

Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting June 8, 2016

500 Mero Street, 1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 8, 2016, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Joseph W. Kelly Award Selection Committee Meeting - 8:30 a.m. ET - First Floor Conference Room (Room 112)

I.A. Call to Order

Committee Chair Nawanna Privett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. ET.

I.B. Roll Call

Mary Ann Miller was asked to call the roll. All committee members were present: Grayson Boyd, Nawanna Privett and Mary Gwen Wheeler.

I.C. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Joseph W. Kelly Award Winner

Committee Chair Privett reviewed the requirement for a person to be selected as the Joseph W. Kelly Award winner of being a businessperson who has offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equity of educational opportunity for Kentucky's children.

I.D. Review and Discussion of Applications for the Joseph W. Kelly Award

The committee moved on to discussing the applications that were submitted for consideration. Four applications were considered by number to keep the applicants anonymous.

I.E. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) for the Joseph W. Kelly Award

Once the discussion had ceased, Committee Chair Privett asked for a motion, second and vote on which application(s) to select as winner(s) of the Joseph W. Kelly Award.

Grayson Boyd moved to select applicants #2 and #3 as co-winners of the Joseph W. Kelly Award. Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion and it carried.

I.F. Adjournment of the Joseph W. Kelly Award Selection Committee Meeting

The committee meeting adjourned.

II. Call to Order - 9:00 a.m. ET (Full Board - State Board Room)

Chair Roger Marcum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET. He made the following announcements:

- All meeting participants need to mute their cell phones.
- The meeting materials can be found on the board's online materials system and the address is posted in the board room and on the KDE website.
- Those watching the meeting via webcast were welcomed to the meeting.

III. Swearing-in of New Kentucky Board of Education Members

Chair Marcum asked District Judge Chris Olds to swear-in new board members Ben Cundiff, Rich Gimmel, Gary Houchens, Alesa Johnson and Milton Seymore. Once the ceremony was completed, he thanked Judge Olds and congratulated the new members. He then asked each new member to say a few words about their background and their future work on the board.

IV. Roll Call

Marcum asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll.

Attendance Taken at 9:15 AM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Grayson Boyd
Mr. Ben Cundiff
Mr. Richard Gimmel
Mr. Gary Houchens
Ms. Alesa Johnson
Mr. Robert King
Mr. Roger Marcum
Ms. Nawanna Privett
Mr. Milton Seymore
Mr. William Twyman
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Samuel Hinkle

V. Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2016, Regular Meeting

Chair Marcum asked if there were any changes to the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Since no changes came forward, he asked for a motion, second and vote to approve these minutes.

Grayson Boyd moved to approve the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes and Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion. It carried.

VI. Introduction of New KDE Employees

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt introduced the following new department employees:

Office of Administration and Support:

Kimberly Carter, Educational Financial Analyst, Division of District Support

Kristie Bowling, Human Resources Administrator, Division of Resource Management

Leigh Ann Peterson, Training Development Specialist II, Division of School and Community Nutrition

Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts:

James "Sean" Murphy, Education Administration Program Consultant, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits

Office of Next Generation Learners:

Tiffany Gray, Education Program Consultant II, Division of Next Generation Professionals

Jennifer Fraker, KBE/KDE Education Academic Program Manager

Commissioner Pruitt also introduced a member of his Next Generation Student Council, Kaeli Riggs, from Seneca High School in Jefferson County.

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

Education Secretary Hal Heiner shared the following in his report:

- He is excited about the board assembled today that includes the new members. The board has a great history and should be ready to move forward quickly on issues that come before it.
- Two crises exist, the funding of the pension system and the economic workforce situation. Businesses cannot find enough personnel to meet their needs. Kentucky is 47th in workforce participation and the board was encouraged to grow this area in the future.
- We need to elevate career and technical education to the level that academics has achieved in our state. The legislature approved \$100 million to ramp up these facilities and programs. As the board thinks about K-12, he encouraged the members to think about K-14 so that we go beyond high school and think about high school graduation differently.

- Relative to achievement gap, he expressed gratitude for Milton Seymore's work in this area. We need to address this issue and give greater choices for students using different models.
- Dual credit is an exciting initiative. High schools are being urged to ramp up the students participating in this and now there are funds allocated for it. The intent is for this initiative to be a permanent program. Students can take at least three courses with the dollars going to the districts. Districts can negotiate with the colleges on the cost of the courses.

Roger Marcum noted that the board is excited about the dual credit initiative and pointed out that Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold can support it with career and technical education efforts. He went on to say that Extended School Services is an important strand from the Kentucky Education Reform Act to help with the achievement gap but noted it had funding problems. Marcum said he hoped the Secretary will help with a review of funding in this area.

