

Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting - Full Board Meeting August 06, 2015

Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting, 500 Mero Street, State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on August 06, 2015, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Nominating Committee Meeting - 8:00 a.m. ET

I.A. Recommendations for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015-16

I.A.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Debbie Cook called the Nominating Committee to order.

I.A.2. Roll Call

The roll was called and all members of the committee were present.

I.A.3. Discussion of Characteristics Needed for Chair and Vice-Chair

Committee Chair Cook asked the members what characteristics for chair and vice chair were expressed by board members when consulted for this purpose. Those characteristics were: not easily rattled, good spokesperson, ability to enhance the spirit of cooperation, good manager of time and time to do the job.

I.A.4. Closed Session to Discuss Recommendations for Election of Individuals for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015-16 per KRS 61.810(1)(f)

At this point, Chair Cook asked for a motion, second and vote to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the individuals to serve as the chair and vice chair for 2015-16.

Grayson Boyd moved to go into closed session to discuss recommendations for election of individuals for chair and vice chair for 2015-16 per KRS 61.810(1)(f) and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. It carried.

I.A.5. Approval of Recommendations of Nominating Committee to the Full Board for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015-16 (Action/Discussion Item) (Open Session Resumed)

The committee came back into open session on a motion by Grayson Boyd and a second by Nawanna Privett. It carried.

Committee Chair Cook then asked if there was a motion to recommend individuals to the full board for chair and vice chair.

Grayson Boyd moved to recommend Roger Marcum as chair and Jay Parrent as vice chair and Bill Twyman seconded the motion. It carried.

I.A.6. Adjournment of Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Cook asked for a motion, second and vote to adjourn the committee meeting.

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

II. Call to Order - 8:30 a.m. ET (Full Board)

Chair Roger Marcum called the full board meeting back to order. He noted the following:

- Meeting participants should either mute or turn off their cell phones.
- Meeting materials can be found on the board's online site and the address for this website is posted on the wall in the boardroom and on the KDE website's main page.
- Welcome to those who are viewing the meeting via the webcast.
- Jay Parrent and Robert King are not able to be here today. April Wood is representing President King.

III. Approval of Minutes from the June 2-3, 2015 Regular Meeting and July 10, 2015 Special Meeting

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes for the June 2-3 regular meeting and the July 10 special meeting.

David Karem so moved and Sam Hinkle seconded the motion. It carried.

IV. Introduction of New KDE Employees and Team Member of the Month

Commissioner Holliday introduced the following new employees:

Office of Next Generation Learners

George Meacham, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

Traci Branstutter, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

Beckie Brown, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services

Phil Bigard, Systems Consultant IT, Division of Enterprise Data

Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts

Ashlie Cox, Educational Administration Program Consultant

Morgan Lovitt, Program Consultant with 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits

Office of Administration and Support

Donna Duncan, Division Director, Division of District Support Services

Elizabeth Fiehler, Branch Manager, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Division of School and Community Nutrition

Office of Assessment and Accountability

Casey Duvall, Branch Manager, Division of Support and Research

Office of Guiding Support Services

Jennifer Ginn, Information Officer Supervisor

The Yes! Team Member of the Month was Andy Liaupsin, Office of Knowledge, Information and District Services, Team Lead of Education Network Video Services.

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

Secretary Tom Zawacki was present for his report. In addition to what was in his written report, he noted that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act involves local boards that have a number of superintendents involved in the effort. This is something that we desire to occur more.

Nawanna Privett asked if the department could send out a message to superintendents about this opportunity and the commissioner agreed this could be done.

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

Robert King was unable to attend but Chair Marcum noted April Wood was present to represent him. Wood indicated she had nothing to add to the written report but said she would take questions.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked about the status of the work of the Dual Credit Task Force and whether the recommendations from that group would be dependent on legislation.

April Wood asked Sue Cain to address this.

Cain stated that the task force came up with a new dual credit policy that will be implemented in 2016. She explained that the group wanted every student to have access to three general classes and three CTE classes. Cain reported that Representative Graham wants to see some legislation around dual credit.

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

Jimmy Adams pointed out that he had submitted a new report that was handed out today to the board. He asked if there were questions. None came forward.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Holliday thanked Mary Ann Miller and staff for the reception held last night in his honor. He noted that his experience in Kentucky had been the pinnacle of his career. Holliday said it will be hard to watch from afar. He commented that the board has a difficult job to find a new commissioner but he felt they would choose a good one. Holliday also pointed out the information in his written report on the MOA with CCSO.

