

# **Kentucky Board of Education Retreat Meeting August 7, 2013**

**500 Mero Street, CPT, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

## ***SUMMARY MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its retreat meeting on August 7, 2013, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

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

Chair David Karem called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked that all cell phones be turned off or muted and noted that the meeting materials were available on the board's online system. Karem also indicated today is a work session with no major action items on the agenda.

### **II. Roll Call**

Chair Karem asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll. At 9:00 a.m., all were present except Jonathan Parrent and Robert King. At 10:55 a.m., Jay Parrent joined the meeting.

#### Present Board Members:

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter  
Mr. Grayson Boyd  
Mr. Leo Calderon  
Ms. Judy Gibbons  
Mr. David Karem  
Mr. Roger Marcum  
Ms. Nawanna Privett  
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey  
Mr. William Twyman  
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler

#### Absent Board Members:

Mr. Jonathan Parrent

#### Updated Attendance:

Mr. Jonathan Parrent was updated to present at: 10:55 AM

**III. Strategic Plan Update (Review Item) - Commissioner Terry Holliday, Associate Commissioners as appropriate and Karen Dodd, Director of Strategic Planning - 2-hr. presentation/discussion (Strategic Priorities: Next-Generation Learners, Schools/Districts and Professionals)**

Division Director Karen Dodd came forward for this agenda item. She used a PowerPoint to make the following points:

- Regarding current efforts on the strategic plan, all delivery plans are being updated with workshops being held, edits being made and expectations existing to post the revised plans in September.
- A new delivery plan on Next-Generation Schools and Districts is being put together using the strategies of Priority Schools, innovation and productivity and efficiency.
- The delivery process has been improved to realign the times for updates to the commissioner so that these coincide with data collection and results.
- A summary of the college and career readiness stocktake was provided with slide #9 showing in chart form the likelihood of delivering on the strategies within this plan. Associate Commissioner Dale Winkler noted that for college and career advising, the ability to measure it is limited. He said that staff is looking at an advising rubric to be available in ASSIST. Commissioner Holliday added he is hopeful that the E-transcript will free-up time for counselors to advise students. The commissioner also noted related budget issues for this plan to be the continued requirement for expansion of AdvanceKentucky and the costs for monitoring/tracking targeted interventions.
- Slide #10 showed the progress in making the trajectory for graduation rate. Associate Commissioner Winkler pointed out that two new strategies of early graduation and compulsory attendance have been added to the plan. Commissioner Holliday noted that keeping students in school until age 18 will require more dollars and staff is examining what it will take. The commissioner went on to say that the graduation rate did not drop as some predicted it would when we switched to the cohort rate.
- Slide #11 depicted the college- and career-ready trajectory and Associate Commissioner Winkler stated that preliminary indications are that we will not meet the goal. Karen Dodd stated that projections show the growth in college and career readiness may not continue at the rate we originally set as targets.
- Slides #18 and #19 showed data from PLAN and EXPLORE. Commissioner Holliday noted that EXPLORE/PLAN are being phased out and replaced by ACT with ASPIRE. He indicated Kentucky would have to find replacement tests for these instruments.
- How the department is adjusting the work in the area of college- and career-readiness was listed on slide #19. An increase of the focus on math and interventions was indicated with the activities of having the cooperatives conduct focus groups around transition courses and course codes, issuing a common message around math, making changes to the proficiency delivery plan and making changes to the next-generation professionals delivery plan.

Bart Liguori from the Delivery Unit then proceeded to make a presentation on the TELL Kentucky Survey data in regard to the strategic plan. The presentation concentrated on what teachers are conveying about their professional development needs.

Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith noted that the point of the presentation is on the kind of conversations local boards should be having around data and looking at areas where greater focus is needed.

Commissioner Holliday said the data has policy implications for the state managed district in looking at what professional development is needed and if teachers are receiving it. He also emphasized that a budget issue exists in that Flex Focus dollars have been cut by 75% and if these are put back into the budget, the focus must be on professional development needs.

#### **IV. Impact of Sequestration (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai - 1-hour presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harmon came forward for this topic. Desai opened the presentation saying that four factors contributed to the present budget woes: all of the federal stimulus dollars ended, many districts are experiencing declining enrollment and thus are receiving less SEEK funds, the per pupil amount of SEEK has declined, and sequestration is being implemented. However, Desai noted that of the four factors, right now sequestration is causing the least impact on budget because districts are able to carry over federal funds. He noted that the major impact of the reductions from sequestration will be felt next spring, and then more staffing cuts will occur.

Next, Charlie Harmon used a PowerPoint to make the following points:

- Because the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction failed to reach agreement, states must reduce budgets by \$984 billion to solve a \$1.2 trillion budget issue. This amounts to \$109 billion annually (FY13 to FY21).
- Four major grants are affected that will impact school districts: Title I, IDEA Part B, Title II and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. The impact of reductions to each grant were identified.
- The impact to other federal programs and KDE administration/discretionary were also spelled out.
- In summary, the following statements were made:
  - The 2013 cuts were implemented as "across the board" reductions.
  - The 2014 cuts will be addressed through the normal federal appropriations process.
  - Many believe that the Budget Control Act will be changed or repealed.
  - The current 2014 budgets moving through the federal process do not comply with the Budget Control Act.
  - The continuing resolution may be inevitable.
  - The Office of Management and Budget will continue implementation if no agreement is reached.

Roger Marcum, Bill Twyman and Brigitte Ramsey all stressed that the ultimate effect by these reductions will be a negative impact on students. Chair Kareem added that he has frustration over getting the public to get behind education and the need for funding. He suggested that districts need to know this information now.

Associate Commissioner Desai said he would be covering budget information at the September 5 Superintendents' Summit.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked how much was the total being cut from Kentucky in the formula grants.

Charlie Harmon replied that \$24 million is the total reduction.

Associate Commissioner Desai went on to say that if the sequestration continues beyond this year, we will never recover. He explained that over a ten-year period, this results in a 50% cut in federal funds and will impact Kentucky more since it is a rural state. Desai clarified that state cuts also affect the situation.

Commissioner Holliday shared that the department is still moving forward on college and career readiness, STEM, dropouts, and flexibility with current funding. He noted that investments through "The Fund" are being pursued to help mitigate the loss of dollars. However, he emphasized that productivity and efficiency will not replace a 50% cut and stated that help is needed from the General Assembly.

