

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 Nina Coyer be appointed to the KSD Advisory Board.

Rationale:

To fill a vacancy on the Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board due to a resignation. The vacancy is required to be filled with a Kentucky Association for the Deaf member.

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of Nina Coyer 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 of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf." Requests for nominations were sent to all members of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf.

The following individual is recommended for appointment:

Nina Coyer – President, Kentucky Association for the Deaf

Ms. Coyer attended Gallaudet University before she graduated from Eastern Kentucky University receiving both bachelor's and master's degrees in the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She taught at the Kentucky School for the Deaf for twelve years before joining full time as a Tenured Assistant Professor at her alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University, for fourteen years. She teaches all levels of American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and Interpreting classes. Nina is now retired and serves as the President of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf. Additionally, she has been involved in various organizations, nationally, statewide and locally.

Ms. Coyer 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 the performance of their duties.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Staff has consulted the Kentucky Association for the Deaf. The nominee is supported by the leadership of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf.

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