

**Kentucky Board of Education
June 4, 2014**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 04, 2014, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Nominating Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m. (EDT)

I.A. Recommendation of new vice chair for the remainder of 2013-14

I.A.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair David Karem called the Nominating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. He indicated the purpose of the meeting was for the committee to come to agreement on a recommendation for a new vice chair of the board due to Brigitte Ramsey's resignation and said this recommendation would be forwarded to the full board later today.

I.A.2. Roll Call

Committee Chair Karem then asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll.

Grayson Boyd, Nawanna Privett and David Karem were present for the meeting.

I.A.3. Discussion of characteristics needed for a new vice chair

Chair Karem asked the committee members to share characteristics the new vice chair needs to possess that were gathered from their conversations with other board members. He began by saying the person must have a passion for education and a desire for students to be college- and career-ready.

Nawanna Privett added that the person must be willing to speak publicly on behalf of the board and Grayson Boyd shared that he/she must be able to step in for the chair when necessary.

I.A.4. Closed session to discuss personnel per KRS 61.810(f) (Action/Discussion Item)

At this point, Chair Karem asked for a motion to enter into closed session to discuss specific personnel for vice chair per KRS 61.810(f).

Nawanna Privett so moved and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

I.A.5. Open session resumed (Action/Discussion Item)

The committee came out of closed session and the chair indicated no action was taken during the closed session. He also noted that the committee came out of closed session on a motion by Grayson Boyd and a second by Nawanna Privett that carried.

I.A.6. Approval of recommendation of the committee to the full board for a new vice chair (Action/Discussion)

At this point, Chair Karem asked if a committee member had a motion relative to recommending a new vice chair.

Grayson Boyd moved that the committee recommend Jay Parrent to the full board as the new vice chair and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. It carried.

I.A.7. Adjournment of committee meeting (Action/Discussion Item)

With no further business to conduct, Nawanna Privett moved to adjourn and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

II. Call to Order, Full Board Session - June 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. (EDT)

Chair Roger Marcum called the full board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET. He reminded the participants that the materials could be found on the board's online materials site.

Marcum went on to thank Brigitte Ramsey and Judy Gibbons for their service on the board and noted they will be missed. He also thanked Commissioner Holliday for getting the materials to the board in a timely manner and for David Wickersham's and Robin Chandler's extra hours spent in preparing the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370.

III. Roll Call

Chair Marcum then asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll.

Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM:

Present Board Members:

- Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter
- Mr. Grayson Boyd
- Mr. Leo Calderon
- Mr. David Karem
- Mr. Roger Marcum
- Mr. Jonathan Parrent
- Ms. Nawanna Privett
- Mr. William Twyman
- Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler

IV. Approval of Minutes from the April 8-9, 2014, Regular Meeting

Chair Marcum asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 8-9, 2014, regular meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of the April 8-9, 2014 meeting minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Mr. Jonathan Parrent.

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

V. Report of the Nominating Committee by Chair David Karem (Review Item) and Election of New KBE Vice-Chair (Action/Discussion Item) - 10-minute presentation/discussion

Nominating Committee Chair David Karem reported that the committee met this morning at 8:30 a.m. to first discuss the characteristics needed by a new vice chair of the board. He said that those included having a passion for public education, supporting every student being college- and career-ready, and being able to step in for the chair when needed. Karem continued that the committee then went into closed session to discuss candidates for vice chair and when the members returned to open session, a recommendation was approved to bring forward to the full board. He thanked Nawanna Privett and Grayson Boyd for their work on the committee and then moved on behalf of the Nominating Committee to elect Jay Parrent as the new vice chair of the board.

Motion Passed: Approval of Jay Parrent as the new vice chair of the board passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem.

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

VI. Introduction of New KDE Employees by the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Terry Holliday introduced the following new Kentucky Department of Education employees:

- Amanda Ellis, Associate Commissioner, Office of Next Generation Learners

- Stacy Liguori, Administrative Specialist III, Division of Next Generation Professionals, Office of Next Generation Learners
- Laura Noe, Systems Consultant IT, Division of District Support, Office of Administration and Support
- Malaika Williams, Education Administration Program Consultant I, Division of Student Success, Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts
- Brenna Kelly, Information Officer, Division of Communications, Office of Guiding Support Services
- Elias Cecil, Network Analyst II, Division of Operations and Services, Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services
- Liz Jacobs, Intern in the Office of Guiding Support Services, University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law. She graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.A. in Paralegal Science.

The Commissioner then introduced the following KDE Next Generation Student Council Members:

- Zachary Creekmore, Whitley County High School (rising 12th grade student)
- Guyron Spalding, Bardstown High School, Bardstown Independent (2014 graduate)

VII. Report of the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Secretary Tom Zawacki indicated he would take questions on his written report; however, none were posed.

