

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Board of Control 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 approve the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Board of Control appointment.

### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner of Education recommends Darrell Billings for reappointment to the KHSAA Board of Control.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

702 KAR 7:065

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (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 on Interscholastic Athletics 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.”

This is consistent with KBE regulation 702 KAR 7:065, which designates the KHSAA as the KBE’s agent for managing middle and high school athletics, and also requires that the KHSAA accept four at-large members appointed by the KBE to its Board of Control.

*Summary of Issue:*

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

Debbie Beichler (Mt. Washington) 2015 – 2019, Expires: June 30, 2019 (Female)

Darrell W. Billings (Clay City) 2016-2020, Expires: June 30, 2020

Kimberly Parker-Brown (Lexington) 2017 – 2021, Expires: June 30, 2021 (African-American Female)

Pete Galloway (Sedalia) 2018 – 2018 Expires: June 30, 2022

Darrell Billings seeks reappointment for a second term under 702 KAR 7:065, Section 3(8). He currently serves on the Board of Control by KBE appointment. He is eligible for reappointment and is the Chair Elect for 2020-2021.

*Budget Impact:*

Approval of this appointment has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

**GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

No outside groups were consulted. The KDE advertised the Board of Control appointment and called for applications. The Commissioner recommends Darrell Billings for reappointment to the KHSAA Board of Control.

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