table and indicated that staff recommends approval of the Morgan County Facility Plan Amendment.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the facility plan amendment.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Morgan County Facility Plan Amendment passed with a motion by Ms. Debra Cook and a second by Ms. Sarah Ford.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XX.A.3. 2015-2016 Local District Tax Rates Levied (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Donna Duncan noted that this is the last of the tax rates from all 173 districts. She indicated staff recommends approval of the Lewis County tax rate.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve this item.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of Lewis County's tax rate passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XX.B. Review Items

XX.B.1. 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Bylaws (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioners Kevin Brown and David Couch addressed this item. Brown noted that the regulation comes before the board annually for changes to the bylaws that are agreed on by the Delegate Assembly and KHSAA Board of Control. He briefly went over the proposed changes and said that KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett would be present in April when the regulation comes back for action.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman asked that Tackett be prepared to refresh the committee on how middle school sports are addressed by KHSAA.

XX.B.2. Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent (Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Schools and Districts and KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster asked Jim Hamm, KDE's onsite staff who works in these districts, to do an overview of the work.

Hamm noted that Fleming County is to be congratulated for receiving a \$40,000 grant to be used to look at their operations. He recognized the superintendent, Dr. Creasman, who said that School Foods Director Jan Anderson is doing a fabulous job and has reached a level where the program is self-sustaining. Creasman also shared that the leadership at the high school is new and doing a good job according to the Education Recovery staff.

Next, Hamm pointed out that the principal from Robertson County, Jamie Johnson, was present as well as Superintendent Sanford Holbrook. Hamm stated that a complete culture change has occurred in this district. As far as Caverna Independent, Hamm shared that the district has a new instructional supervisor and facility issues are currently being addressed.

XX.B.3. Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties (Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Schools and Districts and KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster first asked Steve Meadows, Breathitt County State Manager, to report on the status of work in that district.

Meadows pointed out that Superintendent David Gibson and the Breathitt County board chair and vice chair were present. He said that the Education Recovery Model is powerful and the main focus is on educational improvement. Additionally, he shared that both the ATC and CTE centers must be realigned with the high schools.

Foster added that feedback from the Education Recovery staff indicates that good progress is being made and KDE's help is being embraced.

Next, Foster asked State Manager Tim Spencer to talk about the work in Menifee County.

Spencer started with a shout out to the Education Recovery Specialists for their support and assistance. He noted that attendance is improving, the district is working with FEMA on addressing the flood damage from the summer, the leaks in the roof at Botts Elementary are being addressed and the ThinkLink data at the elementary school looks encouraging.

XXI. Information Items (Full Board Resumes)

XXI.A. KDE Employment Report (All offices except Career and Technical Education)

Vice-Chair Twyman asked if there were any questions on this report. None came forward.

XXI.B. KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education)

Twyman then asked for any questions on the report that was specific to the Office of Career and Technical Education. None came forward.

XXII. Approval of Action/Consent Items as a Block

Vice-Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote on all of the action/consent items that were discussed by the committees.

Motion Passed: Approval of all submitted district facility plans, the district facility plan amendment for Morgan County and the tax rate levied for Lewis County passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Ms. Susan Edington	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Absent
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII. Consideration to Amend the Commissioner's Contract Regarding Expenses

Vice-Chair Bill Twyman stated that Chair Roger Marcum had sent members a proposal to consider to amend Commissioner Pruitt's employment contract that would extend the living expense allowance since his Maryland home had not yet sold. He explained that Marcum asked General Counsel Kevin Brown to draft an amendment to the contract to extend the living expense allowance of \$1500 a month from 3 months to 6 months. Twyman noted that if Pruitt's home sells before the end of the six-month period, the allowance would terminate upon the selling of the home. He then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the amendment of the contract to extend the living expense allowance for the indicated period of time.

Motion Passed: Approval to amend Commissioner Pruitt's employment contract to extend the living expense allowance of \$1500 a month from 3 months to 6 months and if the home sells before the end of the six-month period, the allowance would terminate upon the selling of the home passed with a motion by Mr. Samuel Hinkle and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes

Ms. Susan Edington	Yes
Ms. Sarah Ford	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Absent
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIV. Internal Board Business

The following items were discussed under this part of the agenda:

- Sam Hinkle asked if meetings out in the state can still be considered. Kelly Foster suggested that the Districts of Distinction, Hub Schools, state-assisted districts and state-managed districts might be good choices for this.
- KDE staff were asked to make sure to notify board members of the commissioner's schedule and of the graduation dates for KSB and KSD.
- David Karem suggested that one or two board members might want to join the visit to the Georgia Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

XXV. Litigation Report

Vice-Chair Bill Twyman asked if any member wanted to request a closed session on litigation. General Counsel Kevin Brown pointed out that any new information on the written report is bolded. No closed session was requested.

XXVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.