**V. Lunch - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. EDT - First Floor Conference Room (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and Commissioner's Planning Committee only)**

**VI. Approval of future meeting dates (Action/Discussion Item) - Policy Advisor Mary Ann Miller - 5-minute presentation/discussion**

Policy Advisor Mary Ann Miller noted that the proposed dates for consideration are posted on the board's meeting site. She pointed out a correction to the August 2015 date and said it should be August 5-6, 2015.

Chair Kareem asked if there were any questions or suggested changes to the proposal. Since none came forward, he asked for a motion, second and vote on the agenda item.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the proposed 2013, 2014 and 2015 meeting dates passed with a motion by Mr. William Twyman and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

## **VII. Review of KBE Policy Manual (Review Item) - Policy Advisor Mary Ann Miller - 5-minute presentation/discussion**

Policy Advisor Mary Ann Miller indicated that if board members had wording changes to propose in the Policy Manual, these should be shared at this time.

Chair Karem asked for any changes to be expressed.

Judy Gibbons asked if board members still had the phone cards referred to at the end of the manual.

Mary Ann Miller replied that this language is outdated and said she would revise this portion and bring the manual back for approval at the October meeting.

## **VIII. Discussion of TELL Kentucky Survey Results and Possible Policy Implications (Review Item) Ann Maddock, Senior Advisor for External Affairs at the New Teacher Center, and Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith - 2-hour presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Professionals)**

Ann Maddock from the New Teacher Center and Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith came forward for this agenda item. Maddock began by making the following points from a PowerPoint presentation:

- As far as what is new since the presentation to the board in June, district reports have been sent to superintendents, the District 180 Report includes a more in-depth analyses of these schools, and a Comparison Report containing analyses of the 2013 TELL findings by educator experience, educator position and school level has been completed.
- The major points from the June presentation were:
  - Improvement occurred across all constructs of the survey.
  - Time showed the most increase.
  - An increase in rates of agreement occurred for every question on the survey except for two technology questions.
  - Instructional Practices showed the highest rate of agreement and was second in growth.
  - The District 180 findings supported assistance efforts made by KDE.
- The recommendation is that KBE and KDE should continue efforts initiated as a result of the 2011 TELL data, especially in the constructs of Time, Instructional Practices and Support and Leadership.
- Today's work session will focus on the following areas of the TELL Survey due to their strong connection to student performance and teacher retention: New Teacher Support, Community Engagement and Support and Managing Student Conduct.

The board was divided into small groups to come up with a list of the top three or four TELL items from the three areas cited above. The groups then reported out their findings and these were recorded on chart paper. Through a gallery walk process, board members then picked their top two priority items for each topic.

Ann Maddock indicated that this process helps determine priorities for further discussion beyond today's study session.

Commissioner Holliday indicated staff would take this information and come back to the board with what actions will be taken as follow-up.

In summary, Ann Maddock made the following points:

- 90% of schools met or exceeded the 50 percent response rate threshold required to receive an individual school-level data report.
- School and district leaders have been encouraged to review their data using the continuum in the Kentucky Standards for Teaching Conditions and begin plans for incorporating findings into the school improvement plan for next year.
- The 2013 Winner's Circle Awards will be announced on September 30 at the Continuous Improvement Summit.

**IX. Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District and Monticello Independent School District (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and State Manager Larry Hammond - 20-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Breathitt County State Manager Larry Hammond came forward for this topic. Desai began by noting that Monticello Independent merged with Wayne County on June 30, 2013 and said everything went well with the merger. He shared that Wayne County Superintendent John Dalton did a great job in working with the merged board. Desai stated that no further updates would be given on this matter.

Regarding Breathitt County, Associate Commissioner Desai pointed out the Breathitt County Management Team Chart that was posted on the board's online materials site for an update on the progress that has occurred in that district. He then asked Larry Hammond to give the board an update on the last six to seven months that he has spent in the Breathitt County School District.

Mr. Hammond stated that overall the district is making progress and indicated that the staff appreciates the state being there. He shared that for the first time ever school-based decision making has been carried out as it was designed to function. Hammond noted that there were several vacancies at the high school and said the principal used the school council to select the best people for the positions. He commented that there was initial concern about being under the 2% contingency but indicated at the year's end there was a 2-3% contingency. Mr. Hammond went on to say that the transportation routes were redone and the number of buses being used went from 38 to 32 to save dollars and still be within the allowed guidelines.

Chair Karem then asked where the state management process stands procedurally in the district.

Associate Commissioner Desai replied that litigation was filed in the Breathitt County Circuit Court asking that state management be set aside and the Breathitt County Board be reinstated. He

continued that in two and a half years, another audit will be conducted by the department to determine if state management continues or if the district returns to local control.

Next, David Karem asked what if the district is turned back over to local control and it again becomes dysfunctional.

Larry Hammond commented that things are currently on the right track; however, he indicated the local board is not functioning well and stated that changes have been made in spite of its members.

Roger Marcum asked if there is a read on where the community stands.

Hammond responded that the answer to that question is yet to be determined but noted that apprehension exists in the community. He felt that the next board race will give some indication of the community's attitude.

Brigitte Ramsey then asked if there is a communication plan for building support in the community.

Mr. Hammond replied that the community forums that have been held were well attended.

Leo Calderon suggested distributing a survey to the community and Hammond felt that was a good suggestion.

Mr. Hammond went on to share that Tim Spencer has been hired as an assistant superintendent. He noted that lots of professional development is occurring this summer.

**X. 2012-2014 Biennial Budget Update for the Kentucky Board of Education (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charles Harman - 45-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Coming forward for this agenda item were Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harmon. Desai indicated that he was seeking the board's feedback on budget priorities so that these could be shared at the Superintendents' Summit. He used a PowerPoint to make the following points:

- The following six budget priorities are being recommended to the board in asking for additional dollars: SEEK Base Funding, Technology, Flexible Focus Funds, College and Career Readiness, Professional Growth and Effectiveness and District Turnaround Support. The dollar amounts in each priority area for FY15 and FY16 were cited along with the total over the biennium.
- For SEEK Base Funding, the request would be for an increase in the current SEEK base of \$3,827 to FY09 levels of \$3,866 per pupil. In FY15 it would be \$60,000,000 and in FY16 it would be \$90,000,000.
- In technology, \$5, 800,000 would be requested in FY15 and FY16 to increase current bandwidth capacity; \$3,100,000 in each year would be requested to restore Kentucky Education Technology System funding to FY09 levels and \$50,000,000 would be requested in FY15 only for instructional device replacement funding.

