

# **Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting February 8, 2017**

## ***SUMMARY MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 8, 2017, in the State Board Room on the Fifth Floor of the 300 Building, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

### **I. Meeting of the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award Selection Committee - 8:30 a.m. (ET)**

#### **I.A. Call to Order**

Awards Committee Chair, Sam Hinkle, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

#### **I.B. Roll Call**

Sam Hinkle asked Leslie Slaughter to call the roll of committee members. All members were present.

#### **I.C. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award Winner**

Committee Chair Hinkle reviewed the criteria for this award. The winner of the Dr. Samuel Robinson award is to be a person or organization that has exhibited leadership, commitment and service to equity and opportunity in education for all Kentucky children at the school, community and/or state levels.

#### **I.D. Review and Discussion of Applications for the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award**

Committee members reviewed and discussed each of the five applications for this year's award. After much discussion, each committee member was asked to indicate their top two choices for nominees.

#### **I.E. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) for the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award**

Due to the level of outstanding applications this year, the committee agreed upon two nominees to receive the 2017 Dr. Samuel Robinson Award. Milton Seymore moved that applications number one (1) and three (3) be approved as the 2017 winners. The motion was seconded by Nawanna Privett and the motion carried.

#### **I.F. Adjournment**

Milton Seymore moved to adjourn the awards committee meeting at 8:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Nawanna Privett and passed unanimously.

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

Chair Twyman called the full board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **III. Roll Call**

Chair Twyman requested that Leslie Slaughter call the roll of members. All members were present.

### **Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM:**

#### Present Board Members:

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

## **IV. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2016 Regular Meeting and Minutes from November 28, 2016 Special Meeting**

Chair Twyman asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 7 regular meeting. Seeing none, he asked for a motion for approval. The motion was made by Sam Hinkle and seconded by Grayson Boyd. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Twyman asked for any additions or corrections to the November 28 special meeting. Seeing none, he then asked for a motion for approval. Ben Cundiff moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Sam Hinkle. The motion carried by voice vote.

## **V. Introduction of New KDE Employees**

The following new Kentucky Department of Education employees were recognized:

### Office of Finance and Operations

Sheri McFarland - Child Nutrition Program Consultant, Division of School and Community Nutrition

Carl Meehan - Program Coordinator, Division of District Support

Jennifer Harrod - Training Development Specialist II, Division of School and Community Nutrition

Shravanthi Raghavapuram - Resource Management Analyst I, Division of District Support

### **Office of Continuous Improvement and Support**

Steven Kissinger - Education Administration Program Consultant, Division of Innovation and Partner Engagement

Sharma Aitken - Education Administration Program Consultant II, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits

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

The report from Secretary Heiner focused on the exploration of policy related to statewide open enrollment. He noted that, as the economy continues to change, the need for more school specialization becomes apparent. He stated it is becoming seemingly more difficult for smaller districts to be "everything to every student".

Heiner indicated that nineteen (19) states have policies of some kind in relation to open enrollment and district-wide transfers. He felt that, while it may only impact a small percentage of Kentucky students, such statewide policy could be life changing for those who take advantage of it. Heiner expressed his hope that the Kentucky Board of Education would give this matter the same level of attention as the charter school discussion.

Board members had many questions and comments related to Secretary Heiner's proposal. Ben Cundiff asked for clarification on whether parents would be responsible for transportation of their children. Should that be the case, he expressed concern over how this would impact students who are of lower socio-economic status.

Gary Houchens referenced a recent report released from Education Commission of the States (ECS) that describes the nation's policies on this topic. He indicated that he had heard from many parents and superintendents that are enthusiastic about this idea. He posed the question of whether this type of policy would require legislative change. Kevin Brown, KDE General Counsel, explained that, yes, this would require legislative action and it presents a number of other policy concerns that would have to be considered by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Grayson Boyd inquired about the number of Kentucky districts who do not currently take advantage of reciprocal agreements. Kevin Brown explained that there are a number of districts that do this, with a variety of agreement terms, based on the local needs. Commissioner Pruitt estimated that approximately 20,000 students in Kentucky were already benefiting from inter-local reciprocal agreements.

