

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

**Topic:** Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board Appointment

**Date:** February 2021

**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 Blind (KSB) 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 below be appointed to the KSB Advisory Board. The candidate meets the necessary criteria for appointment.

### APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

#### KRS 167.035

### BACKGROUND:

#### *Existing Policy:*

KRS 167.035 permits there to be an established KSB advisory board. The advisory board has five (5) 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 (4) years. The purpose of the board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist the superintendent in conducting the activities of the school.

#### *Summary of Issue:*

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

Latricia Bronger – Kentucky Special Education Cooperative Representative

Ms. Bronger is the Special Education Director of the Greater Louisville Education Cooperative (GLEC). Prior to this role, Ms. Bronger was a specialist of exceptional children in Jefferson County Public Schools, a special education administrative director at the University of Louisville and an assistant director at the Kentucky Department of Education. In her nomination packet for the KSB Advisory Board, Ms. Bronger stated the following: “As an advisory member, I believe I will emulate calm leadership during difficult situations. As a lifelong learner, I vow to seek, guide and support state discussions for actions that support KSB to grow into a state-of-the-art facility that models effective instructional experiences at KSB. Instead of looking outside of Kentucky for best practices, our Kentucky structures should strive to be the model within Kentucky and serve others as a national model. I support the KSB school and outreach administrative teams’ continuous growth and would be honored to serve in this capacity.”

*Budget Impact:*

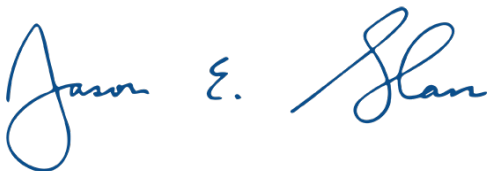
Pursuant to KRS 167.037, members of the board serve without compensation but are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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

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

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