- Relative to Flexible Focus Grants, additional funds would be requested to restore professional development, safe schools, extended school services, textbooks and preschool to FY08 levels. That would result in an additional \$9,700,000 for professional development, \$6,200,000 for safe schools, \$19,600,000 for extended school services, \$21,700,000 for textbooks and \$3,800,000 for preschool.
- In college and career readiness, \$3,100,000 would be requested for each year of the biennium for additional faculty and new equipment for Area Technology Centers; \$240,000 in FY15 and \$264,000 in FY16 for the Kentucky Occupational Skill Standards Assessments; \$3,300,000 in each year of the biennium for local area vocational education centers; and \$1,115,500 for each year of the biennium to fund the ACT/WorkKeys assessments.
- Relative to the professional growth and effectiveness system, \$3,000,000 would be requested in each year of the biennium to implement a new professional growth and effectiveness system for teachers and leaders across the state.
- To fund Education Recovery Staff for assisting schools and districts in need of school improvement and turnaround, \$3,400,000 will be requested in FY15 and \$4,770,000 in FY16.
- Tentative next steps in the process include:
  - Feedback from superintendents on the budget priorities at the September 5 Superintendents' Summit
  - Final approval of the budget priorities by the board at the October board meeting
  - Submission of the KBE/KDE Proposed Budget Request for FY15/FY16 to the Office of the State Budget Director in November
  - Submission of the Governor's Proposed Executive Branch Budget to the General Assembly in January 2014
  - Conducting of the regular session of the General Assembly from January - April 2014
  - Approval of the final budget for FY15/FY16 by the General Assembly in April 2014

Chair David Karem noted that he agrees with the approach of focusing on a limited number of items in the additional funding requests. He said that in his experience with the legislature, it is better to focus on a limited number of items rather than one huge number.

Roger Marcum said that he also agreed with the strategy particularly on asking to restore SEEK to FY09 levels.

Mary Gwen Wheeler also shared that she agrees with the strategy of focusing on a limited number of items but asked staff to take a look at considering alternative schools and Districts of Innovation, which are not addressed in the priorities.



**XI. Districts of Innovation Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Division Director David Cook - 10-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Division Director David Cook came forward for this item. Brown said it would be a brief update on what has happened since the approval of the four districts at the June meeting.

Cook explained that staff has met with the four districts that were approved as Districts of Innovation on multiple occasions, and he noted that each has met with the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) staff to find ways to solve any issues related to their regulations. Cook thanked Robert Brown and the EPSB for working to solve 90% of the issues that existed. He went on to say that for the other 12 districts that applied, feedback was provided on their applications and a meeting was offered to them as follow-up. Cook noted that Cheri Meadows and Dale Winkler were key to working some of the issues out that these districts wanted to do. He summarized that many of the requests did not require waivers. Cook shared that Owsley County has come forward with some items that do require waivers and these will come to the board in October.

Judy Gibbons then asked if all 12 of the districts that were offered meetings accepted the offer.

David Cook replied that not all accepted but said he is still working with some of them.

**XII. Recess of Full Board Meeting**

Chair Karem announced that the Nominating Committee would now hold its meeting in the State Board Room for the purpose of bringing recommendations to the board tomorrow on board officers for 2013-14. He also noted that the board will be meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby area of the Capital Plaza Hotel for social time followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room. Karem added that no business will be conducted at this informal gathering. He then said the board would stand in recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**XIII. Nominating Committee Meeting - August 7, 2013 - 4:30 p.m. EDT (Tentative Start Time); First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, State Board Room**

**XIII.A. Recommendation of slate of officers for 2013-14**

**XIII.A.1. Call to Order**

Chair Jonathan Parrent called the meeting of the Nominating Committee to order and indicated that according to the board's Policy Manual, the Nominating Committee is to bring forward nominations for chair and vice chair to the August meeting. He then asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll.

**XIII.A.2. Roll Call**

Mary Ann Miller called the roll and all members of the committee were present as follows: Jonathan Parrent, Trevor Bonnstetter, Nawanna Privett and Bill Twyman.

### **XIII.A.3. Discussion of characteristics needed for next year's KBE officers**

Chair Parrent then indicated that the committee members were to consult other board members on the characteristics needed for being chair and vice chair. He asked them to share the input that they received.

Bill Twyman reported that he heard the chair and vice chair must be good at meeting facilitation, know parliamentary procedure, be knowledgeable about hot topics in education and have the ability to speak for the board as a whole.

Nawanna Privett added that she heard a desire to stick to the guidelines used in the past for this process.

Trevor Bonnstetter said that the chair and vice chair need to be respectful of diverse opinions.

Jonathan Parrent commented that the persons selected should have time to commit to their roles, be able to keep the board on task, have a good sense of humor, be able to build and maintain relationships across constituents, understand the accountability system and have a positive relationship with the commissioner and staff.

### **XIII.A.4. Closed session to discuss personnel per KRS 61.810(f)**

Next, Chair Parrent stated that since the characteristics the officers need to possess have been identified, the committee needs to go into closed session in order to come to agreement on the persons it will recommend to the full board for these two offices. He asked for a motion and second to enter into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss personnel, including recommendations for board officers.

Trevor Bonnstetter so moved and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **XIII.A.5. Open session to approve recommendation of the committee to the full board for the 2013-14 officers**

Chair Parrent called the committee back into open session. He announced that Bill Twyman moved to come out of closed session and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion with it being approved. He said that no action was taken during the closed session.

Parrent then asked if there was a motion from one of the committee members making recommendations for chair and vice chair to forward to the full board at tomorrow's meeting.

Bill Twyman moved to recommend Roger Marcum as chair and Brigitte Ramsey as vice chair. Trevor Bonnstetter seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **XIII.A.6. Adjournment of committee meeting**

At this point, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Nawanna Privett moved to adjourn and Trevor Bonnstetter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**XIV. Social Time and Group Dinner for Full Board - Capital Plaza Hotel - 6:30 p.m. EDT  
Social Time, Lobby Area - 7:00 p.m. Group Dinner, Seminar Room (No business to be  
conducted)**

# **Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting August 8, 2013**

**500 Mero Street, CPT, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

## ***SUMMARY MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on August 8, 2013, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

### **I. Call to Order - Full Board Convenes - 8:30 a.m. EDT**

Chair Karem called the board meeting back into session and reminded the audience to turn off or mute their cell phones and also indicated the meeting materials can be found on the online materials site that can be accessed from the KDE homepage.

