

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on October 10, 2023. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although were 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 Sharon Robinson called the meeting to order and began by giving a special introduction to the newly appointed Interim Commissioner Robin Fields Kinney. Interim Commissioner Kinney gave opening remarks related to her new role within KDE and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Update on Administrative Regulations Reviewed by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

LSAC Chair Robbie Fletcher began by thanking KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and KDE Division Directors Jennifer Stafford and Kevin Hill from the Office of Assessment Accountability and Brian Gong and Laura Pinsonneault from the Center for Assessment for sharing the results of the Accountability Standard Setting committee. The committee met for two days in June and three days in September. The committee reviewed the scores that were made available and set cut points. The LSAC members, after some discussion, approved the cut scores.

Chair Fletcher also provided an update on the two administrative regulations reviewed by LSAC. The council reviewed the 702 KAR 3:330, Liability Insurance Regulation and the Amendments to 705 KAR 4:231, General program standard for secondary career and technical education programs. Chair Fletcher gave an overview of each of the regulations and stated that both passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Chair Robinson shared appreciation to LSAC Chair Fletcher for the report to the board.

IV. Internal Board Business (Action/Discussion)

A. Summary Minutes for October 10, 2023 KBE Regular Meeting Day 1, October 11, 2023 KBE Regular Meeting Day 2, October 10, 2023 United We Learn Committee Meeting, October 10, 2023 State Schools Committee Meeting, November 2, 2023 RFP Evaluation Committee, November 6, 2023 KBE Special Meeting, November 27, 2023 RFP Evaluation Committee, and November 27, 2023 KDE Awards Committee Meeting, November 28, 2023 KBE Special Meeting

The minutes of these meetings were distributed to members in advance. Chair Robinson asked for any corrections. There were no corrections. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was made by Holly Bloodworth; seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Mission and Vision

KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd facilitated a discussion on the KBE mission and vision statements. There were several comments and suggestions which led to the board members' request to make a few changes to the statements and return it to the board in December for review and potential adoption.

C. KBE Goals and Legislative Priorities

Chair Robinson stated that the proposed 2023-2024 KBE Goals and Legislative Priorities were distributed to the KBE members in advance of the meeting.

Chair Robinson asked for the board to entertain a motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 KBE goals and legislative priorities. Julie Pile made the motion; seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

D. 2023-204 Communication Procedures

The proposed 2023-2024 Communication Procedures were also distributed to the KBE members in advance of the meeting.

Chair Robinson asked for the board to entertain a motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Communication Procedures. The motion was made by Diane Woods; seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

E. Identification of the Strategic Priority and Criteria for the 2023 KBE Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

KBE Awards Committee Chair Patrice McCrary presented the information related to the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award to the board. She began by stating that Brown served in various roles at the KDE from 2004 to 2018. Most recently, Brown served as the Interim Commissioner of Education from December 2019 to September 2020.

Brown's time at the department throughout 2020 was marked with significant challenges that called for strategic educational leadership and clear ongoing communication that was forward-thinking, action-oriented and aimed at advancing efforts to educate, feed and support Kentucky's 650,000 students during a global pandemic.

The priority area for this award changes from year to year based on the desire of the board. On behalf of the Awards Committee, McCrary shared that the committee met on September 28 and identified the following strategic priority area and award criteria:

A Portrait of a Learner is an agreed-upon set of school or district-level aspirations for what every learner will know and be able to do when they leave school. A portrait gives school leaders and teachers the framework to design instruction to feature deep and meaningful learning experiences in a way that promotes real-world competencies and job readiness.

The 2023 award seeks to recognize a school or district who, through policy and practice, makes it a priority to support the successful adoption and implementation of a Portrait of a Learner.

Criteria for the award includes:

- Significant contributions and/or other efforts to support the successful adoption and implementation of a Portrait of a Learner by co-creating with communities a set of competencies for all learners, development of a performance assessment system, provision of deeper learning opportunities for all students and educators and adoption of local policies to support deeper learning instruction and assessment.

Chair McCrary asked for approval of the board chair of this strategic priority and criteria for the 2023 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award and asked the chair for the board's consideration.

Chair Robinson gave thanks to KBE Chair McCrary for sharing the work of the KBE Awards Committee on this award, and stated that coming from committee, this motion does not require a second, however she did ask for discussion or comments. There were no comments.