Secretary Heiner expressed concern over the fact that some current agreements that exist in Kentucky require tuition. He noted, because these are public schools, the state should attempt to find resources to off-set these expenses for students who can't afford to pay the tuition.

Sam Hinkle suggested that this topic be placed on a future KBE agenda for full board discussion. There was consensus among the board on this recommendation.

## **VII. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)**

President King began his remarks by thanking Commissioner Pruitt for attending CPE's last board meeting. He indicated that work was continuing on the development of a postsecondary performance-based funding model. King said a legislative bill has been filed that mirrors the report recommendations that were sent to the General Assembly in December 2016.

Bill Twyman inquired about the co-requisite education model that many postsecondary institutions are now implementing. President King indicated that many are having tremendous success with the model and said that CPE is providing professional learning opportunities to assist with continued capacity building.

## **VIII. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)**

Mr. Adams began his report by sharing that EPSB had a cohort of spring Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) interns for the first time since 2011. He then extended an invitation for board members to attend Kentucky's annual National Board Certified Teachers' (NBCT) recognition. The event will be on February 23 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort.

Roger Marcum asked about Mr. Adams' thoughts on the proposed legislation that would remove the requirement for Kentucky teachers to complete a master's degree. Mr. Adams indicated that many in the field felt as though the change would lessen the quality of teaching among the state's educators; however, he also indicated that some view the advanced degree requirement as a compliance mandate. He went on to clarify that the requirement of the current law is not a master's degree, but rather for a rank change. Adams noted the rank change can be achieved through continued education, but not necessarily through the attainment of a master's degree alone.

Sam Hinkle then asked how the state board could assist EPSB with increasing the number of NBCT teachers in Kentucky. Mr. Adams indicated that monetary incentives are incredibly helpful. He stated that some of the state's districts provide stipends for teachers, but those have become less prevalent due to monetary restraints. Sam Hinkle went on to ask about the percentage of Kentucky teachers who were national board certified. Mr. Adams indicated that he did not have the data on hand, but would provide the requested information to the board as soon as possible.

## **IX. Report of the Commissioner of Education**

Commissioner Pruitt provided an update on the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD). He noted that the interview process will begin soon for a new principal at KSB.

Pruitt went on to share information about the impact of the state's recent unmined mineral coal assessments. He explained that these assessments are anticipated to have a significant impact on twelve (12) local districts and their tax revenue generated from them. He indicated that KDE staff were in contact with each of the districts to discuss current financial standings and plans for adjusting to the loss in local revenue.

The Commissioner also shared that recent amendments were underway to several administrative regulations that impact the occupational-based teacher certification process for the area of Career and Technical Education. Those regulations are 16 KAR 2:020, 16 KAR 6:020, and 16 KAR 8:040. The Commissioner stated the amendments seek to address a number of necessary factors, including the creation of additional certification paths for new and emerging CTE career pathways, aligning degree requirements needed for the teaching of dual credit coursework, lessening the time necessary for degree and certification completion, and revising the rank system for occupation-based certified teachers.

Next, Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for some context regarding the impact of the lost revenue related to the unmined mineral coal assessments. It was explained that the impact varies by district, but that the loss for one district has totaled as much as \$1 million. Secretary Heiner suggested that this issue be included in the upcoming discussions surrounding tax reform for the state. Board member Sam Hinkle indicated that this concern was an example of how the state is unfairly funding K12 schools and that solutions should be sought for this issue.

## **X. Good News Items**

Chairman Twyman called upon the following individuals to share good news items:

**Rich Gimmel:** On November 11, 2016, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and JPMorgan Chase & Co. announced Kentucky as one of 10 states that will receive a \$2 million grant to strengthen and expand career education pathways for students.

These state grants, which will be distributed over the next three years, are part of the \$75 million, five-year New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative developed by JPMorgan Chase, in collaboration with CCSSO and Advance CTE. The initiative aims to strengthen career-focused education starting in high school and ending with postsecondary degrees or credentials aligned with high-skill, high-demand careers.