(NOTE: Dr. Robert King joined the meeting on August 8.)

### **II. Approval of Minutes from the June 5, 2013 Kentucky Board of Education Meeting**

Chair Karem then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 5 meeting minutes. Hearing no feedback, he asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the June 5, 2013 meeting minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

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

Commissioner Terry Holliday introduced the following new KDE employees:

- Deborah Landrum, Office of Administrative and Support Services, accountant
- Lisa Keeter, Office of Kentucky Instructional Data System, systems consultant
- Dr. Kelly Foster, Office of Next-Generation Schools and Districts, associate commissioner

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

Chair Karem welcomed Tom Zawacki, the new Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, to the board meeting. He asked the Secretary to make brief remarks about his background.

Secretary Zawacki shared that he had spent most of his career in the automotive industry with 23 years of it being at Toyota in Georgetown. He noted that he retired in 2009 but within four months accepted an appointment as Commissioner of Vehicle Regulation in the Transportation Cabinet. Then, he said, retirement was approaching again when he was asked to take this position due to Secretary Meyer's retirement. Zawacki indicated he is proud to be involved in the work of this Cabinet.

#### **V. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

Chair Karem recognized President Robert King for this report.

Dr. King welcomed Secretary Zawacki and then asked for any questions on his written report. None were posed.

#### **VI. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board**

Chair Karem indicated that Robert Brown could not be at today's meeting but asked if there were any questions on his written report. None were posed.

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

Chair Karem asked Commissioner Holliday if he had anything to add to his written report.

Holliday recognized Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and asked that he announce some honors received by KDE's Division of Communications staff.

Brown reported that each year, the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators (KAGC) honors through its Awards of Excellence the achievements of public agencies or individuals whose work has furthered the communication profession and the public's knowledge of government. He noted that as part of this award process, KAGC recognized the following KDE employees and asked them to stand and remain standing as their names were called:

- Feature Writing, Honorable Mention - Susan Riddell for *It's starting to add up*
- Feature Writing, Award of Merit - Matthew Tungate for *Eminence on 'Fire' after changes*
- Newsletter, Award of Merit - Susan Riddell for *ParentInfo*, Dec. 1, 2012 issue
- Single Photograph, Award of Excellence - Amy Wallot for *Graduation*
- Image Campaign/Photo Series, Honorable Mention - Amy Wallot for *Japanese Language Teacher*
- Video, Single Program or Series, Honorable Mention - Rebecca Blessing for *CITTS, the Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System*

- Web-Based Media, Award of Merit - John Boone, Susan Riddell, Nancy Rodriguez, Matthew Tungate and Amy Wallot for *Kentucky Teacher*

Brown then asked the audience to join him in giving these employees a round of applause for their outstanding work.

## **VIII. Good News Items**

Chair Karem first called on Grayson Boyd to share an item of Good News.

Mr. Boyd shared the following item:

On June 6-9, at the 2013 International Conference of the Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI), several individual Kentucky students and teams competed in this organization's internationally recognized, award winning competition that engages students in creative problem solving within the curriculum and provides competitive opportunities. FPSI involves thousands of students annually from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, and the United States.

The students and teams that represented Kentucky were those that were the top finishers at the Kentucky Association of Academic Competition's state level future problem solving competition in March that is part of the Governor's Cup state academic competition. The great news is that Kentucky had eight International Champions (first place winners) as follows:

- Individual Adult Division - Scott Sexton, Pulaski County
- Alternates, Middle Grades - Matt O'Bryan, Johnson County Middle School
- Alternates, Senior Division - William McIver, Pulaski County High School
- Scenario Writing On-Site, Middle Grades - Heather Jackson, Adair County High School
- Individual Community Problem Solving, Middle Grades - Connor Tilford, Heath High School
- Future Problem Solving Team Competition, Junior Division - North Oldham Middle School
- Future Problem Solving Team Competition, Middle Grades - Johnson County Middle School
- Future Problem Solving Team Competition, Senior Division - Johnson Central High School

Additionally, numerous other individuals and teams produced nine second places, two third places, one fourth place and one ninth place.

This is a spectacular accomplishment for the students of Kentucky and congratulations go first to the students, coaches and parents for the hard work resulting in this tremendous achievement and also to John Bennett, Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of Academic Competition, and the Program Director, Brenda Darnell, who coordinates and promotes future problem solving for our state.

Join me in giving all of these folks a round of applause!

Next, Chair Karem asked Roger Marcum to share another item of Good News.

Mr. Marcum shared the following item:

The 2013 National Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference was held June 27-30 in Anaheim, California. Kentucky students performed extremely well in the competitions that are held at this conference.

The following placed either first, second or third in their particular event:

- 1st Parliamentary Procedure, Hart County HS, Dustin Avery, Arianna Baird, Kasey Brent, Kayle Chaney, Jared Sexton
- 1st Largest Chapter Membership in Nation, Ballard HS, 568 members
- 1st Largest Chapter Membership in Southern Region, Ballard HS
- 2nd Largest Chapter Membership in Southern Region, Larry A. Ryle HS
- 2nd Largest Increase in State Chapter Membership in Southern Region, Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America, 8,950 members
- 3rd Largest Chapter Membership in Nation, Larry A. Ryle HS, 448 members
- 3rd Community Service Project, Bracken County HS, Alyson Crawford, Diane Poe
- 3rd Help Desk, Bardstown HS, David Thomas
- 3rd Introduction to Business, Paul L. Dunbar HS, Xiaowan Chu

Numerous other students produced two fourth, one fifth, two sixth, three seventh, one eighth, two ninth and six tenth places in this national competition.

Join me in congratulating these fine students and their coaches and parents for this outstanding performance.