Rich Gimmel then said there is duplication in curriculum between high schools and community colleges and asked how this could be overcome.

Secretary Heiner replied that there are several providers in this area currently and the state needs a coordinated effort. He said for the \$100 million bond issue, the state is looking to invest in an approach that trains students by day and adults by night. He also noted that the equipment and facilities need to be upgraded as well as the quality of faculty being able to teach the courses.

Mary Gwen Wheeler then stated that she, too, is excited about the dual credit initiative. She noted that the board had done a work session last year on this topic and the materials could be found on the online portal. Wheeler commented that at that time, funding was a stumbling block and she said she is glad that is starting to be addressed.

Alesa Johnson noted her interest is in the economic development and welfare of our state. She stated that the inability to bring in industry due to a skilled workforce not being available must be addressed.

Milton Seymore then shared that in Jefferson County, people cannot find jobs due to not having the necessary skills. He agreed that dual credit needs to be a focus.

Ben Cundiff commented that Trigg County has been doing dual credit for about four years and it has increased the graduation rate by about one third. Additionally, he noted that his district found that finances affect the decision of whether to start college or complete it and if private funding invests about \$2,000 per student, it makes the cost of college about three quarters of what it would have been.

Gary Houchens indicated that opportunities need to be opened up for families to access services across districts and he pointed out that he would like the board to encourage this type of access.

Next, Commissioner Pruitt said that the groups involved in the dual credit work have made a lot of progress in a short amount of time. He expressed appreciation for the partnerships that have been established.

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

President Robert King expressed that he agreed with Secretary Heiner's comments on dual credit. He stated that this program gives students the college credit but also builds confidence that they can do college work. King said that a six-year agenda has been adopted and community colleges are expected to align with it. He emphasized that Commissioner Pruitt and he have established a relationship to continue real interaction between K-12 and the college system. King noted that the two systems prepare the workforce and said a number of efforts are underway to focus on this. He indicated that the single biggest challenge for higher education to overcome is the achievement gap. Additionally, he said a need exists to align what is happening in higher education with the needs of industry to offer job-aligned apprenticeships as is done in Europe. King felt to be successful, it will take employer support.

Then, Rich Gimmel asked what kind of participation in the dual credit initiative is occurring from the various institutions.

President King replied that the institutions were asked to express their willingness to participate by the end of the month. He commented that he hoped all will participate including the private and independent colleges.

Bill Twyman then stated that the achievement gap widens as students go through school. He asked about access to data on this.

President King stated that the group which is developing the performance-based funding will focus on this. He shared that he had conducted a very frank conversation with the university presidents about the gaps getting bigger, not smaller. King said a diversity policy is scheduled to be adopted at the next Council on Postsecondary Education meeting. He explained that the Council is acutely aware of the problem and is doing its best to address it.

Nawanna Privett moved on to whether there is a need for additional qualified instructors for dual credit.

Dr. King answered affirmatively and stated that there are not enough college faculty available nor are there enough high school faculty who are qualified. He stated that the Council is working with the Education Professional Standards Board to develop the Teacher/Leader Master's Program to assist with this issue.

Next, Roger Marcum pointed out that he sees achievement gap as a societal issue that all constituencies need to work on and not just this board.

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

Executive Director Jimmy Adams reported the following:

- Welcome to the new Kentucky Board of Education members was expressed.

- It was shared that the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB) also would have seven new members.
- A committee is reviewing the Teacher/Leader Master's Program to see if it incorporates the 18 hours of content needed to qualify as an adjunct professor.
- Dr. Ben Boggs has joined the EPSB as the head of the educator preparation division and Lisa Lang is now the General Counsel.
- Documents appear on the board's online materials portal containing 10 recommendations from the Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationship Task Force whose work focused on the area of preventing inappropriate relationships between students and teachers. He said these are for the board to consider and decide whether to pursue them.

Gary Houchens then commended the task force for its work. Next, he asked about barriers to bringing in people with industry experience as instructors for dual credit and if there are ways to address these barriers.

Adams replied that the barriers are not insurmountable and the qualifications are minimal. He stated that a person can get into the classroom quickly and explained there are eight different options for certification with option 6 being used the most. Adams added that the EPSB also is looking at reciprocity with other states.

Houchens asked if part time was more challenging.

Adams stated that an adjunct option exists.

Chair Roger Marcum asked Adams to send the board information on this topic.

Ben Cundiff asked how the EPSB interacts with Teach for America and Teach Kentucky.

Adams replied that options exist for those teachers as well.