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the proposed strategic priority and criteria for the 2023 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Appointments to the KSD Advisory Board, Commissioner Gretta Hylton
- B. 2023-2024 Tax Rates Levied, KDE Division Director Chay Ritter
- C. Hearing Officer's Report, KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- D. Litigation Report, KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen

Chair Robinson reminded the board that the consent agenda items require a vote but allows for approval in one action. KDE staff identified these items as those that are non-controversial and routine in nature. The consent agenda was distributed to members in advance of the meeting to allow sufficient time for review. Chair Robinson asked if any member would like to have any of the consent agenda items moved to regular discussion items. There were no comments or requests.

Chair Robinson stated since there were no items to be removed, please entertain a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was made by Julie Pile; seconded by Holly Bloodworth. All were in favor by a voice vote.

Next, Chair Robinson dismissed the members of the board to committees.

She stated that during the August 2023 meeting, the board created two new committees: United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee, chaired by Holly Bloodworth and the State Schools Committee, chaired by Dr. Randy Poe.

The United We Learn committee met in the State Board Room. The State Schools Committee met in the Commissioner's Conference Room.

VI. United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee

- A. Local Laboratories of Learning and Portrait of a Learner Update
- B. Competitive Grants for State Assessment (CSGA) Update
- C. Kentucky United We Learn Council

VII. State Schools Committee

- A. Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf Update
- B. Kentucky Area Technology Centers and Regional Academies Update

Return from the KBE committees to the main board meeting room.

Chair Robinson gaveled in the KBE Regular Board Meeting- Day 1 by stating that the board would begin the Action/Discussion portion of the meeting with a report from the committees.

VIII. Action/Discussion Items

- A. Report of United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth provided an update on behalf of the committee. The committee meeting began with an update from Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Division Director David Cook from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support on the Local Laboratories of Learning (L3s) and portraits of a learner. Kentucky has eighteen districts participating in the L3 networks serving as key leaders in the portraits of a learner work as well as thinking about what accountability could look like in the future. More than ninety districts are implementing or designing their own portraits of a learner. Cook also shared an update on the competitive grant for state assessment from the United States Department of Education that revolves around innovative assessment and accountability connected to deeper learning.

Karen Dodd gave an update on the Kentucky United We Learn (KUWL) Council and the member feedback survey. The survey asked members how they felt about the direction, the vision, the goals, communication. Overall, the feedback was positive. During the November convening, the KUWL Council will be celebrating the work completed so far and will focus on refining the Council's moonshot.

B. Report of State Schools Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on behalf of the committee. The presentation from the Office of Special Education and Early Learning was very comprehensive on how students are placed in the least restrictive environments and how the Kentucky School for the Blind, the Kentucky School for the Deaf and our local districts provide services to special student populations. Kentucky has one of 66 schools for the deaf across the country and one of 44 for the schools for the blind. The committee would like to identify outreach opportunities within the state schools.

The next update was from the Office of Career and Technical Education on the Area Technology Centers (ATCs). There are over 115 feeder districts within the 50 ATCs. Kentucky serves over 20,781 unique students through those programs. The committee discussed how to continue supporting the ATCs in the future.

C. Amendments to 705 KAR 4:231, General program standards for secondary career and technical education programs

Beth Hargis, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner, and Regan Satterwhite, Policy Advisor, Office of Career and Technical Education presented the proposed amendments to 705 KAR 4:321.

Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the amendments to 705 KAR 4:231, General program standards for secondary career and technical education programs. The motion was made by Randy Poe; seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

IX. Review Item

A. Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Update

B.

Jim Tackett, School Health Branch Manager, Office of Finance and Operations provided an overview on this important KBE subcommittee.

This KBE subcommittee's focus is to support the development of healthy behaviors during childhood. Schools play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people and helping them establish lifelong healthy behavior patterns. Research shows a link between the health outcomes of young people and their academic success. To have the most positive impact on the health outcomes

of young people, government agencies, community organizations, schools, and other community members must work together through a collaborative and comprehensive approach.

The Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model expands on the eight elements of CDC's coordinated school health (CSH) approach to strengthen a unified and collaborative approach designed to improve learning and health in our nation's schools.

After the overview, the KBE members shared their thoughts of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child presentation.

X. Adjournment

Chair Robinson expressed thanks to everyone for their time and engagement. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by Patrice McCrary. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.