

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on April 12, 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 9:00 am ET.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Lu Young, Joanna Stevens, Joud Dahleh, Jamie Link and Aaron Thompson.

III. Good News

CTE students showcase their programs at Kentucky State Capitol

Steve Trimble shared the announcement that the CTE students showcase their programs at Kentucky State Capitol.

Cassidy Elementary School recognized with Green Ribbon Schools award.

Lu Young announced that the Cassidy Elementary School was recognized with a Green Ribbon Schools award.

Kentucky celebrates 104 new National Board-Certified teachers.

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KDE's Toni Tatman was honored with top award from state public relations association.

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Educators Rising Kentucky doubles conference participation.

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IV. Board Member Sharing

Chair Young stated that per board policy, the agenda for each regular meeting shall include an item under which board members may raise issues not included on the agenda for the purposes of clarification, referral to a committee, or scheduling for future board review and/or action if such is the consensus of the board. The following board members shared information:

Patrice McCrary shared that she had the honor and the privilege of serving on the Whole school. Whole Community, Whole Child Subcommittee and it is amazing! It is a group of individuals that are pulled together who truly do support the whole child within the Commonwealth and it's an incredible group.

Patrice next shared that she just learned that the Commonwealth has the national PE teacher of the year. His name is Jordan Manley, and he is the national high school PE teacher of the year, and this is so exciting! Jordan is at Steam High School.

Patrice closed by stating that she will be leaving in a couple of weeks to head to the Whole School Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) National Conference in Omaha, NE where 16 states are coming together to see how we can definitely donate to our children.

JoAnn Adams shared that she is so happy to be able to get back into the classrooms after covid with the children by volunteering in the schools again, specifically in the Henry County School District.

JoAnn Adams next shared that she recently attended the Governor's Cup Competition for elementary where the district and regional was held and that was so exciting to see those kids competing. I also attended the Robotic Governor's Robot Rumble which was awesome! It was a I held at Martha Layne Collins High School and to see those kids with those robots there and their little rumbles, it was quite amazing!

JoAnn Adams closed by commenting that the most important thing to her is to mentor students in the public school system. It's very humbling and heartwarming to be able to be with students, and she loves being able to be back doing that again.

Chair Lu Young shared that she attended the NASBE Legislative Conference. She got to meet a friend of Joud Dahleh's too. At the conference, she had the privilege of being a presenter on a panel during a session on student service on state boards of education. At this panel discussion, she met Ryan Hafner who loves Joud. Ryan is a student board member at the main Board of Education and in China, and also Burgess Jones, who is a student member at DC Board of Education. We discussed Joud's work around student voice, and we all agreed that she knows why it is so important to have student voices on state boards of education and local boards of education. Also, the first night Chair Young met jointly with NASBE and CCSSO to hear Lamar Burton talk about the work that he continues to do after Reading Rainbow around literacy. Chair Young then stated that she is excited that the literacy topic is on the KBE agenda today and she is looking forward to the conversation today with KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray within the Office of Teaching and Learning, and her team. Chair Young stated that she had really great conversations at NASBE, and it was a really, really productive event.

Holly Bloodworth shared just wanted to say thank you to Doctor Thomas Woods Tucker, the Diversity Action Committee at Murray State University hosted him for a day. He did such a great job speaking with classes. He also met with a panel to help give us insight into some of the initiatives that we are doing at Murray State, and then he also gave a lecture. Dr. Woods-Tucker had a very busy time at Murray State, but he represented us all well. We really appreciated his visit!

V. Internal Board Business

A. KBE Learning Agenda – KBE Chair Lu S. Young, Ed. DP

Chair Young lead the discussion by making a call to action which involves the following three big ideas of Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL): Vibrant Student Experiences, Accelerated Innovation, and Collaboration with Communities. The KBE's goal is to work in support of and in

collaboration with the KUWL Council – not duplicating efforts. Our Commonwealth needs to understand the meaning of our current structure of the accountability mindset system, student learning experiences, and assessment practices then work together to be fully equipped to collectively launch what we all want as a new model plan for these structures.

KUWL includes the initiatives of the Inclusive Learner Experience and the Portrait of a Learner. Therefore, Chair Young explained request for a Learning Agenda Proposal which would create KBE Special Committees to explore other areas of the Inclusive Learner Experience, focus on sense-making and coherence, and prepare a report from each special committee to report back to the KBE at the June 2023 Regular Meeting for release.

Chair Young then asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the creation of three KBE Special committees with appointment by the chair from among the KBE members, KDE staff, and external partners for the purpose of understanding, supporting, and promoting United We Learn through the lens of the Inclusive Learner Experience in Kentucky. The motion was made by Randy Poe; seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Aaron Thompson, Ph.D. attended the meeting and provided his report.

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Jamie Link attended virtually and provided his report.

VIII. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D. attended the meeting and delivered his report.

IX. Hearing Officer's Report

The Hearing Officer's Report was provided in the KSBA porta and KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen was available to answer any questions. There were no questions, however there was one Statement of Consideration from the Office of Teaching and Learning.

A. Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 8:060, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies

Deputy Commissioner Thomas Woods-Tucker and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray presented the statement of consideration for 704 KAR 8:060, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies

Chair Young asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the statement of consideration for 704 KAR 8:060, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies. The motion was made by JoAnn Adams; seconded by Sharon Robinson. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

X. Review Items

A. Kentucky United We Learn Council and CGSA Grant Update

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd, KDE Division Director David Cook and KUWL Council Accelerating Innovation Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Hatton and Kathy Stovall, Ed.D. provided the update.

B. Vibrant Student Experiences in Literacy

KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray, KDE Director of Early Literacy Christie Biggerstaff, KDE Assistant Director of Early Literacy and Former Corbin Independent Schools Chief Academic Officer Ashley Hill, Wayne County Schools Chief Academic Officer Brian Dishman, and Hancock County Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Assessment Robin Poynter facilitated the discussion.

XI. Public Comment

Chair Young stated that the Public Comment Session is limited to 10 speakers at maximum of three minutes each. No one submitted any items via the KBE email inbox nor was there anyone in attended for public comment, therefore we moved on to the next item on the agenda.

XII. Presentation of the 2023 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education

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 Dr. Melanie House and invited her to lunch with her guest 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 unanimous voice vote.