VIII. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

President Robert King noted how successful the board's and Commissioner Holliday's efforts have been in getting school districts to graduate students ready for college work because students are now prepared at two times the rate as those that are under-prepared. He went on to say that for students who are still under-prepared, there are a lot of available remedial activities universities are offering.

Bill Twyman asked if the Council on Postsecondary Education is tracking data on the college retention rate.

President King responded affirmatively.

Leo Calderon then commented that often times there is much focus on the first year of the college experience but he indicated that if we want more students to graduate, a holistic approach is necessary to focus on the total years students are in college until they graduate.

President King replied that he and his staff are discussing this with the college presidents and suggesting other strategies to consider when something does not work for a student. He shared that they are even looking at data to find out what parts of a course give students difficulty plus looking for different ways to present the content.

Next, Mary Gwen Wheeler asked what is being done to counter the reduction in the college going rate.

President King responded that the rate seems to be stable at the four-year institutions but indicated the Council is working with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and Gear-Up to work with students on pursuing college as their next step.

Roger Marcum added that the media is focusing on whether college is economically worth it for students.

King replied that the “15 to Finish” program is one strategy being used to combat that conversation.

IX. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board

Executive Director Robert Brown made the following points:

- The work to merge the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) is continuing. He indicated that Associate Commissioners Amanda Ellis and Susan Allred have been very helpful in this process. He also thanked Donna Brockman, Todd Baldwin and staff from the Council on Postsecondary Education for their collaboration on this work.
- At a recent national meeting, a speaker stated that there are many performance assessments available to assess teacher performance; however, the speaker advised that the most effective type of assessment must focus on what happens in teacher preparation, the clinical experience, induction and throughout a teacher's career as part of the same system. He noted this is what Kentucky is developing and thus, the speaker validated Kentucky is on the right track with its system.

Bill Twyman then asked about the funding of KTIP as well as the ratio of resource teachers to interns.

Brown responded that no reduction in funding occurred and said that the ratio of resource teachers to interns has remained the same.

X. Report of the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Holliday commented that he thought board members may have questions on the item in his report on the timeline for science testing. He explained that when teachers start teaching the new science standards, they need a full year before students are tested on these; however, Holliday pointed out that SB 1 and the U.S. Department of Education require testing on the standards at least annually. He continued that this is complicated by the fact that the current state test is not aligned to the new science standards. Thus, Holliday said a one-year grace period is needed for elementary science with science at the other levels still administered through EXPLORE, PLAN, ACT and high school end-of-course testing. He stated that it would take 18 months to develop a new science test and by removing the fourth and eighth grade tests for one year, enough dollars would be available to develop the new test.

Mary Gwen Wheeler said there was a similar situation for English/language arts and math but noted we continued to give the old tests. She felt that if students were taught the new standards, they would do even better on the old test and emphasized the board should weigh in on this policy decision.

Commissioner Holliday responded that science is a very different kind of assessment and that teachers definitely need a year to unpack the standards and develop curriculum. He went on to say the new test will be technology-based and may even be at different grade levels. Holliday said this policy decision is based on feedback from principals and teachers who prefer eliminating some of the pressure that will be caused by this dramatic change. Additionally, he pointed out, without setting aside the grades 4 and 8 K-PREP science tests, no money is available to develop the new test.

Roger Marcum then shared that he supported this policy decision and the rationale for it.

Jay Parrent said he agreed but asked for an explanation of how accountability would be distributed.

Associate Commissioner Ken Draut replied that when a missing weight exits, that amount is then shifted across the other areas.

Bill Twyman also was supportive of this direction and the rationale for it.

At this point, Mary Gwen Wheeler moved to support the commissioner's decision to take a year off from the grades 4 and 8 K-PREP science testing so that a world class science test could be developed. Nawanna Privett seconded the motion and it carried.

XI. Good News Items

The following items of "Good News" were presented during this segment of the meeting by the noted persons:

- Grayson Boyd - Noel Crum, principal at Johnson Central High School, was presented with the Forward in the Fifth's 2014 Appalachian Leaders in Education K-12 Administrator Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of Johnson County students. Crum was characterized as one who strives to help students become life-long learners in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.

Join me in congratulating Mr. Crum on receiving this honor and for his outstanding work with students.

- Leo Calderon - Jason McGlone, principal of Prichard Elementary in Carter County, has been named Kentucky's National Distinguished Principal by the Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals. It was said of him that his biggest asset is the culture and climate of high expectations he creates for himself and staff. Jason will go on to compete for the National Distinguished Principal Award in Washington, D.C.

Join me in congratulating Jason for being chosen for this outstanding honor!