Kentucky received the New Skills for Youth Grant after a rigorous review process, which included examination of the state's plan to transform how it designs and develops career preparedness education programs. Along with the Kentucky Department of Education, state partners in the New Skills for Youth Initiative in Kentucky include the Council on Postsecondary Education, the

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, the Cabinet for Economic Development, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The state will use the funds to incentivize school districts to create regional career academies that are aligned to high-demand careers and that will involve collaboration among K12, postsecondary education and employers. Join me in congratulating KDE staff and the additional grant partners on this exciting announcement and opportunity. We will hear more about this grant initiative during a presentation as part of this morning's agenda.

**Grayson Boyd:** Kentucky's own Jason Smith, the Isonville Elementary School cafeteria manager in Elliott County, became the first home baker in Food Network history to take home the top \$50,000 prize on the network's third season of "Holiday Baking Championship". Smith competed against eight other bakers in the competition, including executive pastry chefs and bakery owners. Throughout the competition, Smith often incorporated heritage recipes from his aunts and grandmothers into his creations for the show.

Smith took home a \$50,000 prize for his efforts. In an interview, he said he would like to take a portion of his winnings to start a program for children in his area. He also plans to use some of his winnings to take classes to improve his baking. Join me in congratulating Jason on his outstanding accomplishments!

#### **XI. Spotlight on Innovation: iLEAD Academy (Review Item: 20-minute presentation/discussion) - Strategic Priorities: All Priorities**

The iLEAD Academy, Kentucky's first regional career academy, served as the KBE's first ever "Spotlight on Innovation" item. This new standing agenda item serves as an opportunity for board members to see innovative practices and to hear from school and district leaders across the state.

The presentation was led by Alicia Sells, Director of Innovation at the Ohio Valley Education Cooperative (OVEC), as well as two iLEAD students, Brody Fugate from Trimble County and Laura Duke from Owen County. The school, in its second year of operation, is host to 40 freshmen and 37 sophomore students from five districts. It is a full-time, competency and project-based education environment that provides students with accelerated opportunities to prepare for the region's most in-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, health science, and informatics. Students complete the minimum high school graduation requirements by the conclusion of the 10th grade and earn an associate degree of applied science before graduation, along with a variety of industry certifications demanded by business and industry.

Board members viewed a promotional video about the school, followed by the student presenters sharing a variety of personal work through their digital portfolios. Commissioner Pruitt thanked the district superintendents who were in attendance at the board meeting and thanked them for their commitment to collaboration.

Board member Alesa Johnson asked what a typical day for students entailed at the iLEAD academy. Both students indicated a lot of flexibility in their schedules. Some students take courses

at the Carroll County ATC, while others are at iLEAD all day. The personalized pace and digital environment allows for every student to have varying schedules.

Alesa Johnson went on to ask about the process for creating the early college agreements. Alicia Sells indicated that the earning of the associate degree was made possible through dual credit with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), beginning in the 9th grade with approximately 15 hours of dual credit per semester by the sophomore year. Additionally, work has been done with many of the state's four-year institutions, to create 2+2 models for continuation of advanced degrees along the student's career pathway.

It was shared that the school began with a \$250,000 planning grant from the General Assembly in 2014. All five districts who are a part of the academy now contribute \$75,000 annually to the school's budget. Rich Gimmel stated that this was a great example of what can happen when districts choose to collaborate. Roger Marcum agreed and also stated that this was an excellent example of how regional education cooperatives can play critical and innovative roles in K12 education.

**XII. New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative and Grant Update (Review Item: 30-minute presentation/discussion) - Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold and Kate Akers, Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics - Strategic Priorities: All Priorities**

Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold from the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) presented updates on Kentucky's involvement in Phase Two of the JP Morgan Chase and Company's New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Grant initiative. She was joined by Kiley Whitaker, CTE data steward.

