

**Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 2, 2021 9:00 AM
Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
In-Person & Video Teleconference Meeting**

Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on June 2, 2021. 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 the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met in-person, however a few board members continued to utilize video teleconference. This was a hybrid meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Young welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET. Chair Young reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Members participating remotely, please mute your microphone when not talking; however, all discussions must be broadcast to the public. Therefore, be sure your microphone is not on mute when you speak. Every time you speak during the meeting, please unmute your mic, state your name and take a short pause, this will give the software time to recognize you. Chair Young also stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batts, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Alvis Johnson, Cody Pauley Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Amanda Ellis, Solyana Mesfin and Allison Slone. Chair Young stated that Dr. Randy Poe does have to step away from the meeting and a note of this will be in the meeting minutes.

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

III. Internal Board Business

A. Approval of Summary Minutes for April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 18 Special Meeting and May 28, 2021 Awards Committee Meeting

Chair Young shared that the minutes for April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 18 Special Meeting and May 28, 2021 Awards Committee Meeting minutes were distributed to members in advance. The chair asked for any corrections to any of these minutes; there were none.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes and Jamie Bowling made the motion. Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of the Recipient of the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education (Action/Discussion Item)

Patrice McCrary, on behalf of the Awards Committee, shared that the committee met on May 28, 2021 and determined that candidate 6 best met the criteria of the award. Accordingly, Committee Chair McCrary moved approval of candidate 6 as the recipient of the Kentucky Board of Education Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education and asked the chair for the board's approval to recognize candidate 6 at the board's upcoming August 2021 regular meeting. Chair Young stated that coming from committee, this motion did not require a second and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Good News Items (Review Item) Good News script and PowerPoint are in the portal.

- A. STLP Update-** Dr. Todd shared an update and comments relating to STLP. The Office of Education Technology STLP Championship events for the last two years have been held virtually. The championship consists of three main events. Online Project Presentation, Digital Project Display, and live challenges where students demonstrate skills in technology fields. We congratulate all participating projects. Best Projects were selected for each grade division. The winners were Best K-5 Project Trail Cam Team Simpson Elementary School (Simpson County), Best 6-8 Project Share Your Arts Vlog, SCAPA at Bluegrass (Fayette County), Best 9-12 Project TCHS, MC, Trimble County Junior and Senior High School, and Best Technical Project (Dave Sigler Award) Virtual Reality in Education, Russell High School (Russell Independent). Congratulations to David Couch for his continued success in STLP project.
- B. KY Guardsman Protects U.S. Capitol-** Allison Slone shared comments on Sam Whitehead, a Kentucky high school teacher and Army National Guard Lieutenant. Sam Whitehead is on assignment in Washington D.C. and continues teaching virtually while on active duty in the National Guard in Washington. He is available 24-7 for both, taking late emails from students or getting calls from soldiers or his chain of command. Rowan County students are lucky to have a real-life example of what it means to serve.” Chair Young also extended her thanks and appreciation to Lieutenant Whitehead. Thank you for bringing this item to our attention Allison. It is wonderful to be able to recognize a colleague.
- C. KSB/KSD Graduation-** JoAnn Adams shared that she, along with Patrice McCrary, Commissioner Glass, and Chair Young were fortunate to attend the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf graduation ceremonies. There were seven (7) students that graduated at the KSB in Louisville on May 26th. Each student gave a rose to the person who helped them the most toward graduating high school. The Kentucky School for the Deaf also held their graduation in Danville on May 26th. Joann shared there was a strong support system for these students at this graduation. Chair Young commented how very impressed she was with the Principal and facility staff at this event considering having to move the graduation ceremony from outside to inside the facility. They handled the transition effortlessly.
- D. Two Kentucky Students Named as 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars on May 13th** – Cody Pauley Johnson shared with board the announcement of Sarah Belcher of Pikeville High

School and Justin Burch of St. Xavier High School are two of the 161 high school seniors across the nation recognized for accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education. These two students will be recognized this summer. Chair Young also echoed congratulation sentiments to these students.