- Nawanna Privett - One Kentucky school was among 48 schools nationwide that have been named 2014 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools.

Kentucky's National Green Ribbon School is Wellington Elementary in Fayette County.

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is a federal recognition program that started in September 2011. The program honors schools that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of students and staff; and providing effective environmental and sustainability education, which incorporates STEM, civic skills and green career pathways.

Join me in congratulating Wellington Elementary on receiving this honor!

- Bill Twyman - A state team attended the Readiness Matters: State Collaboration for Success Conference on May 5-7 that focused on ensuring English Language Learners become college- and career-ready. The team included Representative Mike Stone, Mike Bartlett of the Governor's Office, Skip Cleavinger from Warren County representing Title III Coordinators, Superintendent Lonnie Burgett of Mayfield Independent, and Bill Twyman of the Kentucky Board of Education. KDE Division Director Johnny Collett provided great leadership to the team and support was provided by Denise Bailey and Gary Martin. Kentucky had one of the most complete and impressive teams there. The team developed the following goals:
 - Improving Communication
 - Providing More and Better Resources
 - Delivering Differentiated Technical Assistance and Support
 - Ensuring Assessments are Accessible and Providing Appropriate Accommodations

XII. Public Comment Segment

Emmanuel Anama, World Language Teacher from Harlan County High School, spoke to the board about the importance of moving ahead with the implementation of the World Language Program Review.

XIII. The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky Update (Review item) - Executive Director Barbara Bellissimo and Board Chair Billy Harper - 20-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: All Priorities)

Coming forward for this agenda item were Barbara Bellissimo, Executive Director of The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky and Board President Billy Harper. KDE Division Director David Cook accompanied them to the presenters' table.

Billy Harper made the following introductory remarks:

- If one looks at how the organization came about, Commissioner Holliday felt that in order for Kentucky to continue being a leader in innovation and change, some additional support would be needed. Thus, he met with the state Chamber of Commerce and through their efforts, Jim Wiseman was brought in to organize "The Fund".
- An outstanding group was assembled as the board of directors.
- The organization is designed to support the work of the Kentucky Department of Education in its effort to better support education in the state. The goal is to bring outside funding to the state to focus on innovation and change in education.
- Barbara Bellissimo was hired as the first Executive Director and has been the right choice for the job. She held a similar position in California and is moving the work of the organization forward.

Ms. Bellissimo then shared the following through a PowerPoint presentation:

- Mission - The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky (The Fund) recruits, coordinates and supports expertise and resources to inspire and scale innovation and excellence in Kentucky's public schools, resulting in a better future for all of our children.
- Vision - Kentucky's public education system will be transformed in such a way that we will have effective leaders in every school, effective educators in every classroom, and thoroughly engaged parents, resulting in our high school graduates consistently ranking among the best in the nation in terms of college and career readiness.
- 2013 Accomplishments:
 - Secured over \$3 million in multi-year grants
 - Built a solid relationship with our key funder, and began to discuss possible additional investments
 - Recruited a board of directors with broad and deep expertise in and support for Kentucky's public education system
 - Hired staff with outstanding sets of skills and backgrounds
 - Completed The Fund's first strategic plan
 - Created and maintained successful relationships with all local and national partners involved in The Fund's initiatives and positioned The Fund as the entity to ensure accountability
- 2014 Goals:
 - Current Initiatives -
 - *Teacher Engagement
 - *Common Assignment
 - New Initiatives -
 - *Innovation Initiative
 - *Transforming Teaching & Leading
 - *Communications/Awareness Raising
 - *Student Engagement
 - *Competency-based Learning
 - *Campaign for Innovation in Education
 - *Raise \$3M by the end of 2016 for the Innovation Fund, Breakthrough Schools and Capacity Building
- The organization, board of directors and supporters were provided.

At this point, Mary Gwen Wheeler stated that as the Kentucky Board of Education's representative on the board of "The Fund", she had initial questions on how such an organization might work; however, she noted that she now understands how major change in education can occur through "The Fund" and commented that resources can simply be requested to carry out ideas found to have merit. Wheeler emphasized that it is important to spread the word that "The Fund" is a vehicle for transformation.

Bill Twyman then asked how the organization communicated both internally and externally.

Ms. Bellissimo replied that internally the communication is with the Kentucky Department of Education through David Cook. Externally, she indicated communication is just starting using both social media and traditional media.

President Robert King added that when he came to Kentucky, nothing like this organization was available. He commented that the Governor and legislature are somewhat limited with what they can do relative to innovation due to the bureaucracy and pointed out that philanthropy is necessary.

Billy Harper went on to say that within the state of Kentucky, people do not know what good things are going on in education but stated that out-of-state it is well-known. He indicated "The Fund" wants to help remedy that situation.

