

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## STAFF NOTE

### **Action/Consent Item:**

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointments

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 167.037

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education appoint the individuals recommended below to the Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board?

### **History/Background:**

**Existing Policy.** KRS 167.037 requires a KSD Advisory Board to be established. The Board is to be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) upon the recommendation of the Chief State School Officer (Commissioner of Education). The purpose of the board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Education concerning all areas relating to the effective operation of the school.

The membership shall be statewide and consist of:

- Two (2) parents of deaf children
- One (1) professional in education of the deaf
- One (1) former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf
- One (1) member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf
- Two (2) members representing school districts
- Two (2) members at-large

The KSD Advisory Board has not fully functioned for a number of years and needs to be reactivated.

### **Staff Recommendation and Rationale:**

Staff recommends the appointment of the following six (6) individuals.

Name	Representing
Christina Nymo-Yance	Parents of deaf children
Debbie Haydon	Professional in education of the deaf
Jennifer Harris	Former student of KSD
Sharon White	Member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf

Michelle Gadberry	School districts
Mike Lafavers	School districts

Nominations were sought from the groups specified in KRS 167.037 and the public. The six recommended individuals meet the criteria for appointment.

Additional nominations will be sought to fill the remaining vacancies on the KSD Advisory Board, and staff recommendations will come before the KBE in June.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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