

Kentucky Board of Education Awards Committee Meeting
May 28, 2021 2:00 p.m. ET
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held an awards committee meeting on May 28, 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 awards committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Patrice McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

2. Roll Call

Chair McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Claire Batt, Patrice McCrary, Solyana Mesfin and Lu Young.

KDE Director of Education Policy Meredith Brewer stated all members were present.

3. 2021 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

A. Review of Criteria for the Grissom Award Winner

Chair McCrary read the description and reminded the committee members of the criteria of the award that include:

- Leadership or implementation of innovative practice in curriculum, instruction or assessment that leads to improved learning, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students with learning or behavior differences; and,
- District or schools demonstrating significant improvement or sustained excellence in learning or behavior outcomes for students with learning or behavior differences.

B. Review and Discussion of Applications for the 2021 Grissom Award

Committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting and were asked by Chair McCrary to present their top three candidates for consideration and discussion. Candidates were referred to by number and the members discussed their selections. All four members identified the same candidate as their top choice and determined that candidate would be brought forth for consideration of approval by the full board at its June 2, 2021 regular meeting.

C. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) as the recipient of the 2021 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

Chair McCrary stated that based on the candidate's demonstrated leadership or implementation of innovative practice in curriculum, instruction or assessment leading to improved learning, postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students with learning or behavior differences, she would like to entertain a motion to approve candidate #6 as the winner for the 2021 Award. Claire Batt made the motion to approve candidate #6 as the recipient of the 2021 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education. Solyana Mesfin seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Adjournment

Lu Young motioned to adjourn the meeting, Claire Batt seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m. ET.