

**The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on February 8, 2023. 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 9:03 am ET.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling (virtual), Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Lu Young, Joanna Stevens, Joud Dahleh, and Amanda Ellis. Sam Fynn joined the meeting from 9:40 am -10:20am to give the report from the Education and Labor Cabinet.

**III. Good News**

**Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster Receives Bob Harmon Service to Education Award**

Randy Poe shared the announcement that Kentucky Department of Education Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster received the Bob Harmon Service to Education Award.

**Two Kentucky Schools Named NAESPA Distinguished Schools**

Patrice McCrary announced that two Kentucky Schools were named NAESPA Distinguished Schools.

**Kentucky Students David Daniel and Heng Yang Chosen for 2023 US Senate Youth Program**

Joud Dahleh shared that Kentucky students David Daniel and Heng Yang were chosen for the 2023 US Senate Youth Program.

**KDE's Elisa Hanley Named Vice-Chair of the National Congress on School Transportation**

JoAnn Adams shared that KDE's Elisa Hanley has been named Vice-Chair of the National Congress on School Transportation.

**Crittenden County Teacher Earns CCSSO 2023 State Teacher of the Year Honors**

Holly Bloodworth announced that a Crittenden County Teachers earn CCSSO 2023 State Teacher of the Year Honors

#### **IV. Board Member Sharing**

Patrice McCrary shared that at *Western Kentucky University the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame inducted three new Kentucky Teachers at a ceremony in November*. The 2022 inductees, Katy Cecil of Hodgenville, Addie Henry of Richmond, and the late Wilma Pace of Hardin, were formally recognized in the ceremony at Gary Ransdell Hall. Patrice salutes these new inductees and all the teachers throughout the Commonwealth.”

Patrice also made mention that there is a National Teacher Hall of Fame. An honor given an educator who consistently goes above and beyond for their students and community. It is important to know that teachers can be also recognized at a national level on a National Hall of Fame too.

Sharon Robinson shared with the members that she was invited to volunteer at the Greenwood Elementary School in Jefferson County during the **African American Read-In (AARI)**. The book she read to a group of first graders was *The Year We Learn to Fly*, Author Jacqueline Woodson, Illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Sharon stated she was honored to read this book to the children, as well as, inspired by their enthusiastic reactions.

Randy Poe share that he visited Greenup and Logan Counties during CTE Month. He very much enjoyed these visits and gave praise to each Career and Technical Centers (CTC) for their hard work. The CTC's are doing a lot of great work for their communities and these are great programs in these two areas.

Chair Lu Young shared that she and Commissioner Glass were invited to attend Paintsville Independent school where they are developing a new school that will be involved and engage their focus on STEM and Workforce Development. Chair Young was inspired by their ideas and commitment the community.

Chair Young shared that she attended the Deeper Learning Dozen Convening in San Diego on February 2-3<sup>rd</sup>. She was happy to have the opportunity to attend DLD and excited to learn more about this work.

Chair Young concluded the sharing segment on board sharing that she was also excited about the reading to children as part of our literacy conversation and that literacy will be part of our KBE goals. There will be more information to follow on this topic.

#### **V. Internal Board Business**

##### **A. KBE Internal Goal Setting Discussion – KBE Chair Lu S. Young, Ed. DP**

Chair Young lead the discussion by pointing to the responses received via the board's self-evaluation completed last December. Chair Young mentioned the development of internal goals to accompany our existing external goal would be next step. Topics the members discussed were as follows:

- Development of a learning agenda
- Exploration of voting privileges for student/teacher members
- Ways to increase nature and value of public comments (from self-assessment)
- Identify opportunities to build broader support for mission and goals (from self-assessment)

Chair Young did not ask for a motion to approve any goals on this internal board business item

but requested that group continue to think about internal and external goal setting before the next board meeting.

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

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

**VII. Report from the Secretary of Education and Labor Cabinet**

Sam Flynn attended the meeting virtually and provided an update on behalf of Secretary Link.

**VIII. 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.

**IX. Action/Discussion Items**

**A. Breathitt County Management Audit**

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

Chair Young asked the board to entertain a motion to release the Breathitt County School District from state assistance. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Young closed all comments by stating the Kentucky Board of Education recognizes and congratulates Superintendent Phillip Watts, the Breathitt County Board of Education, the Faculty and Staff of the Breathitt County School District, as well as the community members of Breathitt County on this accomplishment. As a team, they recognized that systemic change was needed to better support the students of Breathitt County. The vision of the district has changed and is evident in projects like creating a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade campus that allowed for more opportunities and access for students as well as the new \$15 million Preschool-Grade 2 building that is scheduled to open in 2023. Congratulations to the whole Breathitt County team and we look forward to years of future progress and student success.

**X. Review Items**

**A. National Association of State Boards of Education Student Engagement Collaboration Update**

KBE Member Joud Dahleh and KBE Vice Chair Sharon Robinson, Ph.D. briefly discuss the NASBE Student Engagement Collaborative. Joud presented her project on the collaborative as our Kentucky NASBE student leader.

**B. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update**

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd, KDE Division Director David Cook and Kentucky United We Learn Council Interim Chair Audrey Gilbert provided an update on the work of the KUWL Council standing committees.

**C. 2024-2026 Biennial Budget Request and 6 Year Capital Improvement Plan**

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth provided an overview of the budget request process. Representatives from OTL, OET and

OFO shared their Additional Budget Requests (ABRs).

**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, therefore we will move on to the next item on the agenda.

**XII. Presentation of the 2022 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award**

Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. and Kentucky Board of Education Chair Lu S. Young, Ed.D. led the award presentation.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Chair Young gave congratulations to, Audrey and invited her family and Kevin C. Brown 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 Randy Poe. The motion passed with unanimously voice vote.