Topic: Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board Appointment
Date: April 2020
Action Requested: ☐Review ☒Action/Consent ☐Action/Discussion
Held In: ☒Full Board ☐Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment ☐Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To fill a vacancy on the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Advisory Board.

KRS 156.070 details the general powers and duties of the state board, including management of the two state schools: "The Kentucky Board of Education shall have the management and control of the common schools and all programs operated in these schools, including interscholastic athletics, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, the Kentucky School for the Blind, and community education programs and services." KRS 167.015 also provides that: "The Kentucky School for the Blind at Louisville, Kentucky, and the Kentucky School for the Deaf at Danville, Kentucky, shall be managed and controlled by the Kentucky Board of Education."

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the individual listed be appointed to the KSD Advisory Board. The candidate meets the necessary criteria for appointment.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 167.037

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

KRS 167.037 requires the KSD to have an advisory board. The advisory board has nine members who are appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE), upon recommendation of the chief state school officer. Members are appointed for regular terms of four years. The purpose of the board is to act in an advisory capacity, assist school leadership and make recommendations to the chief state school officer relating to the effective operation of the school.

Advisory board members for the KSD must be selected from nominations submitted by the Kentucky Association of the Deaf Inc., Parent-Teacher-Cottage Parent Association, Kentucky School for the Deaf Alumni Association Inc., Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) and chief state school officer. Membership on the board must be representative of the state and consists of: two parents of deaf children, one professional in education of the deaf, one former student of the KSD, one member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf, two members who shall represent school districts and two members at large. A majority of the board's membership must be persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Summary of Issue:

At this time, a replacement for the KSD Advisory Board needs to be approved. The following individual is recommended for appointment:

Joshua Matthews – Kentucky School District Representative
> Mr. Matthews spent 12 years as an instructor and coach at the university level prior to coming to Kentucky. Since that time, he served as a high school teacher, Pre-K through 8th-grade assistant principal and Pre-K through 8th-grade principal. As a school principal, he led the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as well as the implementation of a one-to-one technology program. Mr. Matthews also led school-level efforts involving competency-based education and standards-based grading while partnering with the KDE as a pilot for this innovative work. He has a doctorate in education, along with a master of arts in teaching and a master of business administration.

Budget Impact:

Pursuant to KRS 167.037, members of the board serve without compensation but are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Staff consulted with KSD staff; members of the KSD Advisory Board and KSD Alumni. All groups are in support of this nomination.

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