XIV. Timing of World Language Program Review Implementation (Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)

Coming forward for this agenda item were Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Division Director Karen Kidwell. Dr Ellis set the context by talking about what had happened up to this point with the World Language Program Review. Karen Kidwell then provided the following staff recommendation for moving forward:

1. All high schools in all districts will pilot the World Language Program Review (WL PR) in 2014-15, entering information and evidence in ASSIST to set their baseline.
2. High schools will be held accountable for the World Language Program Review in 2015-16.
3. All elementary and middle schools in all districts in 2014-2015, under the leadership of school-based decision making councils, will answer the questions in the World Language Program Review template in ASSIST but will not upload evidences which would provide a needs assessment and baseline data. This would provide each elementary and middle school the opportunity to become more familiar with the rubric itself, examine current practices, identify needs, and create a stronger programmatic improvement plan PRIOR to the required statewide pilot/baseline setting year. These schools also will answer two questions around what resources (time, training, human, fiscal) are necessary to implement the WL PR in 2015-2016. This will be key information that the KDE can use in planning supports for the successful implementation of this program review.
4. Elementary and middle schools would be given the option to use the current World Language Program Review rubric to upload evidences as a 2014-15 "informational pilot".

They would be using that information to more fully inform program planning and improvements for 2015-16. All information entered could be maintained for the statewide pilot year (2015-16), with the need to only update changes as new evidence is produced. 703 KAR 5:230 requires piloting in 2014-15 and the board would need to waive this requirement.

5. Elementary and middle schools would be held accountable for their WL PRs in 2016-17. 703 KAR 5:230 requires accountability to occur in 2015-16 and the board would need to waive this requirement.

Jonathan Parrent then asked who was consulted on this proposal.

Ms. Kidwell responded that the Superintendents Advisory Council, schools and districts that piloted the World Language Program Review and two pilot reviews conducted in two different education cooperatives were consulted.

Parrent went on to ask if staff had any idea how many world language programs exist at the elementary and middle school levels.

Kidwell replied that at this point, the information is anecdotal and needs collecting.

Nawanna Privett commended staff on the proposed timeline and felt it meets the needs of teachers.

President Robert King asked if a sufficient core of teachers exists for world languages.

Ms. Kidwell replied that more teachers would be appreciated within the state but noted that technology can be used for this purpose as well. She stated that staff needs to have more conversations with higher education about world language and social studies teachers.

At this point, David Karem emphasized he was not happy with the proposal because the need to proceed with this work has been known about for years and more delay is not needed.

Grayson Boyd asked to confirm that superintendents were against proceeding with this work.

Kidwell clarified that the concern is mostly at the elementary and middle school levels.

Amanda Ellis pointed out that this conversation is also about global competency and cultural appreciation as well as world languages.

Mr. Karem stated he appreciated that point and agreed.

Commissioner Holliday indicated that he hopes the board sees the proposal as a compromise that still pushes the agenda ahead. He stated that he will be asking Secretary Zawacki, Governor Beshear and others to come together around a statement on global competence to help rekindle this focus. Holliday also announced \$200,000 in grant funding for elementary and middle schools to help plan for implementation of world language/global competency. He clarified that superintendents are not against this but want resources available to support the work.

Secretary Zawacki added that he worked for Toyota for over 20 years and at first the U.S. workforce scurried to learn Japanese; but, he went on to say as time passed, the cultural elements became more important. He felt that Kentucky needs to look at nations with strong economies and focus on them.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked if those elementary and middle schools that do move forward could receive recognition.

Amanda Ellis replied affirmatively.

Roger Marcum commented that he supported the compromise and felt it is good news to have a timeline and plan to move the work forward. He asked for a motion, second and vote on this agenda item.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Recommendation on Timing of the World Language Program Review Implementation passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

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

XV. Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 20-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Professionals)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis came forward for this agenda item. She reminded the board that it approved the new regulation for the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) in April and that it is moving through the public hearing and legislative committee process. She indicated that staff are restructuring the website related to this regulation to make it more useful for schools and districts and reported that in April, the site got between 56,000 to 57,000 hits and in May 55,000. Ellis noted that the research phase is ongoing and interviews have occurred with that information to be reported to the board in August. She stated that a simulcast called "PGES4Me" will occur free of charge on July 21 with multiple locations. Ellis continued that the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program and PGES training is underway, and the Certified Evaluation Plans are under development and review with technical assistance being offered on these. She pointed out that the education cooperatives and the Kentucky Association of School Administrators are offering free training modules.

Nawanna Privett then asked what themes are showing up in the hits on the website.

Dr. Ellis replied that the predominant themes are the implementation guide, the other professionals framework and student growth.