- E. Kenton County educator named Teacher of the Year-** Randy Poe shared the announcement that Leann Lewis, 9th grade English teacher of Simon Kenton High School was named the Kentucky Education Association Teacher of the Year. The award is presented annually. In addition, Leann was awarded as the 2021 “Be like Mr. Rogers Award” from the Kenton County School system, named a top 20 educator in 2019, and received the Northern Ky Teacher of the Year in 2016. We want to congratulate Leann for an outstanding job and well done! (Dr. Poe dropped off call for a brief timeframe, however returned after Amanda Ellis presented the update on behalf of the CPE Board.)

V. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)

On behalf of Dr. Aaron Thompson, Amanda Ellis presented a brief update on the postsecondary initiatives and updated the board on the work of the Commonwealth Education Continuum.

- A.** CPE recently capped tuition increasing allowing universities to raise tuition only up to 3% until 2023 which will help students have affordable access to our universities.
- B.** Appointment of new board members, as well as, a new Chair and Vice Chair were named.
- C.** Awareness of the CPE social media platform has a series of briefs focused on furthering your education pathway in learning for life-long earnings and success.
- D.** On June 1st, CPE testified at the interim joint committee on education regarding HB419. You will start to see more information on this item soon.

Amanda ended the CPE update by sharing information about a fun event they held at CPE with several high school students and college students in attendance at ECU. Chair Young agreed that the event was a lot of fun and student participation was very good.

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

Lt. Governor Coleman was not available to report on Education and Workforce Development Cabinet at the meeting.

VII. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Dr. Glass introduced new KDE staff; announced that the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education had its first meeting on June 1st, shared update on the Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Deaf and Area Technology Centers, and provided an update on the newest members of the Student Advisory Council.

VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda (Approved as a Group)

This item allowed the board to approve the consent agenda as a group in one action as opposed to hearing each individual agenda item. KDE staff identified these items as those that were non-controversial and routine in nature. The items contained in the consent agenda, were as follows:

A. Action Items

1. Approval of Certification of No-Public Schools- KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster
2. Approval of New District Facility Plans – KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
3. Approval of Indirect Cost Rates – KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
4. Approval of Committee Assignment for KBE Member Jamie Bowling

The Chair reminded the board members the consent agenda was distributed to members in advance of the meeting to allow enough time for review. Chair Young asked if any member wished to have any of the consent agenda items moved to regular discussion items.

No items were moved off the consent agenda. Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Patrice McCrary made the motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

IX. Project Update “Teachers Passing Notes” – Kentucky Teacher of the Year Donnie Piercy and KDE Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman

2021 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Donnie Piercy provide an update on his sabbatical project, Teachers Passing Notes. One of the goals of this project is to amplify the voices of educator and increase their collaboration across Kentucky. Mr. Piercy explained that he is hoping to put a spotlight on some of our most creative practices of teachers. Throughout this summer and fall he will be traveling to elementary, middle and high schools interviewing teachers across the state and record interviews with teachers about ideas that they have created for their students. Mr. Piercy also presented the group with the collaboration website link: [Teachers Passing Notes](#) and wants to encourage every teacher across Kentucky to visit and use this site as a collection point of ideas that educators can implement into their own classrooms right away.

Chair Young along with many other board members offered appreciation and praise to Mr. Piercy for his exceptional idea and presenting it to the board meeting today. Chair Young went on to say that she is excited about this project and thanked Mr. Piercy for being a great teacher representative across the state.

X. Commissioner's Student Advisory Council Kentucky Equity Project Update - KDE Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D., Anastasia Panaretos, Oldham County Schools, Caleb Bates, Breathitt County Schools and Anna Williams, Anderson County Schools

Toni Konz Tatman gave an overview of how the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council Kentucky Equity Project opened valuable conversations on equity verses equality from a student voice perspective. First, Ms. Tatman introduced Dr. Woods–Tucker who expressed how proud he is of these outstanding students on this council, and that we have a very impressive group of students serving the Commonwealth this year. Dr. Wood-Tucker also thanked Commissioner Glass and the Kentucky Board of Education for genuinely listening to what students have to say about equity and several topics this year. He went on to say that these

students were very engaged in high level conversations as they discussed this topic. He was very pleased with their efforts. Dr. Woods-Tucker then turned it over to Anastasia Panaretos, student of Oldham County Schools. Anastasia opened by giving an overview of the Students Advisory Councils thoughts on race, ethnicity, and equity by stating it is deeper than the color of your skin. She stated this is where the idea for the student video presentation with students deciding there was a need to review and discuss this topic from a student's perspective. The first student video was shared at meeting as an introduction. The students already have plans to continue these conversations further advancing student ideas to improve equity and equality across the Commonwealth.