Arnold said that Kentucky was one of 24 states and the District of Columbia who received a Phase One NSFY planning grant earlier in 2016 and has now been chosen as one of only 10 states to receive Phase Two funding, which will total approximately \$2 million over the next three years. The presentation, which can be located on the board's online materials site, focused on the Kentucky grant's vision, phase one accomplishments, and phase two goals.

Additionally, Kate Akers from the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) provided information about the state's longitudinal database system and the newly-released Kentucky Future Skills Report. This report, which will now be published annually, considers the supply and demand of careers by local workforce region.

Laura Arnold thanked Kate Akers for the continued collaboration among KDE and KCEWS, as this partnership has been critical to advancing the grant objectives and current CTE initiatives. Commissioner Pruitt commended Laura Arnold for her leadership on this grant opportunity and assured board members that this work would be sustained, long after the grant period concludes. He stated that there is a deep commitment at KDE to continue the focus on integrating and elevating career and technical education.

Alesa Johnson then inquired about current interest among district superintendents to approach the regionalized concept of career academies. Laura Arnold replied that regional meetings had been

hosted in the fall to begin discussions with district leadership. Additionally, she explained that webinars and other resources were being developed to support the process and the iLEAD Academy is serving as a best practice model.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked about the future of area technology centers. Laura Arnold referenced a report from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and a CTE funding study that had been conducted in recent years, which spoke to the need for a more efficient governance system and funding structure for all of secondary CTE in the state. She said that the regional career academies will require inclusion of at least one state or local CTE center.

**XIII. Kentucky's School Improvement Work (Review Item: 30-minute presentation/discussion) - Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Dr. Susan Lusi, President and CEO of Mass Insight Education - (Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Schools and Districts)**

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, as well as Dr. Susan Lusi and John Schneider from Mass Insight, presented recent findings on Kentucky's school improvement report. Their presentation can be found on the board's online materials site.

Dr. Lusi indicated that Kentucky is viewed as a strong national leader for establishing systems of continuous improvement. She pointed out that Kentucky is one of twenty-one state education agencies that belong to the State Development Network (SDN), which provides resources and support surrounding school turnaround and reform. Lusi noted a state diagnostic report is given to each of the SDN states, based on the seven components of the state turnaround framework. She identified those components to include policy, strategy, organizational structure, communications, resources, accountability, and human capital. Dr. Lusi said each component is rated as "needs improvement", "developing", or "proficient". She emphasized Kentucky was rated as "developing" or "proficient" on all seven components.

Roger Marcum commended the turnaround efforts that had been done thus far across the state; however, he cited concern over the resources and capacity for KDE to grow its support beyond the bottom 5% of schools. He asked Kelly Foster if she could provide a report covering the last decade that indicates historical data related to funding and resource allocation for school improvement efforts in Kentucky.

Mary Gwen Wheeler thanked Mass Insight for sharing the report findings, as they serve as strong external validation of the state's approaches to school improvement. Rich Gimmel agreed and stated that the evaluation information informs the board that state resources, while very limited, are being used effectively and efficiently.

**XIV. Kentucky Board of Education Vision Statement and Goals (Review Item: 20-minute presentation/discussion) - Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer - Strategic Priorities: All Priorities**

Karen Dodd, KDE Chief Performance Officer, reviewed the most recent drafts of the KBE vision statement and goals. The board first reviewed these items at the December meeting. She asked for final confirmation among board members, all of whom agreed to support the draft language.



Board members continued discussions surrounding the term "dispositions", which is included in the KBE vision statement. Gary Houchens indicated that the KDE feedback on the term was helpful for board members to see and he inquired if any additional feedback had been gathered. Karen Dodd indicated that staff had not been surveyed a second time. Nawanna Privett expressed how critical the term was to include in the board's vision statement. Roger Marcum posed the idea of using the term "essential skills", which aligns with the work of the new accountability system. Many board members felt strongly about keeping the original term of "dispositions" and that is ultimately what the board agreed to do.

**XV. Lunch - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. ET (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)**

**XVI. Public Comment Segment - 1:00 p.m. (ET)**

There were no requests for public comment.

