

# Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on October 5, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met in-person, however a few board members continued to utilize video teleconference. This was a hybrid meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

## **I. Call to Order**

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

## **II. Roll Call**

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

KBE member Lieutenant Governor Jaqueline Coleman was absent.

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

## **III. Internal Board Business**

### **A. Approval of Summary Minutes for August 4, 2021 KBE Annual Retreat, August 5, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 12, 2021 Special Meeting and September 21, 2021 Follow-Up Annual Retreat Meeting**

Chair Young shared that the minutes for August 4, 2021 KBE Annual Retreat, August 5, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 12, 2021 Special Meeting and September 21, 2021 Follow-Up Annual Retreat Meeting were distributed to members in advance. The chair asked for any corrections to any of these minutes; there were none.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes and Lee Todd made the motion. Alvis Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. Approval of Outside Employment Request- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen**

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen facilitated a presentation and discussion about the two outside employment requests. Chair Lu Young recused herself. Vice Chair Sharon Robinson called for a motion. Holly Bloodworth made the motion and Randy Poe seconded. The motion to approve Chair Lu Young's outside employment was passed with unanimous voice vote. JoAnn Adams recused herself and Chair Lu Young called for a motion. Claire Batt made the motion and Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion to approve JoAnn Adams outside employment request was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

**C. Discussion and Approval of 2021-2022 KBE Goals**

Chair Lu Young facilitated a discussion of the Kentucky Board of Education's goals for the 2021-22 school year. Chair Young called for a motion to approve. Patrice McCrary made the motion and Alvis Johnson seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. Discussion and Approval of Commissioner Glass's 2021-22 Goals**

Chair Young facilitated a discussion on Commissioner Glass's 2021-22 goals. The Board made some minor changes to goal three. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**E. Discussion and Approval of the Strategic Priority and Criteria for the 2022 Kevin C. Brown Award**

Chair Young facilitated a discussion on the Strategic Priority and Criteria for the 2022 Kevin C. Brown award. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Patrice McCrary and seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**F. Discussion and Approval of Commissioner's Evaluation**

Chair Young facilitated a discussion about the Commissioner's Evaluation. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**G. Discussion and Approval of 2021-22 Evaluation Procedures and Communication Procedures**

Chair Young facilitated a discussion about the 2021-22 Evaluation Procedures and Communication Procedures. Chair Young called for a motion. Alvis Johnson

made the motion and Randy Poe seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**IV. Good News Items**

**A. Retired teachers are going back to the classroom after passage of SB1**

Alvis Johnson shared that some retired teachers are returning to the classroom after the passage of SB1. He shared an example of a Jefferson County teacher who recently returned to the classroom.

**B. EdRising sees new growth**

Allison Slone talked about the recent growth of Kentucky's Educators Rising program at the high school and collegiate levels. She also shared some information about the teaching and learning pathway.

**C. Schools, districts recognized for best practices at Continuous Improvement Summit**

Claire Batt talked about the seven schools and two districts that were recognized at the Continuous Improvement Summit.

**D. Commissioner Glass visits Meade County and wins KWLA Award**

Patrice McCrary talked about Commissioner Glass's recent visit to Meade County High School where he co-taught ninth grade science in order to commemorate his one year anniversary of being the Kentucky Department of Education's Commissioner of Education. She also talked his recent honor of receiving the Amici Linguarum award from the Kentucky World Language Association.

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

Dr. Aaron Thompson reported about recent news and progress at the Council for Postsecondary Education.

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

Lt. Governor Coleman spoke about the current work of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Lt. Governor Coleman's report was given later on in the meeting when she was able to join virtually.

**VII. Report from the Commissioner of Education**

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

**VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Action Items**

1. Approval of New District Facility Plans - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
2. Approval of 2021-2022 Local District Tax Rates Levied - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Branch Manager Krystal Smith

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

**IX. Presentation of the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership**

Dr. Glass awarded Harper Smith with the 2021 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership.

