

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular work session meeting on August 2, 2022. The KBE met in-person at the Kentucky Board of Education, 5465 State Park Road, Jamestown, KY. 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

Vice Chair Robinson welcomed all board members and called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm CT. Vice Chair Robinson made opening comments by expressing the support of the full board to all the Eastern Kentucky School Districts and that Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education will stand with you through your long recovery process.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Robinson asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Joanna Stevens, Joud Dahleh

Vice Chair Robinson welcomed our new non-voting teacher Joanna Stevens and our new non-voting student Joud Dahleh for their first official meeting.

III. United We Learn: A Vision for the Future of Public Education in Kentucky

A. Understanding the UWL Vision

Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and Meredith Brewer facilitated a series of interactive activities to explore the big ideas of United We Learn.

B. United We Learn Messaging

KDE Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman facilitated a session on United We Learn talking points.

IV. School Improvement Practices

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster provided an overview on the school improvement process in Kentucky.

V. Addressing the Whole Child in a Virtual Learning Environment

KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray, KDE Chief Digital Officer Marty Park and KDE Division Director Damien Sweeney presented on how virtual learning programs can address overarching themes critical to social/emotional health and academic success in a virtual learning environment. (Marty Park also invited to the presentation table special guests from Bullitt County School Districts: Adrienne

Usher, Danny Clements, Dominic McCamish from the Bullitt County School District who expressed their deep support the Whole Child in a Virtual Learning Environment.)

VI. KBE Goal Setting for 2022-2023

Vice Chair Robinson facilitated a discussion on the KBE Goals for 2022-2023. The goals will be formally adopted during the October KBE regular meeting. The current goals are as follows:

The Kentucky Board of Education is committed to the pursuit of educational equity which is defined as the promotion of access, opportunity, and advancement of all individuals, especially those in historically underserved communities, in order to identify and eliminate conditions that prevent the ability of all students to reach their full potential. We pledge to develop authentic partnerships with other Kentucky agencies and education stakeholders in order to strengthen our efforts and maximize impact. To that end, we establish the following goals:

1. Champion the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education's efforts to reimagine learning in Kentucky as we co-create a vision with communities, foster local innovation, and advance policy recommendations aligned with this work.
2. Amplify our voice in support of minority students, their families, and minority educators by not only listening to their concerns and aspirations, but also pledging to leverage those concerns and aspirations to guide our actions. Continue to support and promote the Kentucky Department of Education's efforts to foster a culture of anti-racism and further equity within our public schools. We celebrate the following milestones:
 - a. Hiring of Kentucky's first state-level Chief Equity Officer.
 - b. Release of July 2020 Resolution Affirming KBE's Commitment to Racial Equity in Kentucky Public Schools.
3. In cooperation with the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), advance policies and regulation reviews that strengthen the future teacher pipeline and increase the qualities and competencies of Kentucky's educator workforce emphasizing the critical need for increased representation of teachers of color. We celebrate the following milestones:
 - a. Relaunch of the Kentucky Academy for Equity in Teaching initiative which seeks to provide all students with equitable access to effective, experienced and diverse educators that will help ensure all graduates are prepared to be successful members of a global society.
 - b. Enrollment in the Teaching and Learning Career Pathway is more diverse than the current general student population.
 - c. Expansion of alternative pathways to earn a Kentucky teaching certificate including the addition of a new Option 7 program.
 - d. Promote the creation and implementation of a statewide profile of a learner/graduate, identifying the knowledge, skills and dispositions all Kentucky learners need to become successful citizens. Utilize and strengthen key partnerships, including those with the Commonwealth Education Continuum and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, to inform this work.
 - e. Galvanize support of strong, developmentally appropriate early childhood education as a path to equity by taking steps toward fully funded full-day

kindergarten and universal public preschool.

VII. KBE Legislative Priorities

KDE Director of Government Relations Brian Perry facilitated a discussion on legislative priorities based upon the goals discussed.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Robinson thanked everyone for a productive work session. We will reconvene for our regular meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. CT. Vice Chair Robinson requested a motion to adjourn the August Work Session Meeting. Patrice McCrary made the motion; Steve Trimble seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.