

**Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting
May 18, 2021 1:00 p.m. ET
300 Sower Blvd. 5th Floor State Board Room 514
Frankfort, KY 40601
Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its special meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, via video teleconference at 1:00 p.m. ET. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to order

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

II. Roll call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Alvis Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Allison Slone and Amanda Ellis on behalf of CPE President Dr. Aaron Thompson. Cody Pauley Johnson and Sharon Porter Robinson were absent.

KDE Director of Education Policy Meredith Brewer stated a quorum was present.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met utilizing a video teleconference. Furthermore, members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting via the KDE's Media Portal. Accordingly, Chair Young announced that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Chair Young reminded KBE members to ensure their video is streaming and that they can be seen throughout the duration of the meeting. Chair Young also informed the KBE members that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

III. Action/Discussion

A. Approval of Requests to Waive Sections of 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance (Review and Action)

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster provided an overview of the requested waivers in order to provide necessary flexibility for districts seeking to provide virtual learning options during the 2021-2022 school year. KDE Division Director David Cook provided additional information about the waiver process. 109 districts submitted the requested application materials. Their applications were reviewed by KDE staff and were deemed appropriate and ready for approval by the KBE.

The Commissioner also recommended the KBE prospectively approve any future waiver of 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance, requested by application to the Commissioner from a Superintendent, acting at the direction of the local board of education, for the expressed purpose of providing necessary flexibility for a district seeking to provide virtual learning options during the 2021-2022 school year.

Alvis Johnson made the motion to approve the waiver requests and prospectively approve any future waiver requests to 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance for the 2021-2022 school year. Patrice McCrary seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of KSB/KSB Recommendation to Accept Request for the Supplemental School Year Program (Review and Action)

KDE Division Director Carol Ann Morrison provided an overview of the Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf's implementation plan for the Supplemental School Year Program. Thirteen students between the two schools requested to participate in the program. KSB and KSD administrators reviewed the provisions of SB 128 and determined that the schools have the operational capacity to provide supplemental school year services.

Randy Poe made the motion to approve the KSB and KSD requests to participate in the Supplemental School Year Program and the proposed implementation plan. Jamie Bowling seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Lee Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and JoAnn Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.