

**Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting  
April 10, 2019 8:30 AM  
Kentucky Educational Development Corporation 904 Rose Road  
Ashland, KY 41102**

*Minutes*

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on April 10, 2019 at the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC), Rose Road, Ashland, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Heiner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Chair Heiner thanked Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and KEDC staff for the logistical support in making the meeting a success and announced, for everyone watching via live webcast, that the agenda and board documents may be found on the KDE website. Chair Heiner thanked the individuals providing closed captioning for their service and reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Heiner asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Ben Cundiff, Tracey Cusick, Rich Gimmel, Kathy Gornik, Hal Heiner, Gary Houchens, Joseph Papalia, Milton Seymore, Amanda Stamper, Laura Timberlake, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Deputy Secretary Mike Nemes serving for Secretary Ramsey and Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Director of Initiatives for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dawn Offut serving for President Dr. Aaron Thompson. Absent: Alesa Johnson

Chair Heiner stated a quorum was present.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Heiner led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Minute of Silence**

Chair Heiner observed a minute of silence.

**V. Approval of Summary Minutes for February 6, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Laura Timberlake made a motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Gornik seconded that motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

**VI. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

Deputy Secretary Mike Nemes presented an update on current programmatic and legislative initiatives at the cabinet.

## **VII. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)**

Director of Initiatives for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dawn Offut, provided an update on upcoming council initiatives.

## **VIII. Report from the Commissioner of Education**

Commissioner Wayne Lewis provided an update on recent KDE initiatives and discussed his April report to the KBE titled “The Meaning and Significance of Novice Performance on Assessments.”

## **IX. Update on Jefferson County Public Schools-Superintendent Marty Pollio**

Dr. Marty Pollio presented an update on the JCPS’ Corrective Action Plan (CAP) including information in the areas of operations and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

## **X. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) 2020-2022 Biennial Budget Update**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Charles Harman provided an update on the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget process.

## **XI. Audit Update and Expense Reports for the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) and Commissioner of Education**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Charles Harman provided an update on the KDE audit and expense reports for the KBE and Commissioner of Education.

## **XII. Information Items:**

### **A. Hearing Officer's Report**

#### **1. Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 8:060, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies (Action/Discussion Item)**

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and Policy Advisor Jennifer Fraker presented the Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 8:060, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies.

Gary Houchens made a motion to amend the definition of geography in the standards to reflect: geography is the study of the physical features of the earth and of human

activity, as well as how they interact within space including the distribution of populations and resources, land use and culture.

Laura Timberlake seconded the motion. The motion to amend the definition of geography in the document incorporated by reference in 704 KAR 8:060, the Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Heiner then received a motion to pass the Statement of Consideration, including the amended document incorporated by reference, for 704 KAR 8:060 from Kathy Gornik. Tracey Cusick seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

**2. Agency Amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System (Action/Discussion Item)**

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and Policy Advisor Michael Hackworth presented the Agency Amendment to 703 KAR 5:270.

Kathy Gornik made a motion to approve the recommended amendment to 703 KAR 5:270. Joe Papalia seconded the motion and the amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**XIII. LUNCH- 12:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET: No business conducted.**

**XIV. Public Comment Segment**

No public comments were made at the meeting.

**XV. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting – KEDC Conference Center**

Committee Chair Gary Houchens called the Committee Meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Members present: Chair Gary Houchens, Tracey Cusick and Milton Seymore

**A. Action/Discussion Items**

**1. Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) and Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Adoption of Special Education Policies and Procedures**

KDE Director Kevin Stull presented the proposed Special Education Policies for KSB and KSD.

Motion to adopt KSD and KSB special education policies and procedures was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Tracey Cusick. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **2. Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointments**

KDE Director Kevin Stull presented the proposed appointee, Jeff Kassinger, to the KSD Advisory Board.

Motion to appoint Jeff Kassinger was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Tracey Cusick. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **3. Approval of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act State Transition Plan for 2019-2020**

KDE Assistant Director Kiley Whitaker and Branch Manager Karla Tipton presented the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act State Transition Plan for 2019-2020.

Motion to approve the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act State Transition Plan for 2019-2010 was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Tracey Cusick. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **4. Request from Woodford County High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)**

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Policy Advisor Whitney Crowe presented the request from Woodford County High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM).