**XVII. Recognition of 2015-16 Districts of Distinction**

Commissioner Pruitt began the afternoon agenda by recognizing the 2015-16 Districts of Distinction. In order to receive this designation, a district must:

- Score at the 95th percentile or higher on the Overall Score consisting of the measures of achievement, gap, growth, college and career readiness and graduation rate
- Meet its current year AMO
- Meet the 95% participation rate
- Have a graduation rate above 60% for the prior two years
- Not have a Focus or Priority School in the district

Pruitt noted sixteen (16) school districts achieved this rating this past year. These districts were Anchorage Independent, Ballard County, Beechwood Independent, Calloway County, Carter County, Corbin Independent, Cumberland County, East Bernstadt Independent, Floyd County, LaRue County, Lee County, Murray Independent, Oldham County, Paintsville Independent, Rockcastle County, and Taylor County (High Progress District). All of these districts were represented today. The Commissioner pointed out the one district noted as a High Progress District (Taylor County) is among those districts making the highest progress in the state, those in the top 10 percent of improvement.

**XVIII. Recognition of 2016 Kentucky Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**

Commissioner Pruitt also recognized the winners of the Kentucky Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Established by Congress in 1983, the PAEMST program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S.

territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

Those teachers who were recognized are as follows:

**2014 PAEMST winners**

Gina Kimery, Mathematics 2014 PAEMST Winner, Farmer Elementary (Jefferson County) Vivian Bowles,

Science 2014 PAEMST Winner, Kit Carson Elementary (Madison County)

**2015 PAEMST winners:**

Christine Bickett, Mathematics 2015 PAEMST Winner, North Bullitt High School (Bullitt County)

Carly Baldwin, Science 2015 PAEMST Winner, Boyd County High School (Boyd County)

**2016 Kentucky PAEMST Finalists for Mathematics are:**

Shannon Brickler, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Dry Ridge Elementary School (Grant County) now at Sherman Elementary as a Curriculum Specialist (Grant County)

Caryn Smith, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Hunter Hills Elementary School (Laurel County)

Tonda Thompson, Mathematics 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Albany Elementary School (Clinton County)

**2016 Kentucky PAEMST Finalists for Science are:**

Natasha Craft, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Pulaski Elementary School (Pulaski County)

Jennifer Sheffield, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, 212 Academy for Gifted & Talented Students (Warren County) now at GRREC as a STEAM and Gifted & Talented Educational Consultant

Karen VanMetre, Science 2016 PAEMST Finalist, Grayson County Middle School (Grayson County)

**XIX. Legislative Update (Review Item: 20-minute presentation/discussion) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Policy Advisor Tracy Herman - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes**

General Counsel Kevin Brown and KDE Policy Advisor Tracy Herman presented an update on events that had occurred thus far in the 2017 legislative session. A summary document can be found on the board's online materials site as a reference.

KDE staff indicated to date, 134 senate bills and 255 house bills had been filed, with seven bills (not all related to education) already being passed by both chambers during the session. Herman and Brown said the most pressing issues this session focus on charter schools and Senate Bill 1, related to state standards and accountability. Additional discussion among board members centered on HB 37 and the bills related to EPSB that were mentioned earlier in the morning's agenda.

## **XX. Hearing Officer's Report - General Counsel Kevin Brown**

### **XX.A. Report on Status of KBE Regulations**

Kevin Brown referred to the status report of all administrative regulations that was posted on the board's online materials site and he summarized its contents. There were no questions by KBE members.

### **XXI. Process for Developing the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Governed by KRS 7A (Review Item - 20 minute presentation/discussion) - Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Charles Harman (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Budget Director Charlie Harman provided an overview of the six-year capital improvement planning process. This process began in 1994 as a way to create a sense of permanency with the state budget planning process and is governed by KRS 7A.120.

Harman explained the process occurs every two years and is approved by a 16-member board. He said eligible projects include capital construction, leases, equipment and IT systems. Mr. Harman clarified that, in addition to the KDE Frankfort location, the agency is responsible for projects related to the KSB and KSD, as well as the FFA leadership training center.