Chair Marcum thanked Commissioner Holliday for all of the great work and successes he had brought to Kentucky. The board and audience then gave him a standing ovation.

IX. Good News Items

The following board members gave these items of Good News:

--David Karem: Commissioner Terry Holliday has been recognized with some additional honors for his leadership as Kentucky's education commissioner. On July 17, he was presented with the Power of One Award by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. Particularly cited were the achievements of dramatically improving graduation rate and the percentage of students graduating from high school ready for college and careers. Also, Commissioner Holliday was recently notified that he has been chosen as the 2016 ACTE Champion of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education. The ACTE Champion of the Year is awarded in recognition of individuals and entities, from within or outside the Association, for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. The award will be presented on Nov. 19 at their national meeting.

Join me in congratulating our commissioner on the addition of these honors to his many recognitions and in thanking him for his outstanding leadership as Kentucky's commissioner of education.

--Mary Gwen Wheeler: Two Kentucky teachers have won the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Andrew Kemp, a science teacher at Male High School (Jefferson Co.), and Robyn Morris, a mathematics teacher at East Oldham Middle School (Oldham Co.), are among 108 winners representing the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Department of Defense schools.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is given annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. Each year the award alternates between educators teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. This year's awardees teach 7th through 12th grade.

Andrew Kemp has been a science educator for more than 30 years. In the past nine years, he has taught Chemistry I and Advanced Placement Chemistry at Louisville Male High School to 10th-12th graders. Prior to that, he taught science and education courses at the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Virtual High School, as well as Stockbridge High School and Shorter College in Georgia.

Robyn Morris has taught middle school math and social studies for 20 years. The past nine years she has taught 7th grade at East Oldham Middle School. In her class, Morris concentrates on the workshop model, where students have a mini-lesson, group work time, and reflection time. Additionally, throughout the unit, students are given engaging tasks, asking them to transfer their learning to new situations.

Join me in congratulating these two fine Kentucky teachers on being selected for this national honor!

X. Public Comment Segment

Coming forward to speak during this section of the agenda were John Straub - Arts Education and Tonya Brumley - Arts Education.

XI. Report of the Nominating Committee on Election of 2015-16 Board Officers (Review Item)

Nominating Committee Chair Debbie Cook reported that her committee consulted other board members on the characteristics the chair and vice chair should possess. She said these included persons who can enhance a spirit of cooperation, have knowledge of the history of reform, be a good spokespersons, be good managers of time, do not get easily rattled and have time to devote to the offices. She noted that members also were consulted on which members would be the best to serve in these offices. Cook thanked everyone who served on the committee.

XII. Election of Board Officers for 2015-16 (Action/Discussion Item)

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion from the Nominating Committee regarding the officers for 2015-16.

Debbie Cook moved to elect Jay Parrent as vice chair and Roger Marcum as chair.

Marcum called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

David Karem indicated that the board is going through a difficult transition time in locating a new commissioner. He felt that these individuals are the right ones to lead the board through this time.

XIII. Hope Street Group Update (Review Item) - Brad Clark, Hope Street Group and Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Professionals

Brad Clark, Director of the Hope Street Group, came forward for this item. He introduced the following teachers who participate in this group: Paradise Forbes, Kim Creekmore, Jamie Reynolds and Andrew Beaver. Together, using a PowerPoint and video, these individuals explained how the Hope Street Teacher Fellows program educates and trains teachers to learn about and influence education policy.

David Karem stated that engaging 40% of teachers is extremely powerful.

Roger Marcum asked that teachers get involved in the work of the KTRS work group that is being headed by David Karem.

Nawanna Privett asked how the topics are determined that the fellows address.

Mr. Clark replied that these are determined jointly with partners and from surveys that are administered to the participants.

XIV. Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Professionals

Amanda Ellis and Kevin Stull came forward for this agenda item and used a PowerPoint to present the update on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System. Ellis explained that the data does not reflect all teachers due to the evaluation cycle and noted it would take three years to get data on everyone. She indicated that this year, all districts updated their Certified Personnel Evaluation Plan, which involved a learning curve and culture shift.

Kevin Stull added that the next steps will require moving away from compliance to improvement. He noted that principal capacity will be one of the most valuable focus areas and help to build leadership skills. Additionally, he reported that in the area of district capacity building, the department connected 16 districts with experts on their individual needs at a convening. Stull said that regional coaches are in place to cover the whole state relative to professional learning.