X. Report of the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Pruitt reported the following:

- The department will be moving to a new building with the move being completed no later than December. The environment is much more appealing, will invite more collaboration, and will provide much better air quality.
- Recommendations on the changes to Program Reviews will be released soon with the rubrics being reduced from 43 pages to eight in the draft versions.

- For KSB and KSD, two wonderful graduation ceremonies were conducted and new members are encouraged to attend these next year. Reviews of both schools have been completed showing there are some compliance issues to address as well as some on the instructional program.
- The first Accountability Steering Committee meeting took place with there being 37 members currently on the committee. More will be discussed about this later in the meeting.
- All board members received a copy of my letter to U.S. Secretary of Education John King to address the inconsistencies we see coming out of the U.S. Department of Education (USED) relating to our science assessment and the content of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) draft regulations, including the timeline. If we go too fast on developing the assessment and accountability system, we will end up sacrificing the quality of instruction. The department will be sending in its feedback on the draft regulations.

Chair Marcum stated that he was pleased with the letter.

Rich Gimmel asked if a response had been received.

Commissioner Pruitt replied that no response had been received to date.

Mary Gwen Wheeler added that the system also is out of compliance with the state regulations. She emphasized that the assessment needs to match the standards. She suggested that what is working and what is not working within the current system be discussed at the board's upcoming retreat.

XI. Good News

Items of Good News were shared by the following members as follows:

Nawanna Privett: Dr. Heleen Giesbers was named the 2016 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Kentucky by the National Association of Biology Teachers in conjunction with the Carolina Biological Supply Company. This honor has been given annually since 1961 to a teacher from each of the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, other US Territories and Canada. The teachers who are chosen to receive this honor have made invaluable contributions to the profession and enhanced the learning of biology to their students. Criteria for the award include teaching ability, experience, innovation, initiative, positive student/teacher interactions and cooperativeness in the school and community.

Dr. Giesbers teaches biology and anatomy and physiology at Williamstown High School in Williamstown, KY. In addition, she works with Northern Kentucky University to offer dual-credit courses in Environmental Science and College Biology to her high school students. Her teaching career spans eleven years, including a period of time as Visiting Faculty Member at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights.

Heleen has been recognized by many organizations, including the 2011 award of Educator of the Year by the Grant County Chamber of Commerce. This latest award will be presented

by the National Association of Biology Teachers at its national conference in Denver, Colorado.

Join me in congratulating Dr. Heleen Giesbers on being chosen for this outstanding honor!

Grayson Boyd: Six teams of high school entrepreneurs participated in the first Glockner Dare to Dream Tri-State Pitch Competition at Ashland Community and Technical College during May. Business ideas that ranged from a marketing business to an indoor trampoline park were pitched to judges from local businesses during the regional finals.

During the competition, each of the six teams had up to eight minutes to make a pitch and take questions from the judges. All of the proposals tackled an issue faced by society.

The winning team was from Greenup County High School that had a presentation featuring a social-media and Internet-presence consulting business called Beyond the Ballpark, originally developed as a community service project for their Student Technology Leadership Program chapter.

Greenup County's team won first place and \$6,000. Team members were Olivia Ball, Amber Brown, Alex Quillen and Leslie Lambert. Lambert said that the team plans on growing its business and working with even more businesses in the area.

Join me in congratulating these young entrepreneurs!

XII. Full Board Items - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners

XII.A. Report from the Town Hall Meetings (Review Item) - Commissioner Stephen Pruitt and Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims - 30-minute presentation/discussion

Commissioner Pruitt and Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims came forward for this item. Pruitt said they would be walking the board through where the work stands on the new accountability system. He asked Rhonda Sims to begin the presentation.

Sims used a PowerPoint to share the following about the Town Hall Meetings:

- A report on the Town Hall Meetings included that there were 3,000 attendees, 262 speakers and 207 comments received via e-mail.
- Five guiding questions were used to focus the comments.
- Attendees encompassed teachers, administrators, parents, students, legislators, student support service personnel, school board and council members, community members and education partners.
- The overarching themes were summarized and how the feedback was captured.
- Goals for the new system heard at the Town Halls were shared.

- A graphic showing the structure of how the work on the system gets done depicted five work groups (College- and Career-Readiness, Assessment, Opportunity and Access, School Improvement and Educational Innovation) that will work over the summer to provide recommendations to the 38-member Accountability Steering Committee, which will make recommendations to the Commissioner from which he will draw ideas to construct the regulations that will be approved by the Kentucky Board of Education. Additionally, the work of the five work groups will filter through three groups, Consequential Review, Systems Integration and Regulatory Review, before moving to the Accountability Steering Committee.
- The actual members of the Accountability Steering Committee were shared.
- The draft timeline was displayed showing the work from the different groups occurring from May to mid-October, public feedback on the draft system to occur in November, alignment of the system with federal regulations to occur in December, the first reading of the regulations to occur in January with the second reading in February, the regulatory committee process to occur in March/April, the system to be submitted to USED in May and the implementation of the system to occur in August 2017.