Mary Gwen Wheeler inquired about capital improvements for local districts and if those were solely handled locally. Robin Kinney clarified that local districts are responsible for the majority of local capital improvement needs; however, she noted some systems (such as IT services and the student information database system) are paid for by KDE and benefit local districts.

Rich Gimmel then asked if the board would have a separate work session on the biennial budget. Robin Kinney indicated that, while a separate work session is not planned at this time, her office will begin providing segments at each KBE meeting between now and November, prior to the submission of KDE's budget requests.

### **XXII. Board Member Sharing**

Chairman Twyman asked the members if there was any news to share with the board. Gary Houchens commended Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and her staff for their follow-up on recent inquiries that he had made about per-pupil expenditures.

Additionally, Sam Hinkle expressed his desire to see the board focus more time on policy discussions and reports, such as the one heard today from Mass Insight. There was consensus among the board on the importance of this.

### **XXIII. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting (2:30 p.m. ET; Tentative Time)**

Committee Chair, Nawanna Privett called the meeting to order.

#### **XXIII.A. Action/Discussion Items**

##### **XXIII.A.1. Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Policy Adoptions and Amendments (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)**

Amanda Ellis, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Teaching and Learning, as well as Todd Allen, KDE Assistant General Counsel, came forward for this item. It was explained that the amendments to the KSB and KSD policies ensure alignment to local district policies by adhering to the Kentucky School Board Association's (KSBA) policy recommendations. Staff noted the amendments also include a new personnel section, for use by employees of both schools. Amanda Ellis indicated that the feedback received by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) was positive and supportive.

Committee Chair Privett asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the amendments to the KSB/KSD policies. The motion was made Mary Gwen Wheeler and seconded by Sam Hinkle. The motion carried.

Sam Hinkle moved to adjourn the committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben Cundiff. The motion carried and the committee meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

### **XXIV. Management Committee Meeting (2:45 p.m. ET; Tentative Time)**

Committee Chair Grayson Boyd call the meeting to order.

#### **XXIV.A. Action/Consent Items**

##### **XXIV.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Beechwood Independent, Danville Independent, and Harlan County School Districts (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Donna Duncan and Greg Dunbar from the Office of Finance and Operations came forward for this agenda item. Approval of facility plans were recommended for the following school districts:

- Beechwood Independent
- Danville Independent
- Harlan County

Rich Gimmel asked KDE staff if the repeal of Kentucky's prevailing wage law was impacting district facility plans. Robin Kinney explained that any impact would not be reflected in current strategic planning for districts; however, the effects will be seen in new estimations submitted from here onward.

Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second, and vote on this item. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion passed.

**XXIV.A.2. District Facility Plan Amendment: Warren County School District (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Donna Duncan and Greg Dunbar were present for this item and recommended approval of the amended district facility plan for the Warren County school district.

Seeing no discussion, Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second and vote on the matter. Alesa Johnson moved to approve the amendments to the Warren County school district facilities plan. The motion was seconded by Ben Cundiff and it passed.

**XXIV.A.3. 2016-2017 Local District Tax Rates Levied (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Donna Duncan and Greg Dunbar presented this item and recommended approval of the 2016-17 local district tax rate levied for the Menifee County school district.

It was noted that this was the final district seeking approval for the remainder of the academic year. Roger Marcum made an observation that this was the third year in a row that the 4% tax taken by districts had decreased.

Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second and vote for approval of the 2016-17 local district tax rate levied for the Menifee County school district. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion carried.

**XXIV.B. Action/Discussion Items**

**XXIV.B.1. 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum Nutritional Standards for Foods and Beverages Available on Public School Campuses During the School Day; Required Nutrition and Physical Activity Reports (Second Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Lauren Moore presented this item for a second reading by the committee.

It was explained that the amendments to this administrative regulation are designed to conform with federal regulation, as it relates to school nutrition standards. Committee Chair Boyd asked for

clarification that the proposed changes are meant to make the state's standards less restrictive. Robin Kinney confirmed that this was an accurate statement.

