



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

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Report of the February 7, 2018 Regular Meeting

COMMENTS FROM MARY GWEN WHEELER, CHAIR KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION



The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on February 7 in Frankfort, where it heard Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt outline his “big picture” plan for improving education in Kentucky. Commissioner Pruitt laid out five (5) strategic priorities that are necessary in order for the state to reach its goal of reducing the achievement gap by at least 50% by the year 2030. These areas of emphasis include K-3 literacy, individual instruction and assessment, diploma requirements, student success in postsecondary, and social and emotional health.

Additionally, Commissioner Pruitt said that if the state can do each of these things well, Kentucky is likely to:

- lead the nation in closing the achievement gap in 4th-grade reading in about four years;
- lead the nation in increasing the percentage of industry certifications that our students earn;
- move from 14th to fifth in the nation in ACT average scores by 2030; and
- increase the state’s gross domestic product by billions of dollars.

I commend the Commissioner for his vision and intentional focus on these critical strategies. While there are many challenges that threaten to impede such progress, an unwavering commitment to collaboration, continuous improvement and innovation can continue moving our state toward the accomplishment of such goals.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO 703 KAR 5:270, KENTUCKY'S ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

The board was presented amendments to this new regulation as a result of the feedback received by the United States Department of Education (USED). The amendments were deemed necessary to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) legislation passed in 2015. Kentucky's assessment and accountability system is a large component of the state's required federal plan, which is designed to meet the intent of the ESSA requirements. Federal approval of the revised consolidated state plan is pending until further review by USED. In the meantime, the state regulation will proceed to a hearing by the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee (EAARS) on February 26.

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

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION & ASSESSMENT PILOT

David Cook, KDE Director of Innovation and Partnership Engagement, provided an update on Kentucky's new Competency Education and Assessment (CEA) pilot project. The seven-year pilot is designed to catalyze personalized learning and performance-based assessment practices. The pilot will include up to three (3) cohorts of districts over the seven year timeline. Cohort one (1), just announced on February 5, includes the Shelby County and Trigg County school districts. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation used during this presentation can be found on the board's online materials site.

For more information about the CEA pilot project, contact the following:

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MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEWED & DISCUSSED

Amanda Ellis, Associate Commissioner for the KDE Office of Teaching and Learning, and Laura Arnold, Associate Commissioner for the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education, provided the board with information regarding the state's current high school graduation requirements. The department is beginning the process of revising the state requirements, and Commissioner Pruitt's spring town hall meetings will be focused on this topic. In April, the Education Commission of the States (ECS) will present to the KBE on the landscape of graduation requirements from across the country.

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OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WERE:

- *Minutes from the December 5, 2017, Work Session and December 6, 2017, Regular Meeting*
- *New District Facility Plan for Burgin Independent School District*
- *District Facility Plan Amendments for Hardin County and Montgomery County School Districts*
- *703 KAR 5:191, Repeal of 703 KAR 5:190, Assistance to low-achieving schools and Repeal of 703 KAR 5:260, Intervention in priority schools (Second Reading)*
- *703 KAR 5:225, School and district accountability, recognition, support and consequences (Second Reading)*
- *703 KAR 5:280, School improvement procedures (Second Reading)*
- *2018-2024 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Master Plan, as incorporated by reference into 701 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need (Second Reading)*
- *Waiver Request from Adair County High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)*
- *KDE Employment Report*
- *Hearing Officer's Report on Regulations*
- *Litigation Report*
- *2018 Winners for the Dr. Johnnie Grissom and Samuel Robinson Awards*

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

- *Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Strategic Plan Update*
- *Legislative Update on the 2018 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly*
- *Update on the 2018-20 Executive Budget Recommendation Regarding P-12 Education*
- *Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County and Menifee County School Districts*
- *704 KAR 3:015, Kentucky All STARS for Preschool Programs (First Reading)*

Future KBE Regular Meeting Dates for 2018

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

Future KBE Regular Meeting Dates for 2019

February 6, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 10, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 5, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2019	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 2-3, 2019	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular Meeting	Frankfort
December 4, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the February 7, 2018 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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