## **IX. Public Comment Segment**

The following individuals came forward to speak on the listed topics:

- Burt Boyer, Alumni of the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) - Change in leadership at KSB
- Gary Mudd, KSB Advisory Board Member and KSB Alumni - Change in leadership at KSB

## **X. Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith - 45-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Professionals)**

Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith and Bart Liguori from the Delivery Unit came forward for this presentation. Associate Commissioner Smith reminded the board that for the last two years, committees have been providing feedback on the development of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) and that field testing has been occurring. She shared that Bart Liguori from KDE's Delivery Unit has been leading the research efforts on the system and said he

was here today to provide an update so that the information can help in guiding the board's decisions when the regulation on this topic comes forward for action. Smith also noted that a similar system is being worked on for superintendents. She then asked Mr. Liguori to present the current data that has been gathered on PGES.

Liguori used a PowerPoint to make the following points:

- All participants equaled 577; survey participants equaled 202 and focus group participants equaled 32.
- The surveys were sent to all participants (slightly different but comparable surveys sent to principals and teachers).
- Focus group discussions occurred with participants separated by role (e.g., teacher vs. principal).
- The participating districts were highlighted on a Kentucky map.
- Field test questions were asked on training, measures and implementation.
- Findings on "Training" were: a) Participants understood how the measures related to PGES; b) The participants felt very strongly that the PGES measures were appropriate to support the PGES (except Student Voice); c) Many participants did not feel they had the Student Voice Questions ahead of time; and d) Principals and teachers did not discuss how to rate student growth goals at the beginning of the year.
- Findings on "Measures" were: a) Participants felt strongly that the Classroom Observation, Student Growth and PGP/SR tools were all appropriate measures to support the PGES; b) Participants felt strongly that they could use the Student Voice data to inform their practice and c) Participants did not feel that student feedback around teachers' performance was an appropriate measure to support the PGES.
- Teachers were asked what weightings they would attach to the measures and the following ranges existed: a) classroom observation 30-50%; b) student growth 20-30%; student voice 10-15% and PGP/SR 15-30%.
- Findings on the "Implementation" were: a) Many participants felt comfortable being assessed using the PGES framework; b) Participants felt they had adequate training to implement the PGES throughout the year; and c) Many participants did not feel that their districts had the infrastructure to train teachers in the proper use of PGES.
- The research agenda for 2013-14 will include replication of the MET Study to: a) use Student Growth Percentiles to measure student growth in assessed classes as compared to Value Added Measures; b) examine the correlations each of the multiple measures have with a teachers' median SGP and each other; and c) use the data from the multiple measures in order to determine effectiveness ratings (along with focus groups and surveys).
- Also, as part of the research agenda for 2013-14, research questions will guide the evaluation of the multiple measures, we will examine the correlation of measures and domains with student growth, we will examine the implications for Statewide Educator Effectiveness Systems in urban and rural contexts, and we will examine the costs to districts for PGES implementation.

Roger Marcum then asked how the field test participants were selected.

Felicia Smith replied that they were volunteers.



Mary Gwen Wheeler and Nawanna Privett expressed concerns over the student voice survey and felt that the teachers should know the questions in advance.

Felicia Smith clarified that the student voice survey is designed to give valuable input to affect practice and not judge performance.

Commissioner Holliday added that teachers are concerned about the student voice element in evaluation and said their input is valuable. He emphasized that is why we are getting feedback before using it.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked if the board would be getting more information on the value added by using student growth in the system.

Commissioner Holliday replied that there is much research on this topic and KDE staff will summarize and send it to the board. He stated that the range to consider for student growth's inclusion in the system is 30-50%.

## **XI. Hearing Officer's Report - General Counsel Kevin Brown - 45-minute presentation/discussion**

General Counsel Kevin Brown began by reporting to the board on the status of the regulations they had passed as they proceed through the legislative review process. He said that the capital construction regulation was heard by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee in July, the annual professional development regulation will be reviewed in September and the other two regulations going through the legislative process are back before the board today to consider feedback from the public hearing (704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards and 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics).

### **XI.A. Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards (Action/Discussion Item)**

Coming forward for this item were General Counsel Kevin Brown, Attorney David Wickersham, Division Director Karen Kidwell and Policy Advisor Robin Chandler. General Counsel Brown reviewed that a Statement of Consideration document is prepared to file with the Legislative Research Commission when a regulation receives comments as a result of the public hearing process. He went on to say that the document summarizes all of the comments and recommends whether the regulation should be changed as a result of the comments. Brown noted that the first Statement of Consideration the board is considering is on 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards, which adds in the new science standards to the previously adopted ones in English/language arts and math. He noted that 4,092 comments were received and then went through the comments starting on page 99 of the document.

At the end of staff's review of the comments in the Statement of Consideration, Chair Karem said the recommendation of staff is to approve the Statement of Consideration with no changes made to the regulation. He asked to get a motion on the floor relative to this agenda item.

Mary Gwen Wheeler so moved and Roger Marcum seconded the motion.

Discussion by the board of the document and responses followed. The discussion was suspended due to the arrival of Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear in order for that portion of the agenda to occur.

**XII. Reaching the 96 Districts Required by SB 97 and Beyond Resolution and Celebration (Action/Discussion Item) - Governor Steve Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, Chair David Karem and Commissioner Terry Holliday - 30-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools/Districts)**

**XII.A. Welcome to Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear - Chair David Karem**

After Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear were seated at the presenters' table, Chair David Karem welcomed them to the meeting and indicated how honored the board is to have them take time to attend today. He said the board is recognizing their tremendous work in getting SB 97 passed and the Blitz to 96 initiative implemented. Karem went on to emphasize how proud he is of the board and the department's push to support the initiative to keep students in school and increase their chances of success in the future. He then asked Commissioner Holliday to announce the number of districts that have passed a policy raising the compulsory school age to 18.

**XII.B. Announcement of number of districts passing policy to raise compulsory school age to 18 and recognition of KDE team supporting SB 97 efforts - Commissioner Holliday**

Commissioner Holliday echoed his appreciation for the Governor's and First Lady's work on SB 97 and on their support for education in general. He announced the current total of districts that have adopted a compulsory school age policy to be 120. He then asked Associate Commissioner Susan Allred to recognize the KDE staff that worked with the Governor's and First Lady's staffs in implementing the Blitz to 96 initiative that reached the required 96-district total within two weeks.