Motion to approve the request of Woodford County High School for an alternative model of School-Based Decision Making was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Tracey Cusick. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

## **XVI. Finance Committee Meeting -- KEDC Meeting Room 3**

Committee Chair Kathy Gornik called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Members present: Kathy Gornik, Rich Gimmel, Laura Timberlake, Hal Heiner

### **A. Action/Discussion Items**

#### **1. New District Facility Plans: Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Director Donna Duncan and Greg Dunbar gave an update on proposed new district facility plans for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts.

Motion to approve new district facility plans for Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts was made by Rich Gimmel and seconded by Laura Timberlake. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **2. District Facility Plan Amendments: Warren County School District**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, Division Director Donna Duncan and Greg Dunbar provided an update on proposed amendments to the Warren County School District facility plan amendments.

Motion to adopt the amendments to the Warren County School District facility plan was made by Rich Gimmel and seconded by Laura Timberlake. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **3. 2018-2019 Local District Tax Rates Levied**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Director Donna Duncan presented an update on the 2018-2019 local district tax rates levied.

Motion to adopt the 2018-2019 local district tax rates levied was made by Rich Gimmel and seconded by Laura Timberlake. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **4. Daviess County School District Request for Site Acquisition Approval that Exceeds Ten Percent of the Maximum Budget per 702 KAR 4:050**

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Donna Duncan presented Daviess County School District's request for site acquisition approval that exceeds ten percent of the maximum budget per 702 KAR 4:050. They were joined in discussion by Daviess County Public Schools Superintendent Matt Robbins.

Motion to approve site acquisition in excess of ten percent of the maximum budget pursuant to 702 KAR 4:050 for Daviess County Schools was made by Laura Timberlake and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **B. Review Items**

### **1. Kentucky Department of Education Baseline Budget Overview and Introduction to Additional Budget Requests**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Division Director Charles Harman provided an updated on KDE's Baseline Budget Overview process.

### **2. Amendment to 702 KAR 3:130, Internal Accounting**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Chay Ritter performed the first reading of the agency amendment to 702 KAR 3:130.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

## **XVII. Operations Management Committee Meeting Room 2**

Chair Papalia called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Joe Papalia, Ben Cundiff, Amanda Stamper

### **A. Action/Discussion Items**

#### **1. Request from Ft. Thomas Independent for Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060**

KDE Division Director Donna Duncan provided an updated on the request from Ft. Thomas Independent to waive the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2), to allow a one-time approval of certificated common carriers for the 2018-19 school year.

Ben Cundiff motioned approval of the waiver, Amanda Stamper seconded and the request was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### **2. Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment**

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett and KDE General Counsel Deanna Durrett requested appointments of Debbie Beichler to the KHSAA Board of Control.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Debbie Beichler by Ben Cundiff, seconded by Amanda Stamper and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **B. Review Items**

#### **1. Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions to Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Bylaws (First Reading)**

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett and KDE General Counsel Deanna Durrett presented the first reading of 702 KAR 7:065, KHSAA Bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

## **XVIII. Report of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Chair Houchens presented on behalf of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee and moved approval of the following items:

**1. Adoption of Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) and Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Special Education Policies and Procedures**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**2. Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointment of Jeff Kassinger**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act State Transition Plan for 2019-2020**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Request from Woodford County High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**XIX. Report of the Finance Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Chair Gornik presented on behalf of the Finance Committee and moved approval of the following items:

**1. New District Facility Plans: Rowan County, Todd County and Washington County School Districts**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**2. District Facility Plan Amendments: Warren County School District**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**3. 2018-2019 Local District Tax Rates Levied**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Daviess County School District Request for Site Acquisition that Exceeds Ten Percent of the Maximum Budget per 702 KAR 4:050**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**XX. Report of the Operations Management Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Chair Papalia presented on behalf of the Operations Management Committee and moved approval of the following items:

**1. Request from Ft. Thomas Independent for Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, a One-Time Approval of Certificated Common Carriers for the 2018-19 School Year.**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**2. Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment of Debbie Beichler**

Chair Heiner requested a voice vote. Passed unanimously.

**XXI. Internal Board Business**

**1. Report of the Awards Committee Meeting**

Chair Heiner provided a brief update on the awards committee meeting where the group discussed how to make the KBE awards process more engaging.

**XXII. Adjournment**

Ben Cundiff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rich Gimmel seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.