

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointments

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 167.035 and KRS 167.037

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education appoint the individuals recommended below to the KSB and KSD Advisory Boards, respectively?

History/Background:

Existing Policy - KSB. 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 board acts in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership in conducting the activities of the school.

Members shall represent each of the following role groups:

- Parent of currently-enrolled student
- Community business
- Consumer or alumnus
- School district or Special Education Cooperative
- At-large member from individuals or agencies that have a vested interest in education of students who are blind or visually-impaired

Staff Recommendation and Rationale for the KSB Advisory Board:

Staff recommends the appointment of the following individual to the KSB Advisory Board.

Name	Representing
Kim Taylor	School District

Ms. Taylor meets the criteria for appointment. The advisory board will be fully staffed with this appointment. Nominations were sought from groups required by KRS 167.035 and the public.

Existing Policy – KSD. 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. The board acts 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, as delineated in KRS 167.037, 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. At the April KBE meeting, six (6) individuals were appointed. With the appointment of the individuals recommended below, the KSD Advisory Board will be fully staffed.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale for the KSD Advisory Board:

Staff recommends the appointment of the following individuals to the KSD Advisory Board.

Name	Representing
Anita Dowd	Parents of Deaf Children
Bryan E. Bowen	At-large
Clyde Mohan	At-large

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

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Feedback on the governance and operation of KSD and KSB are essential to their success.

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