Associate Commissioner Allred said she was proud to lead the KDE team that carried out the Blitz to 96 initiative and asked the following persons to stand and be recognized:

- Tom Edgett, Brandi Hon, Windy Newton and Claude Christian - Provided exemplary customer service to answer all questions on demand and make sure that the technology worked for districts to enter their data
- Ginger Kinnard - Went above and beyond in working 24/7 for two solid weeks that included the July 4th holiday
- Rebecca Blessing from the Office of Guiding Support Services and Mary Ann Miller of the Commissioner's Office - Enabled rapid and current communication to the public and close coordination with the Governor's Office during the process

Allred asked the audience to join her in giving these fine employees a round of applause to recognize their outstanding work.

## **XII.C. Approval of resolution and presentation to Governor and First Lady - Chair David Karem**

Next, Chair Karem announced that the board is bringing forward a resolution for consideration to celebrate the raising of the dropout age to 18 and the fact that all districts must implement such a policy no later than the 2017-18 school year, as well as to publicly acknowledge the dedication of the Governor and First Lady in seeing this historic policy through to its implementation. He asked Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor, to read the proposed resolution aloud.

Miller read the following:

### ***“Reaching the 96-District Target and Beyond Required by Senate Bill 97” by the Kentucky Board of Education***

- Whereas,** During the 23013 legislative session, outstanding collaboration occurred between Governor Steven L. Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, the General Assembly, Commissioner Terry Holliday, the Kentucky Board of Education, and other education partners resulting in the adoption of Senate Bill 97 so that the compulsory school attendance age would be raised to 18 in the 2015-16 school year for those school districts whose local board of education enacts such a policy; and
- Whereas,** Governor Beshear, First Lady Beshear and Commissioner Holliday launched the “Blitz to 96” initiative to encourage early adoption of such a policy by local boards of education in order to reach the 55 percent of school districts required for it to become mandatory for all districts to implement a policy within four years; and
- Whereas,** Local boards of education and school districts responded courageously and expeditiously to the “Blitz to 96” initiative resulting in reaching the 96-district target in 14 days; and
- Whereas,** Even after the required 96-district target was reached and planning grant dollars were obligated, as of today, 24 additional local boards of education and school districts have adopted such a policy, which brings the overall total to 120 districts, signaling to students that nobody is giving up on them and a high school diploma is important to their success; and
- Whereas,** In addition to the local school boards and districts that are to be commended for their dedication to ensuring students persist to graduation, staff of the Governor’s Office and Kentucky Department of Education demonstrated outstanding support to ensure the Senate Bill 97 effort is successful.

***NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education extends its extraordinary gratitude to Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear for their perseverance and determination to ensure passage of Senate Bill 97 and the implementation of***

*the “Blitz to 96” initiative with the result being that hope now exists for ALL young people to graduate college- and career-ready and experience a successful future.*

At this point, Chair Karem asked for a motion, second and vote on the resolution.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Reaching the 96 Districts Required by SB 97 and Beyond Resolution passed with a motion by Mr. Roger Marcum and a second by Ms. Brigitte Ramsey.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Following its approval, Chair Karem and Commissioner Holliday presented a framed copy of the resolution to the Governor and First Lady.

#### **XII.D. Remarks by the Governor and First Lady and announcement of afternoon celebration at the Capitol**

Chair Karem then invited the Governor and First Lady to make remarks.

Governor Beshear indicated that the word "Blitz" was the correct one to describe this effort due to the fact that it happened in two weeks. He said he and the First Lady are honored by the recognition and stated that if there is one word to describe the First Lady in the pursuit of SB 97 it is “persistent”. The Governor commented that it really paid off in this case.

The First Lady said thank you to the Kentucky Board of Education for its support of SB 97 and the Blitz to 96 and noted it could not have been accomplished without the members’ help. She said the word she heard from legislators to describe herself was “tenacious”. The First Lady emphasized she was tenacious because all children deserve the opportunity to succeed. She went on to say she would be pursuing those districts that have not yet passed a policy.

Governor Beshear added that today we are celebrating but pointed out we still have a ways to go in improving the education system. However, he added, what our state has accomplished in the last five years in educational progress is amazing given the bad economic climate we have experienced. He said that Kentucky is leading the nation in education reform, and emphasized we do not need to take our foot off of the gas pedal.

## **XI. Hearing Officer's Report - General Counsel Kevin Brown - 45-minute presentation/discussion (CONTINUED)**

### **XI.A. Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards**

While Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear were present, Chair Karem asked for a vote on the motion to approve the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards that contain the new science standards.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:303, Kentucky Core Academic Standards as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Mr. Roger Marcum.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

### **XI.B. Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics (Action/Discussion Item)**

Coming forward for this agenda item were General Counsel Kevin Brown, KDE Attorney Amy Peabody and KHSAA Counsel Chad Collins. General Counsel Brown went through the summary of comments and responses in the Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics. Board members' questions were taken during the presentation of the document.

Chair Karem asked for a motion, second and vote on the Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes

Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Following the vote, Brigitte Ramsey thanked KHSAA for working with the legislature to bring this regulation forward to ensure the safety of middle school students.

Roger Marcum asked staff to thank Commissioner Tackett for his work on this.

Next, Chair David Karem made the following announcements:

- The board will now move to the Management Committee meeting here in the State Board Room.
- Following the conclusion of the Management Committee meeting, the board will recess for lunch at about 11:30 a.m. and go down to the ground level to board a van to travel to the Governor's Mansion for the Graduate Kentucky Luncheon followed by attending the Senate Bill 97/Blitz to 96 celebration at the Capitol.
- It is estimated that the board will come back into session to conduct the Curriculum Committee meeting at approximately 2:45 or 3:00 p.m. ET.

### **XIII. Management Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m. EDT (Tentative Start Time); First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, State Board Room**

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

##### **XIII.A.1. 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members (Second Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai came forward for this agenda item. He noted that this is the second reading of the regulation and said staff is recommending approval.

Judy Gibbons indicated she would like to see the statue on local school board training opened in the future to increase the training hours and to urge boards to get training as a group.

Desai responded that KDE and KSBA will put out a best practices document and include the suggestions.

Bill Twyman expressed that he supported Judy Gibbons' statement.

Committee Chair Roger Marcum thanked David Baird of KSBA for working with KDE to develop the regulation and noted he agreed with Bill Twyman and Judy Gibbons that this version of the regulation is a starting place. Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote on the regulation.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members passed with a motion by Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

### **XIII.A.2. Requests for Waivers of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Daviess County, Webster County, Paris Independent and Williamstown Independent School Districts (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Division Director Kay Kennedy indicated that four districts are requesting waivers similar to what the board saw at the last meeting to give them a term of five years instead of three for technology leases. She recommended that Williamstown Independent's request be given tentative approval on the condition that they submit one more required item.