Next, Mary Gwen Wheeler inquired about a common instrument for the student voice portion.

Ellis responded that there is a free survey available for grades 3-12 and a new survey is being crafted for grades K-2. She noted that the teachers from the pilot will soon be sharing their recommendations relative to this item and that feedback will come to the board.

Bill Twyman asked if KTIP is part of PGES.

Dr. Ellis replied that KTIP is being integrated into PGES so there will be one system.

XVI. Hearing Officer's Report (Review and Action/Discussion Items) - General Counsel and Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown - 30-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Professionals and KDE Support and Guiding Processes)
XVI.A. Report on Status of Regulations (Review Item)

General Counsel Kevin Brown summarized the status of the board's regulations as they proceed through the public hearing and legislative review process. He said that the written report is posted on the board's online materials site and that it notes the Kentucky High School Athletic Association regulation received no comments and will go to the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee in June. As to the regulation on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System, Brown reported that several written comments have been received and a Statement of Consideration has been prepared for the board's consideration. He then asked David Wickersham and Amanda Ellis to come forward to talk about the comments that were received.

XVI.B. Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370 (Action/Discussion Item)

Assistant General Counsel David Wickersham and Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis were present to discuss the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370. Mr. Wickersham went through the comments that were submitted along with the staff's recommendations on how to respond to the comments.

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:370 passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes

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

XVII. 2013 Report, 2013 Exceptions and 2015 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members (Action/Discussion Item) - KSBA Director of Board Team Development Kerri Schelling - 20-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kerri Schelling, KSBA Director of Board Development, came forward for this topic. She went through the report, plan and extension requests for the local board members.

Chair Marcum asked if on page 8 of the staff note if some of these local board members have earned additional hours and Schelling responded affirmatively.

General Counsel Kevin Brown pointed out that there are no repeat board members this time asking for more time so the extension could be granted to all.

At this point, Marcum asked for a motion to approve the report, plan and extension requests.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2013 Report, 2013 Exceptions and 2015 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members passed with a motion by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

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

XVIII. Presentation of the Joseph W. Kelly Award (11:45 a.m.)

Prior to starting the award presentation, Chair Marcum announced that the next item on the agenda was the recognition of the Joseph W. Kelly Award winners. He noted that lunch would follow this presentation and then the full board meeting would resume at 1:00 p.m. in the State Board Room.

Next, Chair Marcum presented the Joseph W. Kelly Award to two recipients, Darrell Higginbotham, president of Independence Bank in Owensboro and Mark Shirkness, the general manager of General Electric (GE) Appliances Distribution Services in Louisville.

XIX. Lunch in Honor of the Joseph W. Kelly Award Winner - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (EDT) - First Floor Conference Room (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and Commissioner's Planning Committee only)

The board recessed for lunch in honor of the Joseph W. Kelly Award winners.

XX. Strategic Plan Update (Review Item) - Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd - 30-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priorities: All Priorities) (1:00 p.m. EDT)

Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd came forward and went through the department's research plan. She asked for feedback from the board on the plan.

Bill Twyman inquired if once per year is adequate for measurement on progress.

Dodd responded that it was not adequate and said that is what the research plan is all about. She emphasized that she is really pushing staff on how they know we are making progress.

Trevor Bonnsetter stated that this presentation has been very helpful but asked for an indication that would show the board if something is not working and how that was handled.

Commissioner Holliday replied that this could be addressed through the stocktake process.

Next, Mary Gwen Wheeler indicated that she, too, felt the presentation had been very helpful but said the successful transition to postsecondary education should be a question on which to focus.

Ms. Dodd replied that a lot of conversation is occurring around this topic and stated that staff will be going deeper on this element.

Commissioner Holliday added that the department is working with the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics to track students into postsecondary and get workforce data. He went on to say that teacher preparation and how to hold that system accountable as teachers transition to school districts is another issue to consider. Holliday said that the impact of these issues on the accountability model will be a discussion that will occur with the state board as well as other education constituencies.

XXI. Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance (Review Item) - Associate Commissioners Hiren Desai and Kelly Foster - 10-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioners Hiren Desai and Kelly Foster came forward for this topic. Desai reported that the work in these districts is going well overall. He stated that in Fleming County, the board chair has resigned as well as the superintendent. Desai said that the commissioner will appoint a replacement for the board member and that KSBA will be engaged to conduct a superintendent search. Additionally, he indicated that a technology plan will come forward by the next state board meeting.

Bill Twyman asked when the vacancies will be filled.

Desai replied that the board member vacancy will be filled during July and the superintendent vacancy by August 1.

Relative to Robertson County, Desai reported that a new superintendent has been selected and things are going well. Kelly Foster added that relative to their special education audit, the affected teachers are involved in professional development.