Board members had numerous questions about this work and the process. Commissioner Pruitt noted that the strategic planning effort will coincide with the work on the new accountability system and said it would start in August.

XII.B. Update on the Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Kentucky Survey Results and Work (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Ann Maddock, Senior Advisor at New Teacher Center - 40-minute presentation/discussion

Ann Maddock, Senior Policy Analyst from the New Teacher Center, and Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis came forward for this agenda item. Ellis reminded the board that the TELL Kentucky Survey is administered every two years and asked Ann Maddock to provide an update for the board.

Maddock used a PowerPoint presentation to share the following topics relative to the survey:

- About the TELL Survey
- TELL Kentucky Historical Context
- Highlights from 2015 Findings
- Final Report: Student Achievement and Teacher Retention
- Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant
- ESSA and TELL
- Questions & Discussion

Gary Houchens then stated he had a concern about the connection made between student achievement and the TELL Survey.

Ms. Maddock offered to set up a webinar for a conversation between Mr. Houchens and the TELL researchers to answer his specific questions.

Chair Marcum asked Ms. Ellis to arrange the webinar for Mr. Houchens and any other members that would like to participate.

Bill Twyman then stated that Houchens had thoughtful questions but noted data is just data. He said there are different groups of students each year. Twyman emphasized that there are not silver bullets to solve problems and thought we needed to keep the data in perspective.

XII.C. Teach Kentucky Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Rowan Claypool, President, Teach Kentucky - 30-minute presentation/discussion

Rowan Claypool, President of Teach Kentucky, and Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis came forward for this agenda item. Mr. Claypool shared the following through a PowerPoint:

- The program brings new teachers to Jefferson County and OVEC districts and includes national recruitment efforts.
- For 2016, the final cohort of 31 arrived June 1st (STEM - 16).
- Option 6, the university-based alternative route MAT is used for this program.
- The total number of people who started at U of L is 185, the number that have completed or are completing at U of L is 166 and the tuition paid is \$2.3M over 13 years and \$600,000 annually.
- Ingredients for a successful first-year launch include a six week Summer Institute, a deep mentoring connection with veteran teachers, retired teacher advocates, civic connections and networking and anticipated placements in Priority Schools.
- The program promotes long-term career development in Kentucky.
- The program produces a large payoff for a modest investment.
- Challenges that the program faces include a well-documented weakening of the teacher candidate pool, intense national competition for STEM and minority candidates, increasing graduate school tuition, challenging Priority School placements for new teachers and long-term strain of private funding.

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

XIII.A. 2016-2018 Legislative and Biennial Budget Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioners Kevin Brown and Robin Kinney and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman - 30-minute presentation/discussion

Associate Commissioner/General Counsel Kevin Brown and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman came forward to talk about the legislation passed in the recent session and Associate Commissioner

Robin Kinney was there to discuss the budget. Brown asked Herman to provide highlights of the legislation that passed.

Ms. Herman used the bill summary document posted on the board's online materials site to comment on some of the legislation that passed. She noted that the budget and pension issue dominated the session with the number of K-12 education bills being limited.

Next, Robin Kinney summarized the budget that was passed by the legislature. She emphasized that less than 1% of the dollars allocated to P-12 stays at the department for administrative purposes with the rest going to school districts. Kinney then used a PowerPoint to explain the specifics of the budget.

XIV. Lunch - 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. ET (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)

The board recessed for lunch from 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m.

XV. Recognition of Alternative Programs of Distinction - 12:45 - 1:00 p.m. ET

Following lunch, Commissioner Pruitt and Board Chair Roger Marcum recognized the Alternative Programs of Distinction. Those programs were:

- Bullitt County: Bullitt Alternative Center
- Covington Independent: Transformational Learning Center
- Dayton Independent: Regional School Programs
- Fayette County: The Learning Center at Linlee
- Jefferson County: Western Day Treatment
- Laurel County: The McDaniel Learning Center
- McCracken County: McCracken Regional School

XVI. Curriculum Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m. ET (Tentative time)

The Curriculum Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler.

