

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the KBE State Schools Committee Meeting on October 10, 2023. The KBE State Schools Committee members met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY. The committee conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order

Chair Randy Poe welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting and requested that Lu Young facilitate meeting on this day since she was attending in-person which she graciously accepted that role.

II. Roll Call

Lu Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Randy Poe (virtually), Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Sharon Robinson, Lu Young, R.J. Osborne, and Jamie Link (virtually).

III. Action/Discussion Items

A. Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Update

Gretta Hylton and staff provided the Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf Update.

Division Director Shannon Sparkman and Assistant Director Emma Riley gave an overview of each school. They spoke on items such as the placement of students and trying to give students the least restrictive environment possible to learn and grow at KSD and KSB. They also provided information on how each facility is managed and supported by the Office of Special Education and Early Learning.

B. Kentucky Area Technology Centers and Regional Academies Update

Beth Hargis and staff provided the Kentucky Area Technology Centers and Regional Academies Update.

Larry Garrity, Mike Miller, Sarah Marth, and Jerri Rowland participated in the presentation by giving an overview of the 50 ATC centers operating with support from the Office of Career and Technical Education. There are twelve main program areas as well as specific educational tracks in which students may choose to work toward post-secondary readiness.

IV. Adjournment

Sharon Robinson and Steve Trimble stated it was important to hear these presentations which will help them further advocate for the state schools.

Lu Young expressed thanks to everyone for their time and engagement in the discussions and stated how she looks forward to continuing these State School Committee conversations.

Lu Young closed the committee meeting by stating that upon return to the full board reconvening, the Chair Randy Poe will provide a report about the committee's discussion.

Lu Young asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble; seconded by Sharon Robinson. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.