

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on August 5, 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 utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were 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 all board members and viewers and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am ET. Chair Young reminded members of the Open Meeting Act. 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 Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jaqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson, Solyana Mesfin and Allison Sloane.

KBE members Alvis Johnson Lee Todd was absent.

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

III. Internal Board Business

A. Approval of Summary Minutes for June 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, and July 29, 2021 Awards Committee Meeting

Chair Young shared that the minutes for June 2, 2021 Regular Meeting and July 29, 2021 Awards Committee Meeting 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 Patrice McCrary made the motion. Jamie Bowling seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Nomination and Election of Kentucky Board of Education Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Young called for nominations for Chair. Holly Bloodworth nominated Lu Young to serve as chair. Chair Young accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. The motion to approve the slate and elect Chair Lu Young as

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Chair of the Kentucky Board of Education was made by JoAnn Adams and seconded by Claire Batt. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Young called for nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Young nominated Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson to serve as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Jamie Bowling motioned to approve the slate and elect Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson as Vice Chair of the Kentucky Board of Education. Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

C. Review of KBE Policy Manual and Possible Amendment

KDE General Counsel Todd Allen informed members about the proposed amendments to the KBE Policy Manual. Chair Young asked clarifying questions about the ethics form. Randy Poe asked clarifying questions about the ethics form. Sharon Porter Robinson moved to approve the amendments to the KBE Policy Manual. JoAnn Adams seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Approval of KBE Regular Meeting Calendar

Chair Young shared that the Regular Meeting Calendar was shared in advance and opened the time for member questions. There were no questions. Jamie Bowling moved to approve the calendar. Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Discussion and Approval to Renew Membership to National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

Chair Young shared the benefits she sees in renewing the NASBE membership. Randy Poe motioned to renew NASBE membership. Sharon Porter Robinson seconded the motion. Randy Poe commented about his support for renewing NASBE membership. Patrice McCrary commented on her support. Allison Sloane commented on her support. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

F. Approval of KBE Member Participation in 2021 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Virtual Annual Conference on October 6-9, 2021

Chair Young shared information about the NASBE Annual Conference and called for a motion to approve. Claire Batt motioned to approve up to five KBE members attending the NASBE Annual Conference. Randy Poe seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

G. Discussion and Approval of the Recipient of the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership

Committee Chair Patrice McCrary discussed the purpose and criteria for the Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership. Committee Chair McCrary introduced the committee's choice for the award recipient, candidate 10. Committee Chair McCrary moved to approve candidate 10 and to recognize candidate 10 at the October regular meeting. This motion did not need a second. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Jamie Bowling lost connection and was not present for the vote.

IV. Good News Items

A. Educators Rising Conference

Dr. Sharon Porter Robinson shared about the success of Kentucky students at the 2021 National Educators Rising Conference.

B. Spanish Lessons

Chair Lu Young shared about the Spanish language instruction pilot course provided this summer by the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support.

C. Teacher Achievement Award Winners

Holly Bloodworth shared about the winners of the 2022 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award and the semi-finalists for the Kentucky Teacher of the Year award.

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

Dr. Aaron Thompson reported about the CPE and the university Presidents' upcoming statement about masking and vaccinations. Dr. Thompson also discussed the CPE's second report on the effects of high school dual credit on postsecondary outcomes. He reported positive impacts of dual credit courses. Dr. Thompson talked about new grants and new positions that focus on student success. Dr. Thompson ended by talking about the upcoming Governor's Postsecondary Education Trusteeship conference on September 14th and 15th.

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

Lt. Governor Coleman spoke about the current work of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Lt. Governor Coleman talked about the GEER funds and partnerships with CPE. She continued to talk about KAET and the work that the

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Education and Workforce Development Cabinet has done on that. Lt. Governor Coleman also spoke about WIOA funding. She ended by speaking about her work with the Commissioner's Student Advisory Committee.

Chair Young opened the time for questions from the board. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson asked a question. Alvis Johnson joined the meeting

VII. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Dr. Glass spoke about the start of school and COVID. He proceeded to speak about the Kentucky Education Summit coming up on November 1st and 2nd. Dr. Glass introduced new KDE staff. Dr. Glass also touched on the student-led mental health forums led by the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council. Commissioner Glass finished up by talking about the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf and their work over the summer. He gave an update on the Area Technology Centers.

Chair Young opened the floor for questions from members. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson asked a question.

VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda

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 Amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures – KDE Associate Commissioner David Horseman, KDE Executive Advisor Leslie Slaughter and KDE Division Director Beth Hargis
2. Approval of Amendments to the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) and Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Policies and Procedures- KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Division of State Schools Director Carol Ann Morrison
3. Approval of New District Facility Plans - KDE Division Director Chay Ritter

Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Jamie Bowling seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

IX. Presentation of the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

Dr. Glass awarded Kim Hawkins with the 2021 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education.

X. 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 August 2, 2021, is from Kentucky public school educator Mr. Donnie Wilkerson. The comment was sent to KBE members in advance of the meeting and is posted on the KBE portal for public viewing.

Chair Young thanked Mr. Wilkerson on behalf of all KBE members and thanked him 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.

XI. Action Items

A. Approval of 701 KAR 5:160, Selection and Appointment of Non-Voting Kentucky Board of Education Members

KDE Director of Government Relations Chuck Truesdell provided an overview of the proposed regulation. Chair Young asked a question. Claire Batt asked a question. Randy Poe asked a question. Patrice McCrary asked a question. Solyana Mesfin asked a question. Holly Bloodworth asked a question. Allison Sloane asked a question. Alvis Johnson moved to approve 701 KAR 5:160, Selection and Appointment of Non-Voting Kentucky Board of Education Members and Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Approval of 702 KAR 1:191E, District Employee Quarantine Leave

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross provided an overview of the proposed emergency regulation. Chair Young asked a question. Allison Sloane asked a question. Randy Poe asked a question. Patrice McCrary asked a question. JoAnn Adams asked a question. Jamie Bowling moved to approve 702 KAR 1:191E, District Employee Quarantine Leave and Alvis Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The board recessed for lunch.

C. Approval of 702 KAR 1:191, District Employee Quarantine Leave

The board reconvened from lunch.

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KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross provided an overview of the proposed regulation. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson moved to approve 702 KAR 1:191, District Employee Quarantine Leave and Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Approval of Emergency Amendment to 702 KAR 7:125E, Pupil attendance

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross provided an overview of the proposed emergency amendment. Patrice McCrary moved to approve the amendment to 702 KAR 1:125E, Pupil Attendance and Randy Poe seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Approval of Amendment to 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross provided an overview of the proposed amendment. JoAnn Adams moved to approve the amendment to 702 KAR 1:125, Pupil Attendance and Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

F. Approval of Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Operational Plan for School Year (SY) 2021-2022

KDE Associate Commissioner David Couch, KDE Division Director Mike Leadingham and KDE Chief Digital Officer Marty Park provided an overview for the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Operation Plan for School Year (SY) 2021-22. Randy Poe asked a question. Sharon Robinson asked a question. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson moved to approve the amendment to Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Operation Plan for School Year (SY) 2021-22 and JoAnn Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

G. Approval of Harrison County School District's Request to Waive 702 KAR 4:180

KDE Division Director Chat Ritter and Superintendent Harry Burchett provided an overview of the waiver request. Randy Poe moved to approve Harrison County School District's Request to Waive 702 KAR 4:180 and District Facility Plan and Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

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XII. Review Items

A. Update on the Commissioner's Strategic Dashboard

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and Dr. Glass provided an update on the Commissioner's Strategic Dashboard. Chair Young asked a question. Patrice McCrary asked a question. JoAnn Adams asked a question.

B. 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Update: Defined Calculations and ABR Projects

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth facilitated a board discussion about budget request priorities.

C. KDE Employment Report

The KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Lynn McGowan-McNear provided an overview of the KDE employment report.

D. Financial Report from the Ashland Independent School District

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross provided an update on Ashland Independent School District's budget.

XIII. Hearing Officer's Report

A. Statement of Consideration for 703 KAR 5:270, Procedural Safeguards

KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen provided an overview of the statement of consideration for 703 KAR 5:270, Procedural Safeguards. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson asked a question. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson moved to approve the statement of consideration for 703 KAR 5:270, Procedural Safeguards and Holly Bloodworth seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

XIV. Litigation Report

KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen provided an update on the litigation report.

XV. Board Member Sharing

Patrice McCrary discussed a personal story about a Warren County mobile preschool program. Holly Bloodworth thanked Elizabeth Hack. Vice Chair Sharon Porter Robinson discussed a conference she recently attended. Allison Sloane thanked KY SHAPE and Jamie Sparks and addressed local districts about mandating masks. Chair Young thanked members and wished local districts a happy school year. Dr. Jason Glass thanked board members and KDE employees.

XVI. Adjournment

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Jamie Bowling moved to adjourn and Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.