XVI.A. Action/Consent Items

XVI.A.1. 703 KAR 4:041, Repeal of 703 KAR 4:040, Interim Methods for Verifying Successful Completion of the Primary Program (Second Reading) (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Assistant General Counsel Todd Allen noted this to be the second reading of the regulation and reminded the committee that this regulation is being repealed. He stated that the Local Superintendents Advisory Council indicated they support the repeal of the regulation.

Committee Chair Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve 703 KAR 4:041, Repeal of 703 KAR 4:040, Interim Methods for Verifying Successful Completion of the Primary Program.

Nawanna Privett made the motion and Ben Cundiff seconded it. The motion carried.

XVI.A.2. 704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma (Second Reading) (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Allen remained at the table and explained that the next regulation also is being repealed and is undergoing its second reading. He noted that the Commonwealth Diploma program had sunset and was no longer in operation. Allen shared that the Local Superintendents Advisory Council supports the repeal of the regulation and commented that a discussion was conducted with that group about what kind of program might replace this one in the future.

Committee Chair Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve 704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma.

Ben Cundiff made the motion and Nawanna Privett seconded it. The motion carried.

XVI.A.3. Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointment (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis explained that department staff are recommending the appointment of Nina Coyer to the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board and said all groups that were consulted agree with the appointment.

Committee Chair Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve Ms. Coyer's appointment.

Nawanna Privett made the motion and Milton Seymore seconded the motion. It carried.

XVI.B. Action/Discussion Items

XVI.B.1. 2016-2017 Preschool Grant Allotment System and Funding Rates (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioners Amanda Ellis and Robin Kinney came forward for this item. She noted that the board is asked annually to approve the preschool rates so that dollars can be distributed to school districts and said that once the dollars go to the districts, they then determine how the money is spent. Ellis also pointed out that the preschool grants required by the budget bill will have an RFP process that starts in July with the dollars going out to the awardees by September.

Committee Chair Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the 2016-17 preschool rates.

Milton Seymore made the motion and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. It carried.

XVI.B.2. Recommendation to remove Danville Independent from District of Innovation probation status (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Division Director David Cook came forward for this item. Foster explained that the board is being asked to consider removal of Danville Independent from probation status as a District of Innovation. She said the district was put on probation last June and then asked Cook to summarize staff's recommendation.

David Cook shared that the District of Innovation program provides no financial incentive but does offer districts the opportunity to do some things differently. He pointed out that there are ten districts in the program with three being new. Cook noted that a corrective action plan was created for Danville last June and the district has received an increased number of visits from department staff due to being on probation. Cook reported that staff have seen an increased improvement in the culture of the schools and a focus on implementing the activities within the plan. He said that a deeper inclusion of the elementary schools was evident and the Danville Diploma is now an emphasis K-12.

Ms. Foster clarified that the district had been going through some leadership changes but stated things are now back on track.

Gary Houchens commented that he does not want to discourage the district because he is a supporter of the program. However, he indicated concern that the district needs to revise its plan and have it approved.

Cook responded that a plan is in place; however, he clarified it is just not a new Comprehensive District Improvement Plan. Nawanna Privett asked if the requirements the board and department had set forth have been met.

Cook responded affirmatively.

Board Chair Roger Marcum stated that he commended Superintendent Look and his team for the work that has been done in response to the probation status.

At this point, Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve Danville's removal from probationary status as a District of Innovation.

Ben Cundiff made the motion and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. It carried.

XVI.B.3. Voluntary Certification of Non-Public Schools (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Branch Manager Neil Watts came forward for this agenda item. Foster explained that in 2009, the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission created a voluntary certification process for non-public schools that enables them to be eligible for state programs, if certified. She stated that the Non-Public Schools Commission makes recommendations to the department and board as to whether the schools should be certified and brings forward this item in June of each year.

Committee Chair Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the certification of those non-public schools recommended by the Non-Public Schools Commission.

Milton Seymore made the motion and Nawanna Privett seconded it. The motion carried.

XVI.B.4. Request for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) from Berea Community Middle and High School (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Consultant Natasha Napier appeared for this item. Foster shared that Berea Community Middle and High School are asking to use an alternative model for school-based decision making to allow one council for the two schools. She said that staff recommends approval of the request.

Committee Chair Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the alternative model for Berea Middle and High School.

Nawanna Privett made the motion and Ben Cundiff seconded it. The motion carried.

XVI.B.5. KY Tech Certified Evaluation Plan (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold and David Horseman, Director of Kentucky Tech Schools, came forward for this item. Arnold explained that staff are requesting approval of the Certified Evaluation Plan for these schools.

Horseman went through the elements of the plan.

Committee Chair Wheeler said this would bring these schools' plan in line with the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Plan. She then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve their plan.

Milton Seymore made the motion and Ben Cundiff seconded it. The motion carried.