**X. Public Comment Segment**

Chair Young reminded the public that public expression was solicited via the meeting's news release and distributed to members and staff prior to the meeting. Chair Young stated the board received one (1) public comment via email from one (1) individual. The board has received one public comment via email. The comment, received on September 30, 2021, is from Mr. John McGlone. The comment was sent to KBE members in advance of the meeting and is posted on the KBE portal for public viewing.

Chair Young thanked Mr. McGlone on behalf of all KBE members and thanked him for taking the time to share their feedback and concerns with the board and stated the KBE always appreciates the opportunity to hear from constituents on matters that pertain to education across the Commonwealth.

Chair Young dismissed to committees at 11:15 am EST. The Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee and the Operations Committee met simultaneously.

**XI. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee**

- A. Graduate Profiles as State-level Policy- UK Center for Next Generation Leadership Co-Directors Karen Perry and Dr. Justin Bathon and Associate Director Neomia Hagans-Flores**

**XII. Operations Committee**

- A. State Assistance Update**

- B. Approval of Jessamine County School District Request for Site Acquisition Approval that Exceeds Ten Percent of the Maximum Budget Per 702 KAR 4:050**
- C. Campbell County School District Request for Site Acquisition Approval that Exceeds Ten Percent of the Maximum Project Budget and Request for Waiver Approval for Easements Traversing the Site Related to 702 KAR 4:050**
- D. Approval of Madison County School District Request for Site Acquisition Approval That Exceeds Ten Percent of the Maximum Budget Per 702 KAR 4:050**
- E. Approval of Fayette County School District Request to Waive 702 KAR 4:160 Related to Total Allowable Floor Area for a New Middle School**
- F. Approval of Paducah Independent School District Waiver Request Related to Floor Area in Excess of Allowable**

**XIII. Lunch**

**XIV. Report of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth reported on the meeting of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee.

**XV. Report of the Operations Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Lee Todd presented five items for full board consideration from the Operations Committee. All five items passed with unanimous voice votes.

**XVI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Leadership Compensation Range Pursuant to HB 192 (2021)**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Lynn McGowan-McNear presented the proposed Leadership Compensation Range and facilitated a discussion. Chair Young called for a motion. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson made the motion and Claire Batt seconded it. The motion passed with a nine supporting and one opposing in a voice vote.

**B. Approval of 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Request**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth facilitated the conversation on the ABR requests. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling and seconded by Patrice McCrary. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**C. Amendment of 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics**

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen and KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett provided an overview of the proposed amendment and facilitated the discussion. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Alvis Johnson and seconded by Lee Todd. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**XVII. Review Items**

**A. Financial Report from the Ashland Independent School District**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter provided an update on Ashland Independent School District's budget.

**B. The Missing Piece**

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence Director of Family Engagement Brooke Gill presented about the importance of family engagement.

**C. 2020-2021 Data Release Update**

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and KDE Division Director Kevin Hill provided an overview of the recent School Report Card data release and facilitated the discussion.

**D. Update on the Commissioner's Strategic Dashboard**

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and Dr. Glass provided an update on the Commissioner's Strategic Dashboard.

**E. KBE Member Ethics Overview**

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen shared an important overview on ethics. This presentation was originally scheduled for the August retreat.

**XVIII. Hearing Officer's Report**

**A. Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 1:191E, District Employee Quarantine Leave**

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen and KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney presented the statement of consideration for 702 KAR 1:191E. Chair Young called for a motion. The motion was made by Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson and seconded by Claire Batt. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**B. Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:150, Home or Hospital Instruction**

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen, KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross presented the statement of consideration for 702 KAR 7:150. Chair Young called for a motion. Jamie Bowling made the motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded.

**XIX. Litigation Report**

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

**XX. Board Member Sharing**

Commissioner Glass, Soylana Mesfin, Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson and Chair Lu Young all shared during this time.

**XXI. Adjournment**

Patrice McCrary moved to adjourn and Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.