XXII. Status Update on Breathitt County School District (Review Item) - Associate Commissioners Hiren Desai and Kelly Foster - 5-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai reported that on May 19-20, Associate Commissioner Susan Allred headed at team of department staff that conducted a comprehensive audit of Breathitt County. He said that the report is being written and will go to the commissioner, with the results of the audit determining the commissioner's recommendation as to whether state management will continue or not. Desai stated that the recommendation will be known by the board's August meeting and explained that if the recommendation is to continue state management, a hearing date will need to be set on this matter.

Leo Calderon then asked about how the district is doing relative to progress.

Desai replied that progress has occurred but the question will be whether enough progress has been made to discontinue state management. Kelly Foster added that an additional question is whether the progress is sustainable.

At this point, Chair Marcum announced that the board would now move to committee meetings with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee meeting occurring first followed by the Management Committee meeting. He said that the full board would resume its meeting upon the conclusion of the Management Committee meeting.

XXIII. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting, 1:45 p.m. (EDT) (Tentative Start Time)

XXIII.A. Action/Consent Items

XXIII.A.1. Appointments to the State Textbook Commission (Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis came forward for this topic. She summarized the make-up of the commission. Division Director Karen Kidwell then talked about the recommendations for appointment and asked the committee to approve staff's recommendations.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve staff's recommendations.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the appointments of Cynthia R. Houston and Vasco Perry to the State Textbook Commission passed with a motion by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII.A.2. Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Appointment (Next Generation Learners)

Dr. Amanda Ellis explained that staff is recommending to appoint a new member to the committee and summarized the purpose of the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee.

Karen Kidwell then added that the group provides active support for the Writing Program Review, standards implementation and best practices.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the appointment to the committee.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the appointment of Wesley Cooper to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee passed with a motion by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII.A.3. Certification of Non-Public Schools (Next Generation Schools/Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster reviewed the process that is used for the certification of non-public schools by the state board along with listing the accepted accrediting bodies. She indicated this process has been used since 1992 and is done in collaboration with the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission on an annual basis.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the submitted schools.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the certification of the submitted non-public schools passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes

Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler Yes

XXIII.B. Action/Discussion Items

XXIII.B.1. 2014-15 Preschool Funding Process and Funding Rates (Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis, Division Director Karen Kidwell and Branch Manager Bill Buchanan came forward for this item. Ellis noted that this item comes before the board annually and explained the population that the program serves as well as the program weights. She stated that staff is asking for approval of the proposed weights found on page two of the staff note.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler then asked about how the rates were calculated as well as the relationship between the weights and how many children are served.

Bill Buchanan explained that the way the rates are calculated has changed as well as the reasons for that change.

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai joined the staff who were at the presenters' table and explained that there has been no change in the amount of dollars allocated for preschool but noted the number of students served has gone down.

Wheeler then asked why the number served has gone down.

Bill Buchanan replied that the way the data is collected has shifted as well as the Response to Intervention program doing a better job of accurately identifying students with disabilities.

Ms. Wheeler then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the new rates.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the 2014-15 Preschool Funding Rates passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Mr. Jonathan Parrent.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter Yes

Mr. Jonathan Parrent Yes

Ms. Nawanna Privett Yes

Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler Yes

XXIII.B.2. Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures (state-operated area technology centers) (Next Generation Schools/Districts)

Associate Commissioner Dale Winkler came forward for this item. He explained that the Office of Career and Technical Education manages the Kentucky Technical School System and that the policies and procedures for this system needed updating. He said that staff worked with the Kentucky School Boards Association to accomplish this work and that the updates will be accessible online for the schools once approved. Winkler noted that the changes were reviewed by the various interested constituencies.

Nawanna Privett asked about the board's responsibility relative to these centers.

Winkler replied that these centers are under the Kentucky Board of Education's jurisdiction.

Mary Gwen Wheeler added that the accountability for a student goes back to the student's home high school. She then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the new policies and procedures.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures (state-operated area technology centers) passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII.B.3. Request from Metcalfe County to waive Sections 4(4) and 5(2) of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director David Cook came forward for this item. He said that the current regulation requires that every student in this program have a minimum of two (2) visits a week with a minimum of one (1) hour of instruction per visit, by a teacher provided by the local board of education. Cook explained that Metcalfe County is asking if the instruction could occur through an online/digital means and is just requesting relief from this one requirement.

Nawanna Privett asked for some language that would convey to the district that face-to-face contact is encouraged.

