

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on December 7, 2022. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, 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

Chair Lu Young welcomed all board members and the KDE Leadership Team to the meeting. The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:01 am ET.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth (absent) Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary (virtual), Randy Poe, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Joanna Stevens, Joud Dahleh, Amanda Ellis, and Sharon Robinson (Ms. Robinson joined meeting at 9:20 am ET).

III. Good News

Owensboro Independent's Charlotte Buskill receives \$25,000 Milken Award

Jamie Bowling shared the announcement that Owensboro Independent's Charlotte Buskill is the latest Kentucky educator to receive the Millken Family Foundation National Education Award.

Warren County Public Schools' Rob Clayton named National Superintendent of the Year

Steve Trimble announced that Warren County Public School's Rob Clayton was named to the National Superintendent of the Year. on Oct. 21 by the National Association of School Superintendents (NASS) in Reno, Nevada. Superintendent Clayton serves as the superintendent of Warren County Public Schools which is the fourth largest and fastest-growing public school in Kentucky.

11 Kentucky educators selected for 2022-2023 Innovative Teacher Cohort

Joanna Stevens shared the news of the 11 Kentucky educators selected for the 2022-2023 Innovative Teacher Cohort which is part of the Kentucky Innovation Learning Network (KY ILN). These eleven Kentucky educators will be part of a pilot cohort and will craft innovative experiences that connect to the three big ideas of the United We Learn vision by creating vibrant learning experiences, accelerating innovation and building a bold new future with communities.

New accessible playground unveiled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB)

Sharon Robinson announced that KSB unveiled a new accessible playground to be enjoyed by the students. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 10, 2022.

Owensboro Innovation Academy representing Kentucky in 2022 National Christmas Tree display

Lee Todd shared that Owensboro Innovation Academy represented Kentucky in 2022 National Christmas Tree display. Owensboro Innovation Academy joined 57 other schools across the country in creating one-of-a-kind ornaments for the National Christmas Tree display on the Ellipse in President's Park in front of the White House.

IV. Internal Board Business

A. KBE Member Self Evaluation Overview and Discussion

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) President and CEO Paolo DeMaria will facilitate a discussion on the analysis of the board's self-evaluation. Chair Young, Randy Poe, Lee Todd, and Patrice McCrary each added their own perspective as members of the Kentucky Board of Education, set new KBE goals and the importance of the board members to take more active roles in communities across Kentucky. Commissioner Glass closed by thanking all the board members for sharing their knowledge, experiences and very much valued the expertise.

B. Board Member Sharing

Joud Dahleh shared her reflection on a recent trip to the NASBE conference.

Patrice McCrary shared with the board that she attended the following educator celebrations: Charlotte Buskill receiving the Milken Award, Teacher of the Year Announcement Ceremony, and the Governor Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame Ceremony where there were three new inductees. The three teachers announced to the 2022 Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame were Katy Cecil current teacher of Larue County High School, Wilma Pace (retired) teacher of South Marshall Middle and High School, and Addie Henry (retired) teacher of Breathitt County High School.

Sharon Robinson shared that our KBE Student Representative, Joud Dahleh is doing wonderful work with NASBE Student Representative Network.

Sharon Robinson shared information on the organization known as KY Jobs for America Graduates (JAG) helping students to overcome barriers, ensuring they stay in school through graduation. This organization prepares students for college or career pathways that will help them reach their full potential as leaders for their families, communities, Kentucky and our nation. Sharon mentioned one KY JAG student from 2019 Martin County High School who she was greatly impressed! KYJAG is now in its eighth year for reaching goals for positive outcomes for its students. Randy Poe requested more information about KY JAG. Steve Trimble also agreed with the magnitude and greatness of this organization.

Sharon Robinson would also like to give time to include the role of the self-evaluation of the board, in addition to our policies, also how the members can contribute. Dr. Meredith Brewer stated that she has asked for further discussion of this in February.

Chair Young inquired if any KBE members are interested in serving on the KY Civic Education Coalition's executive committee. Please let Chair Young or Meredith know if you would like to volunteer to this committee.

V. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Dr. Amanda Ellis provided a report on behalf of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

VI. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Dr. Glass provided the Kentucky Board of Education on the current work, vision and events held at the Kentucky Department of Education and across public schools in Kentucky.

VII. Review Items

- A. 2021-2022 Data At-a-Glance and Statewide Efforts to Support Teaching and Learning**
KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims, KDE Division Director Kevin Hill, KDE Division Director Jennifer Stafford and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray provided an overview of recent assessment results and the KDE’s support/response efforts.

VIII. Presentation of the Kevin M. Noland and Mary Ann Miller Award for Outstanding Public Service to Kentucky Schools

Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and KDE Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman led the award presentation.

IX. Presentation of the 2021 and 2022 Milken Educator Awards

Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and KDE Chief Communications Officer Toni Konz Tatman led the award presentation.

Chair Young requested a break for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 12:45pm.

X. Review Items (continued)

B. Update on KDE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Efforts

KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Woods-Tucker, KDE Division Director Damien Sweeney and KDE Strategic Analyst of Learning Florence Chang provided an update on KDE’s DEIB efforts.

C. Facilities Update

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Branch Manager Greg Dunbar provided an update on the district facilities process and HB 678 implementation. The board members greatly appreciated the information and update.

XI. Public Comment

Chair Young stated that the Public Comment Session is limited to 10 speakers at maximum of three minutes each. No one was in attended for public comment, however there were two emails received. One from Ms. Claudia Haynes of Bowling Green related to the banning of books in schools and public libraries. Chair Young stated the board shares Ms. Haynes’ concerns; one from Richard Ennis of Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions from Villa Hills, Kentucky who had more information and deep diving into neighbors results that he wanted to make sure that the board was informed. Chair Young stated that the board has referred that to the Office of Assessment and Accountability with Rhonda Sims and her team, and they will look at the information shared as well.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Young gave congratulations to all the award recipients and invited them to join the board members for lunch immediately following adjournment. Chair Young asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Trimble made the motion; seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion passed with a unanimously voice vote.