

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Consent Item:**

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointments

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

The Commissioner recommends that Dodie Karr and Bridgette Mann be appointed to the KSD Advisory Board.

#### **Rationale:**

These are appointments are needed to fill a vacancy representing the Kentucky Association of the Deaf (KAD) due to a change in leadership at KAD and to fill a school district representative vacancy. The candidates meet the necessary criteria for appointment.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointments of Dodie Karr and Bridgette Mann 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 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 KAD and school district representative need to be appointed due to vacancies. Per the guidelines for the operation of the KSD Advisory Board, the member must be replaced with someone representing the same role group. Request for nominations were sent to all school districts.

The following individuals are recommended for appointment:

**Dodie Karr – Kentucky Association of the Deaf**

Ms. Karr is the incoming President of the Kentucky Association of the Deaf. Ms. Karr lives in London with her husband, Paul, who is also deaf, and two hearing daughters, Naduah and Cinstinna. She has also served as a board member of the Department for Behavioral Health, Development and Intellectual Disabilities. She has been involved with the Deaf Community of Kentucky Deaf Grassroots Movement and graduated from the Kentucky School for the Deaf in 1983.

**Bridgette Mann – Clark County Schools**

Ms. Mann is currently serving in the role of Director of Special Education, Mental Health, and Preschool in Clark County Public Schools. She has served in a district leadership role related to special education services since 2007. Previously, she was a special education teacher.

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

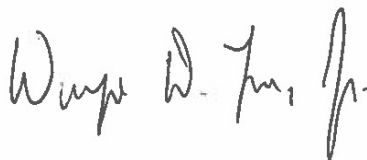
**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

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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