

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment

#### **Commissioner's Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the board appoint the person put forward by the commissioner. Following a board vote, the appointee will be announced at the April 13, 2016 KBE meeting.

#### **Rationale:**

The process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position yielded six (6) applications. As specified in the KBE approved process, the KDE Liaison to KHSAA reviewed all applications to determine if the minimum criteria were met. Two applicants did not meet the minimum legal qualification as the applicants are employees of a school district and the at-large KBE appointees are prohibited from being current employees of member schools or school district administration. The remaining four (4) applicants met the minimum qualifications. The KHSAA Liaison formed an Application Review Team and each member reviewed the materials for each candidate. The Team assessed each candidate based on the information presented in his or her letter of intent, resume and letters of recommendation. The criteria included: community involvement, business experience, and involvement in education and civic/parent activities. Based on the results, the selected candidate was submitted to the Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the KBE.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of an at-large member to the KHSAA Board of Control?

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

702 KAR 7:065

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Control.

The Constitution of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Article IV, Section 2 was amended to read as follows:

“Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.”

It further notes that:

“Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.”

**Summary:** Current at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

Mr. William Beasley\* (Paducah/Henderson) 2009 – 2016 Expires: June 30, 2016

Ms. Kimberly Parker-Brown (Lexington) 2013 – 2017 Expires: June 30, 2017

Mr. Pete Galloway (Sedalia) 2014 – 2018 Expires: June 30, 2018

Ms. Debbie Beichler (Mt. Washington) – 2015 – 2019 Expires: June 30, 2019

*\*Currently serving their second term*

The board is required to select a candidate to serve the upcoming term on the KHSAA Board of Control.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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