

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**STAFF NOTE**

**Action/Consent Item:**

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointment

**Commissioner’s Recommendation:**

The Commissioner recommends that Chris LeMonds be appointed to the KSD Advisory Board.

**Rationale:**

To fill a “member representing school districts” vacancy on the Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board due to a resignation. The candidate meets the necessary criteria for appointment.

**Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of Chris LeMonds to the KSD Advisory Board?

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 167.037

**History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** **KRS 167.037** requires a KSD Advisory Board to be established. The board is to be composed of nine members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Chief State School Officer. The purpose of the board is to act 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.

***Summary:*** At this time, a member of the KSD Advisory Board has resigned and a replacement needs to be approved. Per the guidelines for the operation of the KSD Advisory Board, the member must be replaced with a “member representing school districts.” Requests for nominations were sent to all school districts.

The following individual is recommended for appointment:

**Chris LeMonds – Burgin Independent Schools**

Since 2014, Mr. LeMonds has served as the principal of Burgin Independent School. In his time there, he developed a relationship with the Kentucky School for the Deaf through the College Career Readiness (CCR) Exchange Program between KSD, Burgin Independent Schools and Danville Independent. Additionally, Mr. LeMonds hosted KSD students as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Afterschool Program housed at Burgin Independent. Prior to working in Burgin Independent Schools, Mr. LeMonds served as both an administrator and teacher at Boyle County High School.

Mr. LeMonds meets the criteria for appointment. The advisory board will be fully staffed with this appointment.

***Budget Impact:*** Pursuant to KRS 167.037, members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Staff has consulted with the State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC). The nominee is supported by the members of the SAPEC.

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**Commissioner of Education**

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