Amanda Ellis then said that the protocol was shared with cooperative directors and the department has provided relief by addressing the technology issues.

Commissioner Holliday reminded the board that PGES was required by both Race to the Top and the ESEA waiver and that it has been a teacher-led effort. Relative to the data from the system, he explained that Kentucky's numbers are reflective of what is being seen nationally with achievement improving incrementally but high numbers in the effective category for teachers. He encouraged the board to look at achievement improvement versus the evaluation system data. Holliday also pointed out that a movement exists nationally to remove the requirement from ESEA to have the evaluation system but commented that within Kentucky, the partners still support it. He then gave the board a packet of letters from the members of the Guiding Coalition showing their support for PGES. Holliday advised that the focus of PGES should be on whether the feedback helped teachers improve instruction, if the participants got good coaching and feedback and if the participants are using the feedback they are getting from students. He felt that educators need to understand student growth and how to set measurable goals.

Chair Roger Marcum said that he was glad to get the support letters from partners and agreed that principal capacity is extremely important.

XV. Next Generation Professionals Accountability (Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 45-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Professionals

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis indicated that due to the lack in variance within the teacher evaluation data, concern exists over using it in accountability at the present time. She explained the two options that had been shared with both the board and partner groups but noted that neither option was totally acceptable to KEA, the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) or the Teacher Steering Committee. Ellis shared the preference of each of these groups.

Then, Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims went over a chart to explain staff's recommendation that the board was being asked to consider, which in essence was SCAAC's preference. She indicated that 10% for the professionals portion would not be created and the model of 77% and 23% would be maintained. Sims said that the professionals data would be publicly reported.

Roger Marcum commented that he has heard from both sides of this issue and felt that it goes back to the cultural change involved in the new system but said he struggles with what the right thing is to do.

Sam Hinkle asked if the recommendation is to support SCAAC's solution.

Rhonda Sims responded affirmatively.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for the recommendation from superintendents.

Rhonda Sims replied that they do not want it formally included in accountability but agreed the data would be reported through the School Report Card.

Nawanna Privett noted that she is a member of SCAAC and respects the opinion of that group. She felt reporting can impact the system.

Commissioner Holliday then offered some advice. First, he said that Senator Givens and others were supportive of closing gaps at the Interim Joint Committee on Education and so he questioned whether we should artificially inflate performance. He went on to say that this concern always exists and can make people look bad when they are doing well. Holliday recommended to move forward with SCAAC's recommendation, build in a robust data and research program and then re-examine the decision on including the system in accountability in a couple of years.

Chair Marcum commented that Dr. Holliday's suggestion and Rhonda Sims' explanation had convinced him of the way to proceed. He asked for a motion, second and vote on the issue.

Motion Passed: Approval not to create the 10% for professionals, revisit the decision about whether to include professionals in accountability in a year, publicly report the professionals data and make a minor technical change to the PGES regulation to reflect this decision since it is

pending at LRC passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Mr. Samuel Hinkle.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Absent
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XVI. 2016-18 Biennial Budget Update for the Kentucky Board of Education (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harman - 45-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Division Director Charlie Harman came forward for this item. They used a PowerPoint to present potential budget priorities for the board's consideration as follows:

- The list of possible priorities for FY17 and FY18 included CTE/CCR, Assessment, Technology, SEEK Transportation, Education Recovery, National Board Certified Teachers, and AdvanceKentucky. The total request for these was \$367,030,000. Each of these items was then explained in detail along with the possible amount to be requested.
- The proposed 2016-2018 Capital Budget requests were then explained and Walter T. Hulett also was present at the table since these affect the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky School for the Blind. The particular items included the Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool (\$3,000,000), KSB Howser Hall (\$5,000,000), KSD New Elementary Building (\$6,000,000), KSB McDaniel Scoggin Hall (\$1,000,000) and the SEEK Technology Application (\$1,000,000).
- Additional funding for preschool also was discussed.
- The next steps in the process include feedback from the Superintendents' Summit, approval of the budget at the October KBE meeting, submission of the budget request to the Governor's Office in November, submission of the budget to the General Assembly by the new Governor by the 15th legislative day of the 2016 session and occurrence of the 2016 session from January through April.

Associate Commissioner Desai said the full picture was presented today but decisions will have to be made at the October meeting on what priorities the board wants to pursue.