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai added that the regulation will be brought forward in the near future to make the change from three years to five.

At this point, Committee Chair Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote on approval of the submitted waiver requests.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of Requests for Waivers of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Daviess County, Webster County, Paris Independent and Williamstown Independent School Districts passed with a motion by Ms. Judy Gibbons and a second by Mr. William Twyman.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

### **XIII.B. Review Items**

#### **XIII.B.1. 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance (First Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Kay Kennedy came forward for this agenda item. Kennedy reported that several changes have been made to the regulation and noted these are summarized by a list included in the materials. She indicated that these changes will allow KDE to better track students when they move inside the state as well as outside of it, provide updated forms to the districts, implement the change that occurred in 2010 when the definition of tardy and put legislative changes into the regulation from SB 97 and HB 182.

Hiren Desai added that one change requested by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) has been included where they requested to make the due date June 30 for the Superintendents Annual Attendance Report. He also clarified that since LSAC did not have a quorum at its meeting, the official letter to the board was not available.

Committee Chair Marcum noted that this is the first reading for the regulation and said it would come back to the committee in October.

**XIII.B.2. 702 KAR 6:101, Repeal of 702 KAR 6:100, Appeal procedures for nutrition and health services programs (First Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai explained that this regulation repeals 702 KAR 6:100 in order to comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's directive. He said after the regulation is repealed, KDE will issue policy guidance on appeal procedures.

Committee Chair Marcum noted the regulation would come back in October for approval.

**XIV. Recess and travel to Governor's Mansion for Graduate Kentucky Luncheon and to the Capitol for recognition of school districts passing policy to raise the compulsory attendance age, press conference and reception - 11:30 a.m. EDT (Tentative Departure Time)**

**XV. Curriculum Committee Meeting, 2:45 p.m. EDT (Tentative Start Time); First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, State Board Room**

**XV.A. Action/Consent Items**

**XV.A.1. Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board Appointment (Next Generation Learners)**

Division Director Johnny Collett came forward for this item. He said that the Kentucky Board of Education has the authority to appoint members to the KSB Advisory Board. Collett noted that due to a member whose term ends, there is a vacancy. He indicated that KDE is recommending Brandi Hitzelberger, who meets all of the requirements for appointment.

Since there were no questions, Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board appointment of Brandi Hitzelberger passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Ms. Brigitte Ramsey.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes



### **XV.A.2. Appointment to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee (Next Generation Learners)**

Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith pointed out that this appointment is similar to the last item except it is for the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee. She noted there is a vacancy on the committee and said KDE is recommending Emily Morgan for appointment to the committee. Smith said Morgan's credentials appear in the staff note for this item.

Since no questions existed on the agenda item, Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the appointment to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee of Emily Morgan passed with a motion by Ms. Brigitte Ramsey and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

### **XV.B. Action/Discussion Items**

#### **XV.B.1. 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services (Second Reading) (Next Generation Learners)**

Coming forward for this item were Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith, Policy Advisor Robin Chandler and Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai. Smith stated that the regulation is up for its second reading and said Robin Chandler would go over the changes made to the regulation since the committee last saw it with Hiren Desai following her with background on impact of the regulation for districts.

Ms. Chandler did an overview of the language changes that were made to the regulation to improve its clarity. She said the main reason for bringing it before the board is to update the formula and to reward instructional improvement/performance.

Next, Hiren Desai went over an attachment that was provided to the board to show the impact of the formula change on districts. Desai reported that he went through this same handout with the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) because of their concern that the increased focus on achievement would negatively impact the amount districts receive. He summarized that for 30 districts, the amounts are held harmless; for 97 districts, the amounts are increased and for 46 districts, the amounts decreased. Desai indicated that the amount of the formula dealing with ADA made the biggest impact and that most districts would receive close to what they were already allocated. He said it does reward better academic achievement.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler noted that LSAC did not send a letter to the board since there was not a quorum; however, she asked for their comments.

Robin Chandler said they were more focused on the board advocating to restore the Flexible Focus Funds in the budget.

Hiren Desai added that they generally accepted the regulation and felt that unless funds were restored, it really did not matter.

Commissioner Holliday then explained that his push is to put a focus on performance relative to funding because lots of dollars have been given to some districts that are not improving.

At this point, Committee Chair Wheeler asked for motion, second and vote.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Ms. Brigitte Ramsey.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

#### **XV.B.2. Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plan for FY14 (Career and Technical Education)**

Associate Commissioner Dale Winkler shared that the Office of Career and Technical Education had moved to the Kentucky Department of Education and thus the state plan needs revision to reflect that move and approve the assurances on page 68. He said that KDE is recommending the board adopt the revised state plan and the assurances.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plan for FY14 passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

### **XV.B.3. Amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf (Next Generation Schools/Districts)**

Division Director Johnny Collett reported that KDE is asking the board to amend the attendance policies at KSB and KSD to require attendance for students from ages 6-18. Collett noted that although these schools are exempt from the compulsory attendance law per that statute, another statute allows the board to have control over the schools and their policies. He explained that changing the attendance policies would make the two schools consistent with the other schools across the state as far as the age 18 requirement.

Committee Chair Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote.

**Committee Motion Passed:** Approval of amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Ms. Brigitte Ramsey.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

### **XV.C. Review Items**

#### **XV.C.1. Kentucky Schools for the Blind (KSB) and Deaf (KSD) Update (Next Generation Learners)**

Division Director Johnny Collett shared that this is the first of regular updates to the board on the status of work at the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf. He pointed out that in the staff note, some of the efforts by KDE to support the schools with what they need and have asked for are listed. Collett highlighted the activities of the KDE liaison to the schools; inclusion of the schools in leadership meetings, office-wide meetings and division meetings; as well as working with them on updating their policies and procedures.

#### **XV.C.2. 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation (First Reading) (Next Generation Learners)**

Associate Commissioner Felicia Smith and Division Director Karen Kidwell came forward for this agenda item. Smith noted this is the first reading of the regulation and said it will come back again to the committee in October. She then went through a PowerPoint presentation to give highlights on the changes to the regulation.