Chair Young opened the floor to the board members for comments. Dr. Todd applauded the students engaged to increase change on this topic and encouraged them to continue this good work. Alvis Johnson echoed praise of the students working on the topic of equity and thanked Dr. Woods-Tucker for his leadership to this group of students. Amanda Ellis also extended praise to the student advisory group to keep up the good work. Allison Slone commended the students for being leaders and standing up to work on these hard topics of conversation. Dr. Poe commended these students who are providing from a student's perspective on the topics. KBE members agree that the student perspective is what we need to be hearing more from on this topic to make best improvements for the future. Chair Young thanked the students for their presentation and stated that she is looking forward to hearing about more work on topic by students.

XI. Presentation of the Kareem Award for Excellence in Education Policy- Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and KBE Chair Lu Young, Ed.D. (10:50)

Commissioner Jason E. Glass presented the 2021 Kareem Award for Excellence in Education Policy to Dr. Terry Holliday. as well as recognized his nominator, David Cook, and Mr. David Kareem (award namesake). Dr. Holliday joined the meeting virtually to accept the award and David Kareem joined the meeting virtually to share his congratulatory remarks.

XII. Public Comment Segment

Chair Young reminded the public that public expression was solicited via the meeting's news release and distributed to members and staff prior to the meeting. Chair Young stated the board received one (1) public comment via email from one (1) individual.

The board has received one public comment via email.

The comment, received on May 24, 2021, is from the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation expressing gratitude to the board for supporting the Kentucky School for the Blind and advocating for additional funding for the school. The comment was sent to KBE members in advance of the meeting and is posted on the KBE portal for public viewing.

On behalf of all members of the KBE, I want to thank this organization for taking the time to share its feedback with the board. The KBE always appreciates the opportunity to hear from constituents.

Chair Young thanked the individual on behalf of all KBE members for taking the time to share their feedback and concerns with the board and stated the KBE always appreciates the opportunity to hear from constituents on matters that pertain to education across the Commonwealth.

We will now dismiss for lunch. We will reconvene in our committees at 12:15 p.m.

XIII. Lunch- (No business to be conducted)

XIV. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting

A. The Whole Child: A Framework for Success – KDE Coordinated School Health Project Director Jim Tackett

1. Understanding the implications of healthier students being better learners
2. Explained the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC framework)
3. Identified key strategies and resources to implement WSCC

XV. Operations Committee Meeting

A. Appointment of At Large Member to Kentucky High School Athletics Board of Control- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen and KDE Associate Commissioner David Couch

Committee Chair, Dr. Lee Todd asked for a motion to approve appointment of Dr. Gavin Washington to Kentucky High School Athletics Board of Control. The motion was made by Alvis Johnson and Sharon Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Approval of Marion County’s New District Facility Plan - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Branch Manager Greg Dunbar.

Committee Chair Dr. Lee Todd asked for a motion to approve Marion County’s New District Facility Plan. The motion was made by Sharon Robinson and Cody Pauley Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. Approval of Request from the Johnson County School District to Waive the Site Improvement Cost Limitation of Ten Percent of the Total Project Budget as Set Forth in 702 KAR 4:050 - KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Branch Manager Greg Dunbar.

Committee Chair Dr. Lee Todd asked for a motion to approve the request from the Johnson County School District to Waive the Site Improvement Cost Limitation of Ten Percent of the Total Project Budget as Set Forth in 702 KAR 4:050. The motion was made by Alvis Johnson and Lu Young seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Approval of Jefferson County Public Schools 2020-2021 District Tax Rate Levied - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter.