XVII. Hearing Officer's Report

General Counsel Kevin Brown reported that three of the board's regulations have been in the comment period but no persons attended the public hearing. He indicated these will proceed on to

the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on August 11. Brown went on to say that he would file an amendment to the PGES regulation to reflect today's discussion and commented that this regulation would be on the Interim Joint Committee on Education's agenda next week. He then pointed out that his written report appears on the board's online materials system.

XVIII. Lunch - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ET (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)

Prior to recessing for lunch, Chair Marcum announced that the board would be going to lunch now and would resume the meeting here in the State Board Room at 1:00 p.m. He also noted that the board would be adding a closed session to discuss personnel at the end of the agenda.

XIX. Kentucky Board of Education's Legislative Agenda for the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Policy Advisor Tracy Herman - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes (1:00 p.m. ET)

Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman and Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown came forward for this item. Brown said that some potential items for the board to consider on its legislative agenda would be raised and asked Tracy Herman to go over these.

Herman went over the list of potential items found on the board's online materials site. She also pointed out that the forecasting group starts work next week and the KTRS work group is conducting meetings with their recommendations scheduled to go to the Governor before his term ends. She noted that ESEA reauthorization will play a factor in that it will provide a better idea on federal funding. Herman went on to say that last session, the entire education community agreed on three priorities but felt that this kind of agreement did not exist this time. She stated that KDE/KBE will be fortunate to maintain its present budget due to the KTRS issue.

XX. Update on Compliance with Achievement Gap Legislation (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Policy Advisor David Wickersham - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools/Districts

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Policy Advisor David Wickersham came forward for this item. Wickersham went through the staff note that is found on the board's online system and summarized the role of the department, local board and local superintendent relative to achievement gap statutes and regulations.

Roger Marcum said he felt the raising of this issue offered the opportunity to simplify and strengthen the requirements in conversation with Senator Neal.

Bill Twyman suggested that what the public can access on gap and whether schools are meeting this may need to be improved.

Associate Commissioner Foster noted that an update on the gap work would occur at the October board meeting.

Chair Marcum thought a meeting with Senator Neal as follow-up to this discussion and to his letter was needed.

Foster replied that a meeting is already scheduled.

Marcum also asked that all members receive a copy of Senator Neal's letter and the department's response.

XXI. Management Committee Meeting (2:00 p.m.; Tentative Time)

XXI.A. Action/Consent Items

XXI.A.1. District Facility Plans - Carter County, Hancock County, Marion County, Meade County, and Robertson County (Strategic Priority - KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai and Director Donna Duncan came forward for this item. They recommended approval of all plans.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the plans.

David Karem moved to approve the plans and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

XXI.A.2. District Facility Plan Amendments - Corbin Independent and Kenton County School Districts (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Desai and Duncan remained at the table and recommended approval of all facility plan amendments.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the amendments.

Grayson Boyd moved approval of all facility plan amendments and Debbie Cook seconded the motion. It carried.

XXI.A.3. 2014-15 Local District Tax Rates Levied (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Hiren Desai explained that the legal issues with Johnson County's tax rate had been resolved and the board now needed to approve it. He said staff recommends approval.

Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Johnson County tax rate.

David Karem moved approval of the tax rate for Johnson County and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

XXI.B. Action/Discussion Items

XXI.B.1. 702 KAR 1:170, School District Data Security and Breach Procedures (Second Reading) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner David Couch came forward for this item along with Robert Hackworth and Amy Peabody. Couch noted this to be the second reading of 702 KAR 1:170 and commented that Kentucky is better positioned than most states to handle a breach. He shared that the regulation offers both precautions on how to prevent a breach as well as how to handle one. Couch asked for approval of the regulation.

Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the regulation.

Grayson Boyd moved approval of 702 KAR 1:170 and David Karem seconded the motion. It carried.

XXI.B.2. Waiver Request of 702 KAR 5:030, Section 22, from the Jefferson County Public Schools (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai explained that Jefferson County is asking for a waiver of the no-fault \$20,000 per student requirement for transportation purposes that is part of the board's regulation. He said they are willing to do the \$10,000 per student state requirement. Desai noted it would reduce the district's insurance premium by half. He indicated staff recommends approval of the waiver.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to grant the waiver for one year.

David Karem moved approval of the waiver request and Debbie Cook seconded the motion. It carried.

XXI.C. Review Items

XXI.C.1. Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Jim Hamm, Hiren Desai and Kelly Foster came forward for this item. Desai clarified that at the next meeting Menifee County would come under the state management agenda item. He then moved on to Caverna Independent where he said the superintendent has been supportive from the beginning.

