The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the State Schools Committee meeting on April 9, 2024. The committee met in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Randy Poe welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Chair Poe asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Randy Poe, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Sharon Robinson, Lu Young, and Secretary Jamie Link

III. Review Item

A. KSB and KSD Year in Review

KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton, KDE Division Director Shannon Sparkman, and KDE Policy Advisor Melody Cooper provided the year in review report. The presentation focused on many aspects of the schools such as academic performance, residential life, extracurricular activities, family engagement, and outreach. Lu Young commended the team for their work.

IV. Action/Discussion Item

A. KY Tech Policies and Procedures

KDE Director of Technical Schools and Continuous Improvement Beth Engle presented the proposed revisions to the KY Tech Policies and Procedures. The KDE contracts with the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) for maintenance, revision and upkeep of the KY Tech policies and procedures. The OCTE, who is responsible for the operation of KY Tech schools, has worked with the KSBA and the KDE Office of Legal Services (OLS) to update numerous outdated portions of policies and broken website addresses. Previously referred to as the KY Tech Policy Manual, the clean-up of policies also included a procedures development project resulting in the procedures links being removed from policies and the procedures documents themselves being stored in a separate procedures section of the KSBA portal.

Chair Poe called for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the KY Tech Policies and Procedures. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Sharon Robinson. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

V. Review Item

A. State CTE Funding Formula

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Executive Advisor Regan Satterwhite facilitated the discussion on the state CTE funding formula. Satterwhite said that House Bill 499 has two main objectives, to create equity in the funding for all students across the state and to provide financial incentives based on high quality career and technical education indicators. Satterwhite said that the bill has passed Senate Education and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor. Chair Poe asked a few clarifying questions, which Satterwhite responded to.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Poe thanked everyone for the updates and requested a motion to adjourn the committee. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.