Committee Chair, Dr. Lee Todd asked for a motion to approve the Jefferson County Public Schools 2020-2021 District Tax Rate Levied. The motion was made by Sharon Robinson and Alvis Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Todd requested a motion to adjourn the business of the Operations Committee to report to full board at Regular Meeting. The motion was made by Cody Pauley Johnson and Sharon Robinson seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

XVI. Report of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth gave an update on behalf of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee, and thanked Jim Tackett for his presentation on the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child framework. Jim provided materials for all members about this important cross-agency initiative.

Chair Young thanked the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee for their presentation, and asked for motion to adjourn. The adjournment motion was made by Patrice McCrary and Jamie Bowling seconded motion, passed unanimously. Randy Poe and Solyana Mesfin were absent for this vote.

XVII. Report of the Operations Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Dr. Lee Todd presented four items for consideration by the full board. There were four (4) items reviewed and voted upon at the Operations Committee Meeting in which each unanimously passed by the committee members. Randy Poe was absent at this point in the meeting.

Chair Young thanked Dr. Todd and stated that coming from committee, this motion does not require a second.

XVIII. Action/Discussion Items

A. Approval of the 2020 Report, 2020 Exceptions and 2022 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen and Kentucky School Boards Association Director of Board Team Development Laura Cole will provide an overview of the report, exceptions and plan.

Following the overview and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Holly Bloodworth made the motion and Claire Batts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

B. Approval of the 2021-2022 Preschool Grant Allotment and Funding Rates

KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Program Consultant Bill Buchanan will provide an overview of the preschool grant allotment and funding rates.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Jamie Bowling made the motion and JoAnn Adams seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

C. Repeal of 704 KAR 7:120, Home/Hospital Instruction

KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross and KDE Academic Program Manager Tracy Goff Herman will provide an overview of the proposed repeal of 704 KAR 7:120.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. JoAnn Adams made the motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

D. Approval of 702 KAR 7:150, Home or Hospital Instruction (Review and Action)

KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross and KDE Academic Program Manager Tracy Goff Herman will provide an overview of the proposed regulation 702 KAR 7:150, Home or Hospital Instruction.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Alvis Johnson made the motion and Dr. Lee Todd seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

E. Approval of Waiver of Section 5(1) of 705 KAR 2:140, Equalization of Funding for Locally Operated Area Vocational Centers and Vocational Departments

KDE Associate Commissioner David Horseman, KDE Assistant Director Kiley Whitaker and KDE Policy Advisor Leslie Slaughter will provide an overview of the requested waiver.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Patrice McCrary made the motion and JoAnn Adams seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

XIX. Review Items

A. Kentucky Department of Education Strategic Planning Update (Review Item)

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd provided an update on the strategic dashboard.

B. 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Update: Baseline Budget Overview and Introduction to Additional Budget Requests (Review Item)

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth provided an update on the 2022-2024 biennial budget and introduce/discuss Additional Budget Requests.

C. Financial Report from the Ashland Independent School District

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and Superintendent Sean Howard provided a financial report on the Ashland Independent School District.

XX. Hearing Officer's Report

A. Approval of Agency Amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen, KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford will provide an update on the agency amendment to 703 KAR 5:270.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Dr. Lee Todd made the motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

B. Statement of Consideration for 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's Accountability System – KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims, KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford and KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims, KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford and KDE General Counsel Todd Allen will provide an update on the agency amendment to 703 KAR 5:270.

Following the presentation and discussion, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Claire Batts made the motion and Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Randy Poe was absent for this vote.

XX. Litigation Report

Presented by KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen. The full report is available in the KSBA portal.

XXI. Board Member Sharing

Per board policy, the agenda for each regular meeting shall include an item under which board members may raise issues not included on the agenda for the purposes of clarification,

referral to a committee, or scheduling for future board review and/or action if such is the consensus of the board.

XXIII. Adjournment

Chair Young thanked everyone for a productive meeting. The State Evaluation Appeals Panel will convene immediately following our adjournment. Chair Young asked for a motion to adjourn and JoAnn Adams made the motion and Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned.

XXIV. State Evaluation Appeals Panel - Upon adjournment of the full board meeting