Mary Gwen Wheeler added that the district needs to understand that this decision is to be made student by student. With these caveats in mind, Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the waiver request.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Request from Metcalfe County to waive Sections 4(4) and 5(2) of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII.C. Review Items

XXIII.C.1. 703 KAR 5:250, Intervention Options in Priority Schools & Districts (1st Reading) & 703 KAR 5:121, Repeal of 703 KAR 5:120, Assistance to schools; guidelines for scholastic

audit & 5:180 Intervention system for persistently low-achieving schools (1st Reading) (Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster explained that the department moved from the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement to the AdvancED standards and noted 703 KAR 5:250 needed to be revised to reflect that change as well as the use of these standards in the ESEA waiver. She said the regulations would come back to the board in August for approval.

Nawanna Privett asked if an analysis should be done to ensure everything that needs to be covered is being addressed with the standards.

Commissioner Holliday clarified that the department will not go back to using the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement because the AdvancED standards are more grounded in research.

Privett went on to ask if there is something within the AdvancED standards that could help those schools still in the low-performing category.

Foster replied that the leadership piece within the standards as well as the move to the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System can assist these schools.

XXIII.C.2. Textbook Flexibility (Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Division Director Karen Kidwell appeared before the committee on this topic. Ellis reminded that board that HB 235 provided funds for textbooks and asked Karen Kidwell to review the traditional process for selection as well as staff's proposal.

Ms. Kidwell explained that the Textbook Commission reviews all materials to see if they are aligned to the standards and noted this has not been occurring due to no funding for textbooks. Since districts are off of the regular cycle for adoption of textbooks and there are now funds for purchasing available, she said staff will be implementing an open process so that districts can choose the specific materials to meet their needs. Kidwell noted there are a suite of materials available to help them make selections. She added that it will shorten the process but will require district assurances to the department as selections are made.

At this point Committee Chair Wheeler said if there were no questions, she needed a motion, second and vote to adjourn. Nawanna Privett moved to adjourn and Jay Parrent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

XXIV. Management Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. (EDT) (Tentative Start Time)

XXIV.A. Action/Consent Items

XXIV.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Butler, Metcalfe, Nelson and Shelby Counties and Owensboro Independent (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Kay Kennedy indicated that all of the Local Planning Committee and local board votes on the submitted plans were unanimous and no controversy existed on these. She recommended approval.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the plans.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the New District Facility Plans for Butler, Metcalfe, Nelson and Shelby Counties and Owensboro Independent passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.A.2. District Facility Plan Amendment: Henderson County School District (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kay Kennedy reported that the basic change requested in the Henderson County amendment was that the elementary was changing from renovation status to new construction. She recommended approval of the amendment.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the amendment.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the District Facility Plan Amendment for Henderson County School District passed with a motion by Mr. Leo Calderon and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.A.3. Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 1:115, Section 2(2)(b) for Districts Receiving Training from Non-KSBA Providers (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Kay Kennedy explained that if local board members received training from non-KSBA providers, it requires approval by the department according to a process now in place due to a recent regulation change. However, she stated there were some instances that occurred prior to the change in the process making a waiver necessary so that the training can be officially counted to meet the required number of hours.

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai said that staff does not expect to ask for this kind of waiver again because the new process is now in place.

At this point, Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the waiver.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 1:115, Section 2(2)(b) for Districts Receiving Training from Non-KSBA Providers passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.B. Action/Discussion Items

XXIV.B.1. Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY 2015 Unmet Need for LEAs (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner David Couch and Division Director Mike Leadingham came forward for this topic. Couch stated that he had good news to report this year due to the increased funding passed by the General Assembly for technology purposes. He continued that once each year the board is asked to approve the unmet need and expenditure plan and pointed out there are two staff notes, one on each topic. Couch explained the unmet need and noted there are many funding sources available to address it thanks to the work of both internal and external folks during the legislative session. He said that Senator Givens and Representative Flood championed the push for increased funding and felt it was truly a team effort. Due to the increased funding, Couch stated that the bandwidth will be ten times what it was in the first year and even more the following year. He commented that the funding approach maximizes matching through KETS and the E-rate program with \$45 million in offers of assistance that will be matched by districts to equal \$90 million, plus the possibility of an additional \$157 million through E-rate if districts pursue this through the federally-required process.

At this point, Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the unmet need.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY 2015 Unmet Need for LEAs passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.B.2. FY 2015 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Expenditure Plan (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

As to the budget (expenditure plan), Associate Commissioner Couch stated that the staff note shows board members the different funding sources.

Committee Chair Twyman asked if any questions existed on the expenditure plan. Since none came forward, he requested a motion, second and vote to approve the plan.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the FY 2015 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Expenditure Plan passed with a motion by Mr. David Kareem and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.B.3. School district indirect cost rates for fiscal year 2014-2015 (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai explained that at the last meeting in April, the board approved most of the indirect cost rates. He stated that staff is asking for the approval of the remaining thirteen others at this point.