XVI.C. Review Items

XVI.C.1. Districts of Innovation Monitoring Status Report (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)

David Cook reported that no action is required on this agenda item. He said that visits were done to the other six Districts of Innovation and the reports are posted on the board's online materials site. He felt these districts are doing a good job implementing their plans. Cook indicated that all ten will sign MOUs this summer and new plans will be submitted.

Gary Houchens then asked why the 11 waivers were denied.

Cook replied that two areas are off the table when granting waivers: assessment and certification. He explained that the department and the Education Professional Standards Board have worked with the districts to get the work done in an alternate way.

XVI.C.2. New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative and Grant Update (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold and Josh Benton, Executive Director of Economic Development, came forward for this agenda item. A PowerPoint was used by Laura Arnold to make the following points:

- The initiative began in January 2016 through the generous support of JP Morgan Chase & Company with a five-year, \$75 million program to connect students to in-demand careers.
- Twenty-four states and Washington, D.C. secured grants through phase one of New Skills for Youth, a collaboration of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), JP Morgan Chase and Advance CTE that supports states as they work to align career-focused education with high-skill, high-demand jobs.
- The grant will consist of two phases: Phase One-\$100,000; Six-month plan design, development, and early implementation phase and Phase Two-Three-year implementation phase. States could receive \$2 million yearly.
- The Kentucky grant's vision includes regionalized governance and delivery of CTE that is employer-led through regional workforce areas and ensures cross-institutional involvement, encompasses career pathways that have seamless transitions from secondary to postsecondary education, involves shared resources and funding among all partners, and provides valuable industry certifications and credentials that are recognized by business and industry.
- The grant partners are the Cabinet for Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Council on Postsecondary Education, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), Kentucky Department of Education, and Labor Cabinet.
- The KWIB districts (10) and regions (4) will refine local sector data. The sector data will guide pathway development and implementation for Kentucky high schools and technical schools.

The Phase One objectives are: Revise state sectors (presented to KWIB on May 19th, Identify regional sectors (meeting with area workforce board directors in June), Identify current offerings in secondary programs based on regional and state sectors, Identify gaps in offerings and Prepare phase two application based on labor data.

Josh Benton then presented the state sector data. He noted the following:

- The Top Employment Sectors are Business and Technical Services, Construction, Health Care, Manufacturing and Transportation.

- Kentucky needs to fill 288,196 jobs over the next 5 years.
- Phase One progress was presented in a chart.
- The Phase Two goal is to develop a plan to regionalize the delivery of CTE based on labor data.

XVI.C.3. 705 KAR 4:231, General Program Standards for Secondary Career and Tech Education Programs (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Leslee Slaughter, Policy Advisor, and Chase Bannister, Assistant General Counsel, came forward for the next two items. They explained that this is the first reading of 705 KAR 4:231 and talked about the amendments to the regulation updating the regulation and incorporating language from a regulation that is being repealed so that there is only one that deals with program standards for career and technical education.

Committee Chair Wheeler noted the regulation would come back for approval in August.

XVI.C.4. 780 KAR 4:012, Repeal of 780 KAR 4:010, General Standards (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Ms. Slaughter and Mr. Bannister remained at the table for this item. They made clear the relevant parts of this regulation that need to continue are being incorporated into the previous regulation, 705 KAR 4:231. However, they said the overall regulation is being brought forward for repeal.

Committee Chair Wheeler stated that it would come back in August for action.

XVII. Management Committee Meeting - 2:00 p.m. ET (Tentative time)

Committee Chair Grayson Boyd called the meeting to order.

XVII.A. Review Items

XVII.A.1. Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioners Robin Kinney and Kelly Foster and Jim Hamm came forward for this item. Foster asked Mr. Hamm to give the update.

Jim Hamm stated that Superintendent Creasman is doing a fabulous job in Fleming County. He said the district is now proficient and the next review will occur in March of 2017 at the same time they will be seeking to become accredited. Hamm noted that the financial picture is much improved and the new principal at the high school is doing a remarkable job. He pointed out that the district is doing its own strategic planning initiative.

In Robertson County, Mr. Hamm shared that the college and career readiness rate has moved from 18.2 to 116, which is phenomenal. He indicated that the financial picture is much improved and the new superintendent has implemented a culture change. Hamm commented that a 1 to 1 Chromebook initiative is being implemented along with a book study by the faculty.

Relative to Caverna Independent, Hamm characterized the focus to be on teaching and learning. He said the Certified Evaluation Plan has been revised and work is occurring on career pathways.

