

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on June 8, 2022. The KBE met in-person at the Kentucky Board of Education, State Board Room 514, 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 all board members and viewers and called the meeting to order at 9:02 am ET. Chair Young explained that Allison Slone and Solyana Mesfin are joining as special guests of the board. Allison and Solyana's terms as the first teacher and student members of the KBE concluded on April 14. At the end of our meeting today, we will get to hear from them as they share parting thoughts about their time on the KBE. We are also thrilled to have our incoming non-voting teacher, Joanna Stevens, also as a special guest. Joanna's term will officially begin on July 1.

Chair Young reminded members of the Open Meeting Act. Chair Young also stated that for any items that required a vote, a voice vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

**II. Swearing In of New Board Members**

Leah Sharpe from the Office of Legal Services administered the Oath of Office to Randy Poe and Lee Todd.

**III. Roll Call**

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Steve Trimble, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Randy Poe and Amanda Ellis in place of CPE President Aaron Thompson.

Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman and Randy Poe joined through Microsoft Teams.

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

**IV. Internal Board Business**

**A. Summary Minutes for June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting, Minutes for the June 8, 2022 Operations Meeting, June 8, 2022 Curriculum Meeting and the July 28, 2022 KBE Awards Committee Meeting**

Chair Young shared that the minutes for June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting, Minutes for the June 8, 2022 Operations Meeting, June 8, 2022 Curriculum Meeting and the July 28, 2022 KBE 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 Jamie Bowling made the motion. Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**B. KBE Meeting Format and Regular Meeting Calendar (Action/Discussion)**

Chair Young opened the discussion then members gave additional feedback on a new meeting structure and process for agenda development, and the members discussed shifting to a two-day meeting format (two half days with dinner in-between). After good discussion, Chair Young stated that the calendar with meeting dates through 2024 was distributed to you in advance.

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the new calendar with meeting dates through 2024. Steve Trimble made the motion; Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**C. Recipient of the 2022 Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education**

Awards Committee Chair Patrice McCrary presented about the recipients of the 2022 Grissom Award for Excellence in Education. Committee Chair McCrary motioned from committee. The motion did not require a second because it came from committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**V. Good News Items**

**A. Ignite Institute's robotics team wins 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship**

Randy Poe shared news to honoring the Ignite Institute's robotics team who won the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship.

**B. Kentucky School for the Blind celebrates three Class of 2022 Graduates**

Holly Bloodworth announced the Kentucky School for the Blind celebrated three Class of 2022 Graduates.

**C. Kentucky School for the Deaf celebrates Class of 2022 Graduates**

JoAnn Adams announced the Kentucky School for the Deaf celebrated Class of 2022 Graduates

**D. State Championship STLP project helps Russell-McDowell students connect to their community.**

Steve Trimble shared how a State Championship STLP project helped Russell-McDowell students connect to their community.

**E. Jefferson County's Jessica Goodman receives \$25,000 Milken Award**

Vice Chair Dr. Sharon Robinson announced that Jefferson County teacher, Jessica Goodman, received the Milken Award for \$25,000.

**F. KSB students dig into the past as part of UofL summer archeological field school**

Jamie Bowling talked about the KSB students dig into the past as part of UofL summer archeological field school.

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

Dr. Amanda Ellis reported about recent updates and progress at the Council for Postsecondary Education.

**VII. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

Lieutenant Governor Jaqueline Coleman spoke about the current work of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

**VIII. Report from the Commissioner of Education**

Dr. Glass updated the Kentucky Board of Education on the current work and vision happening at the Kentucky Department of Education and public schools in Kentucky.

**IX. Presentation of the 2022 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy - Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and KBE Chair Lu S. Young, Ed.D.**

Dr. Glass presented the 2022 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy to two worthy individuals this year; Dr. Leon Mooneyhan and Brigitte Blom. The board joined to celebrate both individuals for their work and dedication to education policies with admiration and congratulation.

**X. CRRSA Teams Regional Approach with a Statewide Impact**

KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray and Kentucky Association of Educational Cooperatives provided an update on this innovative use of federal COVID relief funds.

**XI. Race to Learn Report- Kentucky Student Voice Team**

An awesome and geographically diverse crew of 12 students presented details on the Race to Learn report to the board members.

**XII. Presentation of the Teresa Perry Compassion Award**

Commissioner Glass and Toni Konz Tatman will facilitate this surprise award ceremony.

**XIII. Recognition of 2021-2022 Content Area Educators of the Year**

Chair Young stated to the board members that Kentucky is fortunate to have incredibly talented and passionate educators dedicated to professional growth and perfecting their craft. We are honored to recognize an elite set of educators who received awards this year from a prestigious list of professional associations and organizations. Chair Young presented a brief video highlighting these outstanding educators.

At conclusion of the video, board members and invited guests joined for a celebratory luncheon with board members, 67 educators from across Kentucky. These educators received a 2022 KBE Educator Excellence pin to commemorate this special event.

