

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

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

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board Appointment

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

KRS 167.035

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of Brandi Hitzelberger to the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board?

### **History/Background:**

*Existing Policy.* KRS 167.035 allows the Kentucky Board of Education to appoint a five-member Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer. The charge to the KSB Advisory Board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership in conducting the activities of the school.

At this time, the term of KSB Advisory Board Member Jayne Seif has expired and a replacement needs to be approved. Per the guidelines for the operation of the KSB Advisory Board, the member must be replaced with a “Parent of a Currently-Enrolled Student.” Requests for nominations were sent to all parents of current students. The nomination of Brandi Hitzelberger was received and reviewed by KSB leadership and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) administrators.

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

Staff recommends that Brandi Hitzelberger be appointed to the KSB Advisory Board. Mrs. Hitzelberger has a son who will be entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in August 2013 at KSB and who has been a student at KSB since kindergarten. She has previously been a volunteer board member of the Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) agency and has also served on their Education Committee. Mrs. Hitzelberger has also been a member of the finance/giving committee at Middletown Christian Church, the Taste of Oaks Committee with Cardinal Hill Easter Seals, and served on the Governor’s Cup and Tennis Ball Committee with VIPS.

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