XVII.A.2. Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Jim Hamm, Breathitt County State Manager, remained at the presenter's table and shared the following on Breathitt County:

- He is working to build the capacity of both the superintendent and local board to operate this district efficiently and effectively.
- The district has been under state management for four years.
- Finances are operating on a shoestring.
- Local board meetings have turned around with the meetings being conducted smoothly.
- The improvement of attendance has been significant.
- One of the major concerns is the security and safety of the school buildings.
- ACT scores went up 1.9 points.
- Four intense days of professional development were conducted for the district staff.

Kelly Foster added that a new high school principal has been hired and stated that she believes he will move that school forward.

For Menifee County, Tim Spencer, State Manager, came forward and shared the following:

- The college and career readiness rate last year was 50% and now is 71%. If you include the bonus point, it has reached 84%.
- 40 students are enrolled in dual credit courses at Maysville Community College and students also can take online courses from Morehead.

Kelly Foster added that state management began in Menifee County last July 15.

XVII.A.3. 702 KAR 3:171, Repeal of 702 KAR 3:170, Educational Television Equipment Purchases (First Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney shared this is an outdated regulation that is no longer needed. She said that KET supports the repeal of the regulation.

Committee Chair Boyd stated that it will come back for approval to the August meeting.

XVII.A.4. Report on Title IX Deficiencies for Schools Audited During the 2015-2016 School Year and Activities for 2015-2016 and the Future (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Coming forward for this item were Julian Tackett, KHSAA Commissioner; Darren Bilberry, KHSAA Title IX Compliance Officer and Field Audit Staff Kathy Johnston and Gary Lawson. Tackett said these individuals work to conduct the audits and can address questions on the report found on the online materials site. He noted that the report presents three years of data.

KHSAA staff went through the report and answered questions.

XVII.A.5. Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Annual Reporting Requirements (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett remained at the presenter's table and explained that as the board's agent to administer interscholastic athletics, certain items must be reported on annually to the Kentucky Board of Education. He went through the report and responded to the board members' questions.

XVII.B. Action/Consent Items

XVII.B.1. New District Facility Plans: Caldwell County, Erlanger-Elsmere Independent, Graves County, Livingston County, Marshall County, and Perry County (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Donna Duncan presented this item. They noted that all of the submitted facility plans meet the requirements for approval and thus, recommended the board vote to approve them.

Committee Chair Boyd asked for a motion, second and vote to approve all of the submitted facility plans.

Gary Houchens moved to approve the plans and Rich Gimmel seconded the motion. It carried.

XVII.B.2. 2017 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kinney and Duncan also addressed this item. Duncan explained that this item comes annually for approval and said the manual is updated to contain any changes needed for the manufacture of school buses. She stressed that Kentucky takes this very seriously. The 2017 specifications were then recommended for approval.

Chair Boyd asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the bus specifications.

Gary Houchens made the motion and Bill Twyman seconded it. The motion carried.

XVII.B.3. Request for Approval of School District Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan continued the presentation of their items. They explained that the law requires the indirect cost rates be figured and approved annually for federal grants and food services. Duncan stated that districts can choose to collect indirect costs or not. The approval of the 2016-17 Indirect Cost Rates was recommended by staff.

Committee Chair Grayson Boyd asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Indirect Cost Rates.

Gary Houchens made the motion and Rich Gimmel seconded it. The motion carried.

XVII.C. Action/Discussion Items

XVII.C.1. 2015 Report, 2015 Exceptions and 2017 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-service Training of District Board Members (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kerri Schelling of KSBA and KDE's Kevin Brown came forward for this item. Ms. Schelling went through the attachments with the staff note and asked for approval of the report, exceptions and 2017 Plan.

Brown added that the board also can include in the motion the drafting of a letter to any members who were not given an exception apprising them that they must complete their training hours by a date certain or be reported to the Attorney General.

Committee Chair Boyd asked for a motion, second and vote to approve all of the items mentioned above.

Bill Twyman made the motion and Alesa Johnson seconded it. The motion carried.

XVII.C.2. 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 (Second Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett and KDE General Counsel Kevin Brown presented this item. It was explained that the regulation and bylaws come forward annually to incorporate any necessary changes. Tackett went through the changes.

Committee Chair Boyd stated that this is the second reading of the regulation and thus, a motion, second and vote are needed.

Alesa Johnson made the motion and Bill Twyman seconded it. The motion carried.

XVII.C.3. Request for Approval of Capital Funds Request Guidelines (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan came forward for this item. Kinney stated that new budget language requires the department to produce these guidelines to assist districts in submitting information about the use of capital funds. She went on to say these guidelines continue the flexibility that has been available with the use of the funds but also allows for collection of data on this topic.