Since there was no further discussion, Rich Gimmel moved passage of the second reading for 702 KAR 6:090. The motion was seconded by Ben Cundiff and it passed unanimously.

**XXIV.B.2. Request from the Clark County School District to Waive Construction Project Size Limitations set forth in Section 304 of the School Facilities Planning Manual, Incorporated by Reference into 702 KAR 4:180 and 702 KAR 4:160 in Order to Construct a Gymnasium Project (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan were present for this item. Approval was recommended for this waiver request from the Clark County school district related to the project size limitations for their high school gymnasium. Donna Duncan explained that the project size was in excess of approximately 15% of the permissible square footage.

The district superintendent was on hand for any questions related to the request. Seeing no further discussion, Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second and vote on the agenda item. The motion for approval was made by Alesa Johnson and seconded by Roger Marcum. The motion carried.

**XXIV.C. Review Items**

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

Associate Commissioners Kelly Foster and Robin Kinney presented the status updates on those districts under state assistance.

Discussions began with Caverna Independent. It was reported that KDE staff has visited the district since the December board meeting and were pleased with the progress made. Robin Kinney noted that the district's contingency and finances were in good standing. Superintendent Faulkner and other district leadership were present for the discussions and came to the table to share additional comments on a new teacher induction model that the district began implementing this school year. Updates were also provided on the district's novice reduction efforts, data progress spreadsheets, and proficiency rubrics that were being developed through both vertical and horizontal professional learning communities. Board member Gary Houchens mentioned a recent visit that he, too, had made to the district and he indicated that progress was evident. The district's next review is scheduled for February 26 to determine if it may exit out of state assistance.

Next, updates were provided on Fleming County. It was noted that KDE staff have also recently visited this district. Staff reported the high school is in the midst of a building renovation, but strong instruction is still occurring despite the interruptions. Kelly Foster stated that Fleming County's review will occur on March 12 and it is hopeful that the district will provide sufficient evidence to exit out of state assistance. Superintendent Creasman was available to provide information on the district's current accreditation process with AdvancED. Commissioner Pruitt

mentioned he had an opportunity to shadow a high school student in the district recently, which he characterized to be a very enjoyable experience.

Last, updates were provided on Robertson County. It was noted by staff that their final visit will occur on April 12, which will determine if the district may exit state assistance status. Kelly Foster indicated very strong progress was being made in the areas of instruction, facilities, and finances. Superintendent Holbrook spoke of his recent experience serving on the Accountability Work Group for College and Career Readiness, which he said was a great learning experience for him. He noted his appreciation for the focus of that work being on students first.

#### **XXIV.C.2. Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioners Robin Kinney and Kelly Foster presented this item.

Discussions began with Menifee County. The district was commended by state manager, Tim Spencer, for its efforts to pass the local nickel tax. He indicated that the district facilities plan would be coming before the state board in June, as there are dire renovation needs within the district. It was noted that the district now has a 9% contingency, which equates to approximately \$1.1 million. Technology integration is an instruction focus for the district, as they have recently purchased Chrome Books for students. The district is also investing heavily in instructional materials to support mathematics and soft skills training. Staff reported that novice reduction efforts are paying off, as they are seeing a decrease in the number of novice-performing students. Tim Spencer commended the KDE staff for their tiered systems of support and intervention within the district. Bill Twyman inquired about the number of ER staff that KDE had working in the district. Kelly Foster indicated the number to be five staff persons.

As for Breathitt County, state manager Jim Hamm was on hand for this status update. It was shared that Jim will be retiring this summer, so Mike Murphy will be moving into the work with this district in the coming months. Staff stated novice reduction work is ongoing and the primary focus of the district, above all else. It was noted that MAP scores indicate great gains in student achievement and the college and career readiness rate is already up eleven percentage points from last year. Staff indicated the local school board recently voted to approve an extra 30 minutes to the school day, in order to provide stronger interventions for students. While the district's finances are improving, staff said they are still struggling. On the positive side, the local district facility planning committee is meeting regularly and showing excitement to see improvements made across the district.

