KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

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

Commissioner's Recommendation:

Pursuant to requirements of the KHSAA Constitution, the Commissioner of Education has recommended an individual for appointment by the KBE. The Commissioner's recommendation will be provided under separate cover. Following a board vote, the appointee will be announced at the April KBE meeting.

Rationale:

To recommend to the board a candidate that can be selected to serve the upcoming term on the KHSAA Board of Control.

Action Question:

Should the KBE 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 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 KBE appointed at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

Pete Galloway (Sedalia) 2014 – 2018 Expires: June 30, 2018, (eligible for reappointment) (Male, Caucasian)
Debbie Beichler (Mt. Washington) 2015 – 2019, Expires: June 30, 2019 (Female)
Darrell W. Billings (Clay City) 2016-2020, Expires: June 30, 2020 (Male, Caucasian)
Kimberly Parker-Brown (Lexington) 2017 – 2021, Expires: June 30, 2021 (African-American Female)

The process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position yielded three (3) applications. The KBE Liaison to KHSAA reviews applications to determine if the minimum criteria are met. The KHSAA Liaison formed an Application Review Team consisting of KDE staff 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, and involvement in education and civic/parent activities. Based on the results, the candidate(s) were submitted to the Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE). The final recommendation will be provided under separate cover.

Budget Impact:

Approval of this appointment has no fiscal impact on KDE.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Application Review Team – All were in agreement on the recommended candidate. Also, the position was publicly advertised.

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