

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on August 2, 2023. The KBE met in-person at 6371 State Park Road, Burkesville, KY 42717. The public was permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Lu Young welcomed all board members to the meeting, especially the new board members Julie Pile, Diane Woods, Alissa Riley, and R.J. Osborne.

Julie Pile: Julie shared she is honored to serve on the Kentucky Board of Education. Her background includes serving as a member on the Boone County School Board for four years. As a parent she believes it is important to be a voice for all kids across the state. Julie has also been serving on the Kentucky United We Learn Council. Chair Young encouraged everyone to follow Julie on social media and the work she does through Parent Camp.

R.J. Osborne: R.J. is a junior at Whitley County High School in Williamsburg, KY. He is a member of the Whitley County Baseball Team, a member of FFA, and a member of the student advisory council.

Diane Woods: Diane graduated from Harrison County High School, is a native of Cynthiana, and now resides in Fayette County. She was a science teacher in Fayette County at Jessie Clark Middle School, the assistant principal and principal at Henry Clay High School. She then served as superintendent at Campbellsville Independent school district. Diane gave special thanks to Dr. Gene Wilhoite who saw the need for a program to support minority candidates pursue educational leadership positions.

Chair Young made comments expressing thanks to Commissioner Glass and gave him the opportunity to address the board. Commissioner Glass thanked everyone and shared he has loved working in his home state as the leader of the Kentucky Department of Education. He expressed great appreciation for the support from the board and staff of KDE.

Chair Young also welcomed the KDE Leadership Team, as well as guests to the meeting. Chair Young reflected proudly on the last two years serving as Chair of the KBE and expressed gratitude to the members and to Commissioner Glass.

Vice Chair Robinson echoed the comments of Chair Young and stated that she feels that this board and KDE staff have been very distinguished in every facet, as well as in their passion for the students of Kentucky.

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 P.M. Central Time.

II. Roll Call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Alissa Riley, R. J. Osborne, and Jamie Link.

III. Internal Board Business

A. Summary Minutes for June 6, 2023, KBE Regular Meeting Day 1, June 7, 2023,

KBE Regular Meeting Day 2, and July 25, 2023, KBE Awards Committee Meeting (Action/Discussion)

The minutes were distributed to members in advance. Chair Young asked for any corrections. There were no corrections. Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling; seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Nomination and Election of Kentucky Board of Education Chair and Vice-Chair (Action Discussion)

Lu Young stated that KRS 156.029 requires that the KBE elect a chairperson at the first regular meeting of each fiscal year. Chair Young requested nominations for the Chair. Randy Poe nominated Sharon Porter Robinson. There were no other nominations.

With only one nomination, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve the slate and elect Sharon Porter Robinson as Chair. The motion was made by JoAnn Adams; seconded by Lee Todd. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sharon Porter Robinson then opened nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Patrice McCrary nominated Lu Young for the office of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

With only one nomination, Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the slate and elect Lu Young as Vice Chair. The motion was made by Patrice McCrary; seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. KBE Standing Committees (Action/Discussion)

Chair Robinson led the discussion on the proposal to create two new standing committees: State Schools and United We Learn/Teaching and Learning. Randy Poe agreed to serve as Chair of the State Schools committee. Holly Bloodworth agreed to serve as Chair of the United We Learn Committee. Patrice McCrary agreed to continue to serve as the Chair of the KBE Awards Committee. Several of the board members made favorable comments to approve the newly identified committees and committee members.

State Schools	United We Learn	Awards
Randy Poe (Chair)	Holly Bloodworth (Chair)	Patrice McCrary (Chair)
Steve Trimble	Lee Todd	JoAnn Adams
Diane Woods	Julie Pile	Diane Woods
Sharon Robinson	Alissa Riley	Lu Young
Lu Young	Jamie Bowling	
R, J. Osborne	Patrice McCrary	
Jamie Link	JoAnn Adams	
	Aaron Thompson	

Chair Robinson then entertained a motion to approve the creation of two new standing committees: The *State Schools Standing Committee*, charged with reviewing and advising the

full board on all policy matters related to the governance and operations of the Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Deaf, and the Area Technology Centers operated by the KDE. The *United We Learn Standing Committee*, charged with reviewing and advising the full board on all policy matters related to United We Learn and the KDE's efforts to transform school experiences to ensure deep and authentic learning experiences for all students. The motion also included the dissolution of the *Curriculum* and *Operations* standing committees, the continuance of the *Awards* committee, and the standing committee membership and chairs as discussed. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by Holly Bloodworth. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet

Secretary Jamie Link attended the meeting and gave his report.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. Bracken County School District Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 4:180:050

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter presented the waiver request. There were minimal comments shared by the board members. Note: A correction was made to the regulation number. The staff note incorrectly listed the regulation as 702 KAR 4:180. The correct regulation is 702 KAR 4:050.

Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the Bracken County School District request for waiver of 702 KAR 4:050, Section 4 (4)(6). The motion was made by Randy Poe; seconded by Patrice McCrary. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. 702 KAR 3:340, Approval of School District Lease Agreements

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross presented the regulation.

Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve 702 KAR 3:340; Approval of School District Lease Agreements. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling; seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Amendment of 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Executive Advisor Matt Ross presented the proposed amendments.

Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the proposed amendments to 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance. The motion was made by Randy Poe; seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Kentucky Department of Education 2024-2026 Biennial Budget

KDE Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth facilitated the budget discussion.

Chair Robinson asked the members if there were any questions or comments. The board members shared many questions, comments, and suggestions on the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget. One member asked if the budget requests from the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness could be put in one group. A few members suggested more funds be requested

for professional development. Chair Robinson asked if there were any further questions. Randy Poe requested to make sure the ATC budget is included and increased and for an updated list of budget priorities to be shared after changes. Steve Trimble if there is more funding for reading. Karen Wirth stated there are current appropriations for the Read to Achieve program.

Chair Robinson summarized the board's request to group the OELE items and add the professional development request to create one request under the umbrella of Educator Workforce to hopefully improve the prioritization of the funding.

Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the items identified for the 2024-2026 additional budget requests as discussed. The motion was made by Jamie Bowling; seconded by Holly Bloodworth.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

KDE Associate Commissioner Kinney expressed appreciation for the board's quality review of the proposed additional budget requests.

Chair Robinson requested a 10-minute break. The meeting was reconvened at 2:00pm CT.

VI. Portrait of a Learner – An Archimedean Lever

To begin, a KDE-produced video on Kentucky's Portrait of a Learner was shared. The video featured KBE Chair Robinson, KBE Vice Chair Young, Bullitt County Superintendent Dr. Jessie Bacon, and 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Mandy Perez.

KDE communications consultant Tammy Schiff began with a brief introduction followed by KDE program manager Sarah Snipes who presented the results of a KDE survey on Local Portrait of a Learner Implementation. The Kentucky United We Learn Council's Bold New Future standing committee chair Caleb Bates joined Schiff to share an overview on the results of the committee's feedback gathering efforts to gauge opinion on potential amendments to graduation requirements to incorporate demonstrations of learning aligned with a portrait of a learner. To conclude, Schiff facilitated small group discussions on Portrait of a Learner implementation considerations.

Alissa Riley shared her appreciation for the hard work on the Portrait of a Learner. She feels these competencies are important for our state. Vice Chair Young expressed her thanks for the in-depth presentations and conversations, but encouraged KBE members to remember the KDE is not co-creating tool designs for teachers and students, the KDE is designing tools with teachers and students.

Julie Pile expressed a desire not to forget that work is already being done in the districts and that creating an excitement around this work will be the charge.

VII. Review Items

A. Update on the Local Laboratories of Learning

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., KDE Division Director David Cook and KDE Program Manager Sarah Snipes provided an update on the Local Laboratories of Learning (L3) initiative.

Foster introduced Allen County Superintendent Travis Hamby and Fleming County Superintendent Brian Creasman. Creasman and Hamby shared about the different L3 projects taking place in their districts.

Cook emphasized that both districts were doing great things, but not the same things. The major connection, however, is that these two districts are taking a community approach to implementing L3.

Dr. Lee Todd stated how excited he was to hear the presentations and that he will continue to follow each district more closely.

Vice Chair Young, Randy Poe, Patrice McCrary, and Diane Woods also stated their excitement and appreciation for the work Allen and Fleming Counties.

Creasman concluded with a request for continued support for the L3 initiatives.

B. Kentucky United We Learn Council and CGSA Grant Update

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd introduced Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council Bold New Future (BNF) committee chair Wallace Caleb Bates who provided an update on the work of the BNF committee.

During the next KUWL Council convening in November, the council members will identify the moonshot or goal for this work. Dodd is also working on how a recommendation will be brought to the Kentucky Board of Education members.

KDE Division Director David Cook stated that members will hear more about the CGSA grant status during the October KBE regular meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Robinson expressed thanks to everyone for their time and engagement.

KDE Executive Director of Education Policy, Dr. Brewer stated that following adjournment everyone is invited to dinner on the patio followed by activities outside to enjoy such as bonfire and a game of cornhole.

Chair Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.