After discussion ceased, Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second and vote to adjourn the committee meeting. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Milton Seymore. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.

#### **XXV. Approval of Action/Consent Items as a Block (Full Board Meeting Resumes)**

Board Chair Bill Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the action/consent items from both committees.

Sam Hinkle moved to approve the district facility plans from Beechwood Independent, Danville Independent, and Harlan County; a district facility plan amendment from Warren County; and the 2016-17 Local District Tax Rates Levied. The motion was seconded by Ben Cundiff and it carried unanimously.

#### **XXVI. Report of the Management Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

On behalf of the committee, Committee Chair Boyd moved approval of 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum nutritional standards for foods and beverages available on public school campuses during the school day; required nutrition and physical activity reports, as well as the request from the Clark County School District to waive the construction project size limitations set forth in Section 304 of the School Facilities Planning Manual. This motion did not require a second, as it came from a committee. The motion passed.

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

Committee Chair Privett moved approval of the newly-adopted and amended policies for the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf. A second was not required, as this motion came from a committee. The motion carried.

#### **XXVIII. KDE Employment Report (All offices except Career and Technical Education)**

KDE Division Director Lynn McGowan-McNear came forward for this item. Chairman Twyman asked if board members had any questions. None were noted.

#### **XXIX. KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education)**

KDE Division Director Lynn McGowan-McNear also presented this item. Chairman Twyman called for any questions or comments on the report.

Mary Gwen Wheeler acknowledged the inclusion of CTE minority recruitment efforts by the department. Lynn McGowan-McNear noted that KDE continues to be challenged by the location of area technology centers being in rural areas; however, she stated efforts are continuing to be proactive in seeking minority applicants. Bill Twyman asked about retirees and if these individuals might be targeted. Lynn McGowan-McNear noted that many educator retirees are not minorities and these individuals often struggle with the challenge of daily wage thresholds prohibiting them from applying.

#### **XXX. Internal Board Business**

Board members Roger Marcum, Rich Gimmel and Grayson Boyd spoke of the proposed criteria for the new David Karem award. Chair Twyman asked for a motion to approve the proposed criteria. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Nawanna Privett. The motion carried. It



was suggested that an awards timeline be developed and brought forth at the next meeting for approval.

The board discussed participation in the ARCC State Boards of Education "Ideas Exchange" in late April in West Virginia. Staff said official dates have not been confirmed. Staff went on to say that expenses are to be paid for by the convening organization. Roger Marcum recommended that Bill Twyman and Mary Gwen Wheeler as chair and vice-chair should attend, along with possibly Grayson Boyd. Roger Marcum moved to approve travel for these individuals. The motion was seconded by Sam Hinkle and the motion carried.

Chair Twyman asked if board members had any additional topics of interest that they would wish to see discussed at future meetings. The following items were brought forward:

- Open enrollment policy
- Additional information regarding future needs and capacity of KDE to continue school turnaround efforts
- Strategic planning
- ESSA and development of new accountability system

Roger Marcum noted the helpfulness of the extended work sessions and the ability to have longer work time dedicated to important agenda items. Leslie Slaughter shared that the board, at one time in history, did have two-day meetings and indicated that this could be an item for discussion, should members feel that it is necessary. Mary Gwen Wheeler noted that it was important for board members to understand the important policy questions related to each agenda item, which can expedite the discussions related to the various topics. The consensus of the board was to continue with one-day meetings, but to utilize deeper work sessions when needs arise.

Commissioner Pruitt also informed the board of his "State of Education" address that would occur the following week. He encouraged those that were available to attend, if possible.

### **XXXI. Litigation Report**

General Counsel Kevin Brown referenced the Litigation Report available for members on the online system. No members requested that the board enter into closed session to discuss the Litigation Report.

### **XXXII. Adjournment**

Ben Cundiff moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Sam Hinkle. The motion for adjournment passed by unanimous voice vote.