Jim Hamm added that the district has really taken the audit report to heart.

As to Fleming County, Desai noted that Superintendent Creasman was in the audience and commented he is very supportive. He reported that an instructional audit was done recently.

Jim Hamm added that the present work is focused on supporting the high school.

Next, the new superintendent of Robertson County was introduced as being in the audience, Sanford Holbrook.

For Menifee County, it was noted that Tim Spencer is the state manager.

Kevin Brown pointed out that an op ed article was placed in the local paper on state management and the article wished everyone a good start of the school year.

XXI.C.2. Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Regarding state management in Breathitt County, Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster reported that David Gibson had been hired as the superintendent and that the new state manager is Steve Meadows.

Kevin Brown added that an op ed article will also be placed in their local paper wishing everyone a good start of school along with sending a letter to faculty and students.

XXI.C.3. Review of the Commissioner's and Board's Expenses (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai explained that this item would normally come forward in October but since it is Dr. Holliday's last meeting, staff decided to bring it forward as a close out of his expenses. He said there is nothing unusual in the report for either the board or the commissioner.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to adjourn the committee meeting.

David Karem moved to adjourn the meeting and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

XXII. Information Items (Full Board)

XXII.A. KDE Employment Report (All offices except Office of Career and Technical Education)

No questions were raised about this report.

XXII.B. KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)

No questions were raised about this report.

XXIII. Minority Recruitment in Career and Technical Education (Review item) - Associate Commissioners Hiren Desai and Dale Winkler - 20-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

Associate Commissioners Dale Winkler and Hiren Desai used a PowerPoint to present data relative to the ATCs and minority hiring. They noted that we may be able to identify potential candidates but the issue is being able to compensate them. They also said the dollars are not currently available.

Mary Gwen Wheeler thanked them for the clarification provided by the presentation and asked that they keep working with partners to be proactive in this area.

XXIV. Approval of Action/Consent Items as a Block

Chair Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve all submitted district facility plans, all submitted facility plan amendments and the 2014-15 local district tax rate levied for Johnson County as a block of items.

David Karem so moved and Nawanna Privett seconded the motion. It carried.

XXV. Report from the Management Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote from the Management Committee to approve 702 KAR 1:170, School District Data Security and Breach Procedures and the waiver request of 702 KAR 5:030, Section 22, from Jefferson County Schools.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman so moved.

Sam Hinkle noted that he did not see justification for the Jefferson County waiver.

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai clarified that KDE staff support permanently changing the insurance limit statewide.

David Karem pointed out it saves \$700,000 in insurance costs in Jefferson County.

Sam Hinkle felt that if \$10,000 per passenger is enough, then it is not fair that other districts are still paying \$20,000.

Hiren Desai indicated that he would contact other districts to see if they are interested in pursuing such a waiver.

Debbie Cook stated that Jefferson County's contingency fund is healthier than most other districts so they can tolerate reducing to \$10,000 per passenger coverage.

The question was called and it carried.

XXVI. Internal Board Business

The following items were handled during this agenda item:

- Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a demonstration of ASSIST at a future meeting.
- Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to appoint Sam Hinkle to replace Mary Gwen Wheeler on the board of The Fund. Nawanna Privett so moved and Bill Twyman seconded the motion. It carried.
- Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the payment of expenses for Bill Twyman, Grayson Boyd and Jay Parrent to attend the NASBE conference in Baltimore, Maryland during October of 2015. David Karem so moved and Sam Hinkle seconded the motion. It carried.

XXVII. Litigation Report

No discussion of the Litigation Report was requested.

XXVIII. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel per 61.810(1)(f)

Chair Marcum said it was necessary to add a closed session to discuss personnel to the agenda and he asked for a motion, second and vote to do so.

A motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss personnel per KRS 61.810(1)(f) was made by Mary Gwen Wheeler and seconded by Sam Hinkle. It carried.

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel per KRS 61.810(1)(f).

Bill Twyman so moved and Sam Hinkle seconded the motion. It carried. The board then went into closed session.

XXIX. Adjournment

The board came back into open session on a motion by David Karem and a second by Sam Hinkle.

Chair Marcum announced no action was taken during the closed session. He then asked for a motion regarding an additional candidate to interview for the commissioner's position.

Sam Hinkle moved to add candidate 5200 to the persons that would receive an interview for the commissioner's position and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

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

David Karem so moved and Sam Hinkle seconded the motion. It carried.