The Board recessed for lunch, reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**XIV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**A. Action Items**

1. Certification of Non-Public Schools – Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster
2. Indirect Cost Rates - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter

3. Appointment of At-Large Member to Kentucky High School Athletics Association Board of Control- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
4. 2022-2023 Preschool Grant Allotment and Funding Rates – KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Program Consultant Bill Buchanan
5. Hearing Officer's Report - KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
6. Litigation Report - KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
7. Committee Assignments for KBE Members

Chair Young called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jamie Bowling made the motion with a second from Steve Trimble. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Chair Young dismissed to Committees.

**xv. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee (NOTE: Committees will meet simultaneously.)**

- A.** Amendments to 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum requirements for high school graduation (Action/Discussion) – KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray and KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Peace
- B.** Report from the Portrait of a Graduate Subcommittee

**xvi. Operations Committee**

- A.** State Assisted Schools Update – KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster
- B.** Bullitt County School District Request for Waiver of the Property Appraisal Requirements in 702 KAR 4:090 Section 1(3) and Section 2(1)-(2) to Permit the Disposal of Surplus Property (Action/Discussion) - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- C.** Fayette County Board of Education Request for Approval per 702 KAR 4:050 to Permit Property Purchase Where Site Acquisition and Preparation Costs Exceed 10% of the Total Project Budget (Action/Discussion) - KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter

Upon return from Committees the meeting began with the Public Comment Segment.

**xvii. 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 comments via email from Donnie Wilkerson and zero (0) individual comments via in-person at meeting.

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 who submitted a public comment, and stated that on behalf of all KBE members thanked all who take time to share feedback and concerns with the board. The KBE always appreciates the opportunity to hear from constituents on matters that pertain to education across the Commonwealth.

**XVIII. Report of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

**A. Amendments to 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum requirements for high school graduation (Action/Discussion)**

**B. Report from the Portrait of a Graduate Subcommittee**

Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth shared that the committee heard an excellent presentation by Micki Ray and Sarah Peace of the Office of Teaching and Learning on the proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:305. Holly made the motion that on behalf of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee she approved the amendments for the high school graduation requirements. Chair Young stated the motion did not require a second because it came from committee. The motion passed unanimously passed.

**XIX. Report of the Operations Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

**A. State Assisted Schools Update –** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Breathitt County School District Superintendent Phillip Watts gave an update on Breathitt County schools speaking on three areas of success and progress made this school year; as well as, preparing for next school year.

**B. Bullitt County School District Request for Waiver of the Property Appraisal Requirements in 702 KAR 4:090 Section 1(3) and Section 2(1)-(2) to Permit the Disposal of Surplus Property (Action/Discussion) -** KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter explained the waiver to the committee.

**C. Fayette County Board of Education Request for Approval per 702 KAR 4:050 to Permit Property Purchase Where Site Acquisition and Preparation Costs Exceed 10% of the Total Project Budget (Action/Discussion) -** KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter explained the request to the committee.

Committee Chair Lee Todd reported on the actions of the committee and called for a motion to approve the actions of the Operations Committee.

Chair Young called for a motion to approve the actions of the Operations Committee. The motion did not require a second because it came from committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**XX. Action/Discussion Items**

**A. Menifee County Management Audit**

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster provided an update on the Menifee County management audit and recommended that the board approve the district's release from state management.

Chair Young made a motion to release Menifee County School District from state assistance. Jamie Bowling made the motion; Steve Trimble seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**B. 2021 Report, 2021 Exceptions, and 2023 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:116, 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.

Chair Young asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the 2021 Report, 2021 Exceptions and 2023 Plan as required by 702 KAR 1:116, Annual In-Service Training of District Board Members. JoAnn Adams made the motion; Holly Bloodworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**XXI. Review Items**

**A. Full-Time Enrolled Online, Virtual and Remote Learning**

KDE Associate Commissioner David Couch, Chief Digital Officer Marty Park, KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Woods-Tucker and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray facilitated the discussion on virtual and remote learning.

**B. Reflections from the Inaugural Student and Teacher Non-Voting KBE Members**

Allison Slone and Solyana Mesfin each gave a reflection presentation on their Inaugural Student and Teacher experience as members on the board.

**XXII. Board Member Sharing**

Board members Patrice McCrary, Jamie Bowling, Sharon Robinson and Holly Bloodworth all shared during this time.

**XXIII. Recognition of Andy Liaupsin- Kentucky Colonel Presentation**

Chair Young stated. Before we adjourn, we want to take a few minutes to recognize a very important member of Team KDE who will be retiring at the end of June, making this his last KBE meeting. To celebrate Andy and wish him well as he transitions to a well-deserved retirement, we are excited to share that Governor Beshear has commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel! Congratulations, Andy!

Andy expressed his appreciation for his job at KDE, and thankfulness to have been part of the KBE Team. He is looking forward to retirement.

**XXIV. Adjournment**

Chair Young requested a motion to adjourn the June KBE Regular Meeting. Holly Bloodworth made the motion; Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.