

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the first half of the regular meeting on December 6, 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 Sharon Robinson welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Internal Board Business

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 (Action/Discussion)

The minutes of these meetings were distributed to members in attendance. Chair Robinson asked for any corrections to any of the minutes. There were no corrections. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Julia Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. KBE Regular Meeting Calendar (Action/Discussion)

A proposed calendar with revised meeting dates for April 2024 was distributed in advance. Chair Robinson asked for any questions or concerns regarding the revised calendar. A question was asked concerning why the April date was moved back a week. Chair Robinson explained that the decision was made to avoid the greatest number of school breaks across the state. There were no further questions. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the calendar of meetings. The motion was

made by Lee Todd and seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

C. KBE Mission and Vision (Action/Discussion)

Draft mission and vision statements incorporating feedback from the October meeting were shared with members in advance. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the revised mission statement before entering discussion. The motion was made by Diana Woods and seconded by JoAnn Adams. Vice Chair Young commented that the updated mission statement better reflects the expectations of the current board. Diana Woods also commented in support of the revisions. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

D. Recipient of the 2023 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award (Action/Discussion)

On behalf of the KBE Awards Committee, Chair Patrice McCrary presented information related to the award description. Chair McCrary shared that the committee met on Monday, November 27 and determined that candidate 8 best met the criteria of the award. Chair McCrary moved to approve candidate 8 as the recipient and asked the chair for the board's approval to recognize candidate 8 at the board's February regular meeting. The motion did not require a second as it came from the committee. The motion was passed unanimously with a voice vote.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A.** Federal Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) - KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Branch Manager Karla Tipton
- B.** ATC Salary Schedule- KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed. D.
- C.** Appointments to the KSD Advisory Board- KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Division Director Shannon Sparkman
- D.** 2023-24 Tax Rates Levied- KDE Division Director Clay Ritter and KDE Branch Manager Krystal Smith
- E.** Approval of 2023-2024 Local District Working Budgets- KDE Division Director Chay Ritter and KDE Branch Manager Krystal Smith
- F.** Hearing Officer's Report- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- G.** Litigation Report- KDE General Counsel Todd G. Allen

Chair Robinson remarked that the consent agenda items were distributed to members in advance of the meeting for review, however if an item is moved, the chair may decide to take up the matter immediately or move it to a discussion item later in the agenda. None of the items were moved and Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Lee Todd and seconded by Patrice McCrary. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

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

The United We Learn committee met in the State Board Room, where JoAnn Adams served as chair in light of Holly Bloodworth's absence. The State Schools Committee met in conference room 516. Chair Robinson noted that agendas and committee information is accessible through the KBE portal.

- A. United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee**
 - a. Local Laboratories of Learning
 - b. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update
- B. State Schools Committee**
 - a. Amendment to KY Tech Policy 09.224, Emergency Medical Treatment
 - b. Kentucky Area Technology Centers and Regional Academies Update
 - c. Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf Update

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

Chair Robinson called the board to order.

V. Action/Discussion Items

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

JoAnn Adams provided an update on behalf of the committee. The committee heard from the Kentucky United We Learn Council (KUWL). Adams thanked KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd and KUWL Council Vice Chair Penny Christian for their reporting. The committee then heard from the Local Laboratories of Learning. Greenup County Schools provided an update regarding their technical program. Logan County Schools also gave an update to the committee.

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

Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on behalf of the committee. The committee heard from KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis who reported on Career and Technical Education as well as legislative funding, including priorities moving forward. The Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky School for the Blind presented information regarding their budgeting. Randy Poe asked the chair to entertain a motion pertaining to proposed amendments to KY Tech Policy 09.224, concerning Emergency Medical Treatment in CTE programs. Chair Robinson asked the board for any questions or concerns, and there were none. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

VI. Portraits of a Learner: Catalysts for Vibrant Learning Experiences

KDE Interim Commissioner Robin Fields Kinney, KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray facilitated the discussion.

A Portrait of a learner is an agreed-upon set of aspirations for what every learner will know and be able to accomplish when they leave school. Portraits of a learner are designed to give school leaders and teachers a framework to design instruction in a way that promotes real-world competencies to ensure students are prepared for successful entry into a complex and ever-evolving global landscape. Interim Commissioner Robin Fields Kinney said the plan to promote the adoption and implementation of local portraits of a learner is coming together. Kentucky has 94 school districts that either have a finalized development of a local portrait of a learner or are developing one. Chair Robinson added that making student experience more engaging and aligned with the needs of today's learners is the "tip of the iceberg" when it comes to student achievement.

VII. Review Items

A. Legislative Update

KDE Director of Government Relations, Brian Perry provided an overview of the 2024 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. Director Perry presented a list of legislative priorities to the board, including increasing SEEK Base and SEEK Transportation, Universal Preschool, education workforce supports, the Kentucky Educational Recovery Fund, Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS), and Read to Succeed. In addition to fiscal requests, Director Perry briefly discussed other priorities approved by the board including CTE Funding Formula Proposal, Kentucky State Schools- Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD), Advanced Placement (AP) Funding Changes, Statutory Clean-up, and facilities.

Finally, Director Perry mentioned a few items that can be expected from the General Assembly such as Early Literacy & Teacher Prep Programs, Numeracy, and DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion).

B. Impact of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Efforts on School Culture and Student Outcomes

KDE Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D. presented on the DEIB team's efforts. Woods-Tucker briefly touched on the DEIB Team Vision and Mission Statement, which centers around the phrase "Each student and educator in Kentucky feels a sense of belonging". The presentation emphasized the DEIB's team commitment towards keeping children safe in schools. Woods-Tucker then discussed DEIB supported enrichment programs, including the Governor's School for the Arts (GSA), which served 507 students from 147 KY school districts in summer 2023 (the largest number of students

served in the history of the commonwealth), the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP), which served 120 KY school districts in summer 2022, and the National Center for Families Learning, which served 100 students in Jefferson County and Fayette County Public Schools.

Woods-Tucker provided some statistics regarding the work the DEIB team has been engaged in, he explained that with the support of Commissioner Kinney and her department, they've been able to save Kentucky families 30 million dollars in AP exams including, \$0 for students receiving free/reduced lunch (25.7% of exams in 2023), \$0 for students taking AP Computer Science exams, \$12 for standard-fee AP exams, 8.2% increase in 2023 exam takers from the previous year, 6% increase in exams taken in 2023. There were also AP Exam increases, including an increase in exams taken by subpopulation: 8.5% by Asian students, 14.6% by Black students, 26.8% by Hispanic/Latino students, and 4.4% by White students. There was also an increase in Qualifying Scores (3, 4, 5): 9.8% increase by Asian students, 24.8% increase by Black students, 35.5% increase by Hispanic/Latino students, 7% increase by White students, 11.7% increase by 2 or more races students.

The team also found that school systems which received the Kentucky Department of Education Equity Playbook saw benefits such as improving test scores.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Robinson thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.