Division Director Kay Kennedy clarified that this completes the rates for all districts.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the remaining thirteen districts' rates.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the remaining thirteen school districts' indirect cost rates for fiscal year 2014-2015 passed with a motion by Mr. Grayson Boyd and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.B.4. 2015 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Kay Kennedy stated this item comes before the board once per year and said staff is recommending approval. She also gave the committee information on the propane powered bus pilot that had been requested.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote on the bus specifications.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the 2015 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses passed with a motion by Mr. Leo Calderon and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XXIV.C. Review Items

XXIV.C.1. 702 KAR 7:140, School Calendars (First Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Kay Kennedy reminded the committee members that the regulation includes two criteria for calendars, a minimum of 170 student attendance days and achievement of 1,062 instructional hours by the school district.

David Karem asked how the amount of Kentucky's days and hours compares to the nation.

Commissioner Holliday replied that it is fairly comparable with Kentucky being in the middle of the pack.

XXIV.C.2. 702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services (First Reading) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kay Kennedy reminded the committee members that HB 98 addressed the treatment of diabetes in schools and said updates to the regulation are necessary due to this legislation. In Section 1, she pointed out that changes were made allowing use of an electronic exam form and an electronic signature for the purpose of student records. Additionally, she noted that language was added to allow a school employee to administer the necessary medication. Kennedy said that language will be added before the regulation comes back in August to clarify when schools must have someone to administer the medication and on who will provide the training.

At this point, Committee Chair Twyman said a motion, second and vote to adjourn the meeting was needed. David Karem moved to adjourn and Leo Calderon seconded the motion. It carried.

XXV. Approval of Action/Consent Items (Voted on as a block) - Full Board Meeting Resumes

Chair Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve all action/consent items as a block.

Motion Passed: Approval of Appointments to the State Textbook Commission, Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Appointment, Certification of Non-Public Schools, New District Facility Plans for Butler, Metcalfe, Nelson and Shelby Counties and Owensboro Independent, District Facility Plan Amendment for Henderson County and Waiver Request of 702 KAR 1:115, Section 2(2)(b) for Districts Receiving Training from Non-KSBA Providers passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. William Twyman.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes

Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

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

On behalf of the committee, Management Committee Chair Bill Twyman moved to approve the KETS FY 2015 Unmet Need for LEAs, the FY 2015 KETS Expenditure Plan, the remaining 13 districts' indirect cost rates for FY 2014-15 and the 2015 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses.

Board Chair Roger Marcum then asked for a vote on the motion.

Motion Passed: Approval of the KETS FY 2015 Unmet Need for LEAs, the FY 2015 KETS Expenditure Plan, the remaining 13 districts' indirect cost rates for FY 2014-15 and the 2015 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses passed with a motion by Mr. William Twyman.

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

XXVII. Report of the Curriculum Committee on Action/Discussion Items

On behalf of the committee, Curriculum Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler moved approval of the 2014-15 Preschool Funding Rates, the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures, and the Request from Metcalfe County to waive Sections 4(4) and 5(2) of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction.

Board Chair Roger Marcum then asked for a vote on the motion.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2014-15 Preschool Funding Rates, the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures, and the Request from Metcalfe County to waive Sections 4(4) and 5(2) of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler.

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

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

No questions came forward on the report.

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

No questions came forward on the report.

XXX. Board Member Sharing

The following items were shared by the noted board members:

- Roger Marcum - On April 26, he attended the 100th year anniversary of Hazel Green School which he graduated from when it was a high school. Marcum noted it is now an elementary school and has been serving students for 100 years. He gave a shout-out to Superintendent Doug Bennett, Principal Brad Mullins and his staff and Mrs. Hughes, his colleague and former social studies teacher, for a great celebration.
- Nawanna Privett - The KEAT reception will occur on June 10 in the State Reception Room at the Capitol to thank the Governor and legislature for their support during the session and recognize the commissioner for his leadership.

XXXI. Internal Board Business

Chair Marcum brought forward the following items of internal board business:

- The August meeting is for two days on August 6-7 with the retreat beginning on August 6 at 9 a.m.
- Approval is needed for Jay Parrent's travel to the CCSSO/NTEP Policymakers Summit in Tiburon, California on June 11-12 with costs being paid by CCSSO. Leo Calderon moved approval and Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion. It carried.
- The board needs to set a date for a possible hearing relative to Breathitt County State Management. It was agreed on through consensus to hold the hearing on August 26 at 9 a.m., if necessary.

XXXII. Litigation Report

No Litigation Report was requested.

XXXIII. Adjournment

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

Nawanna Privett moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Gwen Wheeler seconded the motion. It carried.