

# **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 Mr. Mike Flynn 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 terms of KSB Advisory Board members representing a community business and a school district are vacant. Per the guidelines for the operation of the KSB Advisory Board, the positions must be filled with individuals representing those stakeholder groups. Nominations were received and reviewed by KSB leadership and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff. At this time, staff are bringing forward the nomination of the community business person only. Mr. Mike Flynn is being recommended for appointment. He works for Benefit Focus, a local company, and is also a parent. Mr. Flynn would be representing Community Business. A school district nominee will be presented at the February KBE meeting.

Additionally, KRS 167.037 requires that there be established a Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board. The board is to be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. KDE is currently in the process of soliciting nominations for the KSD Advisory Board and those will be presented to the KBE at its February 2014 meeting.

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

Staff recommends that Mike Flynn be appointed to the KSB Advisory Board. Mr. Flynn meets the requirements for appointment as a community business person.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Qualified individuals are essential as KSB Advisory Board members to assist school leadership in school decision making.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**Date:**

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