

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day one of its regular meeting on April 9, 2024. 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, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Alissa Riley, and Secretary Jamie Link.

III. Internal Board Business

A. Summary Minutes for February 7, 2024 KBE Regular Meeting, March 7 2024 KBE Interview Committee Meeting, March 8, 2024 KBE Interview Committee Meeting, March 18, 2024 KBE Special Meeting, March 19, 2024 KBE Special Meeting, March 21, 2024 KBE Special Meeting, March 28, 2024 KBE Awards Committee Meeting (Action/Discussion)

The minutes of these meetings were distributed to members in advance. 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 Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Randy Poe. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. Recipient of the 2024 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy (Action/Discussion)

Chair Robinson called on the Awards Committee Chair, Patrice McCrary, to give the report. Chair McCrary gave background information on the award, saying that David Karem served on the KBE from 2009 to 2016. He served for 33 years in the Kentucky State Senate and as Chair of the Senate Education Committee. Chair McCrary then mentioned the criteria for the award, which includes demonstrated leadership in policy development, passage or implementation resulting in increased educational opportunities for students; improved educational,

postsecondary or workforce outcomes for students; or, increased capacity of teachers or school staff to better meet the academic, social or emotional needs of Kentucky students. She then shared that the committee met on Thursday, March 28 and determined that candidate 2 best met the criteria of the award. Chair McCrary moved to approve candidate 2 as the recipient of the 2024 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy and asked Chair Robinson for the board's approval to recognize candidate 2 at the board's upcoming June regular meeting. Chair Robinson stated that since the motion came from the committee, the motion did not require a second. Chair Robinson called for a vote to approve the committee's recommendation, which passed unanimously with a voice vote.

C. Commissioner Search Update

Chair Robinson gave the update to the board. She said that Dr. Robbie Fletcher, current superintendent of Lawrence County Schools, had been selected as Kentucky's next commissioner of education. Chair Robinson shared that "after thoughtful consideration of the feedback collected from numerous Kentucky stakeholders and the priorities of the KBE, we sought a leader who embodies the qualities of an ambassador and statesperson, an expert instructional leader, a strong organizational leader, and a visionary innovator. We are confident that Dr. Fletcher meets these requirements and are excited about the future of education in the Commonwealth under his leadership." She said that pending confirmation by the Kentucky Senate, Dr. Fletcher will assume his new role on July 1.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Perkins V State Plan-** KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D.
- B. Approval of Tax Rates Levied-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Branch Manager Krystal Smith
- C. Certification of 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum national standards for foods and beverages available on public school campuses during the school day; required nutrition and physical activity reports-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Lauren Moore
- D. Hearing Officer's Report-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd G. Allen
- E. Litigation Report-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and 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 Patrice McCrary and seconded by Jamie Bowling. 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 conference room 516. The State Schools Committee met in the State Board Room. Chair Robinson noted that agendas and committee information is accessible through the KBE portal.

- A. United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee**
 - a. State Literacy Coaching Model
 - b. Kentucky United We Learn Council Update
- B. State Schools Committee**
 - a. KSB and KSD Year in Review
 - b. Ky Tech Policies and Procedures
 - c. State CTE Funding Formula

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 State Schools Committee on Action/Discussion Items

State Schools Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on the committee's meeting. Dr. Poe shared that the committee was impressed by some of the programs going on at KSD. He also shared that much of KSB's curriculum is aligned with the Portrait of a Learner. Additionally, Dr. Poe said that the committee heard an update on CTE funding and policies, which required a vote to approve from the board. Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to approve the recommendation to adopt the revisions. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

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

United We Learn Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth provided an update on the committee's meeting. Bloodworth shared that the committee heard from Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray and KDE Director of Early Literacy Christie Biggerstaff, who shared about 5 regional directors working with 25 state literacy coaching specialists, all working at schools with the greatest needs. Bloodworth said that they also heard an update on LETRS training in the state. She then shared about the update from the Kentucky United We Learn Council. Bloodworth said the

council officially adopted their moonshot. Additionally, the council has decided on 4 new work groups which will have an official convening in April.

C. Career and Technical Education Proposed Regulatory Amendments

- a. Amendments to 780 KAR 2:010, Administration of area technology centers**
- b. Amendments to 780 KAR 3:030, Appointments**
- c. Amendments to 780 KAR 3:035, Employee evaluations**
- d. Amendments to 780 KAR 3:100, Employee actions**
- e. Amendments to 780 KAR 3:120, Appeals and hearings**
- f. Amendments to 780 KAR 3:130, Employee grievances**
- g. Amendments to 780 KAR 6:010, Classification plan**
- h. Amendments to 780 KAR 6:020, Compensation plan**

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Executive Advisor Regan Satterwhite presented on the regulatory amendments. Satterwhite began by saying that all amendments were clean up or housekeeping in nature, and come from Title 780, which is from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Department for Technical Education. Satterwhite recommended that 780 KAR 2:010 be repealed. Chair Robinson asked the board to entertain a motion to repeal 780 KAR 2:010 and approve the proposed amendments to 780 KAR 3:030, 780 KAR 3:035, 780 KAR 3:100, 780 KAR 3:120, 780 KAR 3:130, 780 KAR 6:010, and 780 KAR 6:020. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by Jamie Bowling. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

VI. Review Items

A. 2023 Impact Kentucky Survey

KDE Associate Commissioner Byron Darnell, Ed.D. and Panorama Education Director of Professional Learning Amalio Nieves, Ed.D. provided an overview on the recent results from the biannual educator working conditions survey. Dr. Nieves said that “we recognize that the topic of increasing teacher retention is complex. It’s multifaceted and it’s been studied extensively over the past several decades, but now more than ever, there’s been this focus on teacher recruitment and retention, and so recognizing the importance of working conditions in this context is pivotal.” Nieves said an opportunity exists to focus on emotional well-being and belonging for teachers, and there appears to be a difference between how teachers feel about how they’re supported compared to administrators. Alissa Riley said there is so much attention focused on recruiting and retaining new

teachers that educators who have been in the profession for five to 10 years may be overlooked.

VII. 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 JoAnn Adams. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.