Committee Chair Boyd asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the guidelines.

Rich Gimmel made the motion and Bill Twyman seconded it. The motion carried.

The committee meeting then adjourned on a motion by Gary Houchens and a second by Alesa Johnson. It carried.

XVIII. Public Comment Segment (Full Board Resumes)

John Strobe spoke during the public comment section about the importance of the arts.

XIX. Hearing Officer's Report

General Counsel Kevin Brown went over the Hearing Officer's Report found on the board's online materials system to provide the status of regulations as they go through public hearing and the legislative review process.

XX. Approval of Action/Consent Items as a Block

Board Chair Roger Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve 703 KAR 4:041, Repeal of 703 KAR 4:040; 704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340; Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Appointment; New District Facility Plans for Caldwell County, Erlanger-Elsmere Independent, Graves County Livingston County, Marshall County and Perry County; 2017 Minimum Specifications for School Buses and Request for Approval of School District Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal year 2016-2017.

Bill Twyman made the motion and Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded it. The motion carried.

XXI. Report of the Curriculum Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler moved approval of the 2016-2017 Preschool Funding Rates, the Recommendation to Remove Danville Independent from District of Innovation Probation Status, Voluntary Certification of All Submitted Non-Public Schools, Request for an Alternative

Model of School-Based Decision Making from Berea Community Middle and High School and KY Tech Certified Evaluation Plan.

Board Chair Marcum said no second was needed since this comes from a committee and asked for a vote. The motion carried.

XXII. Report of the Management Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Grayson Boyd moved approval of the 2015 Report, 2015 Exceptions, 2017 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115 and Authorizing General Counsel Kevin Brown to Send a Letter to Those Local Board Members Whose Training Exceptions Were Not Approved Giving Them Time to Complete the Training or Be Reported to the Attorney General; 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws; and Request for Approval of Capital Funds Request Guidelines.

Board Chair Marcum indicated no second was needed since it came from a committee and asked for a vote. It carried.

XXIII. Board Member Sharing

Roger Marcum shared that he attended both KSB and KSD's graduations along with several other members. He encouraged the new members to do this in the future.

Bill Twyman said he attended a policy meeting in DC sponsored by NASBE and that Kentucky shined as an example for others to look at for improvement purposes.

XXIV. Information Items

XXIV.A. KDE Employment Report (All offices except CTE)

No questions came forward on this item specifically. However, Mary Gwen Wheeler asked about the effect of the hiring freeze.

Commissioner Pruitt said that this is not uncommon when a new governor takes office.

Robin Kinney replied that KDE is having to provide more detail when asking to hire someone.

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

No questions came forward on this item.

XXV. Internal Board Business

The following items came forward in Internal Board Business:

- Members were asked to share any topics for the next meeting with the chair, vice chair or policy advisor.
- Members were asked to fill out a form with available dates for a hearing to consider removal of a local school official.
- Chair Marcum appointed Nawanna Privett, chair, and Alesa Johnson, Rich Gimmel and Sam Hinkle as members of the Nominating Committee that will bring back a slate of officers for the board to consider in August.
- Board members will be asked to let Mary Ann Miller know which committee they prefer to serve on and that new configuration will start in October.
- New members were asked if they desired to attend the NASBE New Member Institute and Alesa Johnson, Rich Gimmel, Gary Houchens and Milton Seymore replied affirmatively. Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve their travel to this meeting. Ben Cundiff made the motion and Nawanna Privett seconded it. It carried.
- Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the NASBE dues. Mary Gwen Wheeler made the motion and Grayson Boyd seconded it. The motion carried.
- Chair Marcum appointed Nawanna Privett, chair, and Grayson Boyd and Ben Cundiff as members of the Evaluation Appeals Panel to hear a case in October.

XXVI. Litigation Report

Chair Marcum said that General Counsel had let him know that the board needed to go into closed session to discuss litigation. He then asked for a motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) as allowed by KRS 61.815 to discuss Little versus the Breathitt County Board of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education.

Ben Cundiff made the motion and Gary Houchens seconded it. The motion carried.

The board came out of closed session on a motion made by Mary Gwen Wheeler and seconded by Grayson Boyd. The motion carried.

Chair Marcum indicated that no action was taken during the closed session. He then asked for a motion to authorize the board's counsel to appeal the final order of the Breathitt County Circuit Court to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the matter of Little versus the Breathitt County Board of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education.

Bill Twyman made the motion and Rich Gimmel seconded it. The motion carried.

XXVII. Adjournment

Board Chair Marcum asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ben Cundiff made the motion and Milton Seymore seconded it. The motion carried.