Commissioner Holliday clarified that SB 61 that relates to this regulation is a companion bill to SB 97. He indicated that the changes are to provide options for early graduation for students that might drop out due to boredom and allow a 16- or 17-year-old to graduate.

Once the discussion ceased, Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion second and vote to adjourn.

At this point, Brigitte Ramsey moved to adjourn the committee meeting and Jay Parrent second the motion. The motion carried.

#### **XVI. Approval of Action/Consent Items (Full Board Meeting Resumes)**

Chair Kareem indicated that the board needs to approve the action/consent items that appear on the agenda. He asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board Appointment and the Appointment to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board Appointment and the Appointment to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

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

Chair David Kareem asked for the committee chair's report on action/discussion items.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler then moved that the board approve 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services; the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plan for FY14; and Amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Since the motion came from a committee, no second was required.

Chair Kareem asked for discussion on the motion.

Judy Gibbons then moved to pull 704 KAR 3:390 out of the motion and consider it separately. Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion and it carried with Jonathan Parrent voting no.

At this point, the board voted on approval of the Carl D. Perkins Plan for FY14 and Amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The items were approved.

**Motion Passed:** Approval to pull out 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services from consideration in the motion and consider it separately and then vote only on approving the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Plan for FY14 and Amending the attendance policies for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf passed with a motion by Ms. Judy Gibbons.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	No
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Next, Mary Gwen Wheeler moved approval of 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services and Jonathan Parrent seconded the motion.

Judy Gibbons noted that the way the regulation is crafted, it penalizes districts with needs that are trying very hard to improve.

Commissioner Holliday pointed out that the challenges these districts face can be addressed through Title I dollars.

Bill Twyman asked if the new formula produced more districts having a negative impact or positive impact.

Commissioner Holliday responded that it produces more districts with positive impact.

Brigitte Ramsey indicated that she was conflicted about the regulation's formula as well but said the impact seems to be minimal for districts and economic deprivation is rated higher in the formula along with using an accountability model that is more comprehensive. She said she would support the regulation.

Mary Gwen Wheeler added that Jefferson County will experience the most impact from this change but felt if Flexible Focus Funds are restored, the district could target these for the purpose of needs in those schools with a high rate of economic deprivation.

At this point, the question was called and the motion carried with Judy Gibbons voting no.

**Subsidiary Motion Passed:** Approval of 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Mr. Jonathan Parrent.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
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Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	No
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

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

Chair Kareem asked Committee Chair Roger Marcum to report on the Management Committee's action/discussion items.

Marcum moved on behalf of the committee to approve 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members and Requests for Waivers of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Daviess and Webster Counties and Paris and Williamstown Independents. No second was needed since the motion came from a committee.

Kareem then asked for a vote on the motion.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members and Requests for Waivers of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Daviess and Webster Counties and Paris and Williamstown Independents passed with a motion by Mr. Roger Marcum.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

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

No questions came forward on this agenda item.

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

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked what plans exist for raising the percentage of minorities employed at the ATCs.

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai said the department is actively recruiting to fill principal vacancies but explained that it is sometimes very difficult attracting minority candidates to rural areas.

## **XXI. Board Member Sharing**

No items were brought forward for this agenda item.

## **XXII. Internal Board Business**

### **XXII.A. Determination of time for board's discussion of commissioner's self evaluation during October meeting**

Chair Karem stated that the board needs to set aside time at the October meeting to review and discuss the commissioner's self-evaluation. He noted his preference to be for it to occur on the evening of Oct. 7 prior to the Oct. 8 regular meeting.

By consensus, the board agreed to set this session on the evening of Oct. 7.

### **XXII.B. Ratification of NASBE dues payment**

Chair Karem indicated that the board is being asked to ratify the payment of the dues to the National Association of State Boards of Education and noted that all members were previously consulted about the matter and concurred about paying the dues. He asked for a motion, second and vote on this matter.

**Motion Passed:** Approval to ratify the payment of the National Association of State Boards of Education dues passed with a motion by Mr. Roger Marcum and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

### **XXIII. Litigation Report**

No discussion of the Litigation Report was requested.

### **XXIV. Election of Board Officers for 2013-14 (Action/Discussion Item)**

Chair David Karem asked the Nominating Committee Chair, Jonathan Parrent, to make a report from his committee meeting.

Parrent said the committee met on the afternoon of August 7 and discussed the consultation with other board members on the characteristics that the chair and vice chair of the board should possess. Following that discussion, he reported that the committee went into closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss specific names to consider for these offices. Parrent said that after the closed session, the committee in open session moved to recommend Roger Marcum as chair for 2013-14 and he so moved.

Karem then asked for a vote on the motion.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Roger Marcum as chair for 2013-14 passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Ms. Judy Gibbons.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Next, Chair Karem congratulated Roger Marcum as the new chair and asked Committee Chair Parrent for a motion on the vice chair position.

Parrent reported that the committee is recommending Brigitte Ramsey as vice chair for 2013-14 and he so moved.

Chair Karem asked for a vote on the motion.

**Subsidiary Motion Passed:** Approval of Brigitte Ramsey as vice chair for 2013-14 passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes



Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Karem then congratulated Ms. Ramsey. He also shared that he has thoroughly enjoyed being chair of the board and looks forward to continuing service as a member. Karem noted he has incredible respect for Commissioner Holliday for his leadership and for his fellow board members who put children first in their decisions. He continued that he has been particularly impressed with the work of Kevin Brown, Mary Ann Miller and Susan Palmer as they have supported his work as chair. Karem then turned the gavel over to the new chair, Roger Marcum.

Marcum asked Brigitte Ramsey if she would like to make remarks. She stated that David Karem's leadership has been second to none and she has been honored to serve with him.

Roger Marcum then thanked the nominating committee for their confidence in Brigitte Ramsey and him. He also thanked David Karem and noted David to be one of his heroes with his work on the Kentucky Education Reform Act and then for his work on this board. Marcum continued that two issues stand out to him as the board goes forward: adequacy of funding and building strong partnerships in implementing reform to help deal with some push back from critics. He added that the board has a great leader in Commissioner Holliday and said he looks forward to working with him.

## **XXV. Adjournment**

Board Chair Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to adjourn.

**Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler.

Dr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Judy Gibbons	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Brigitte Ramsey	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

The meeting was adjourned.