

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day two of its regular meeting on December 5, 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

Vice Chair Lu Young welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. ET.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Holly Bloodworth, Juston Pate, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, Lawrence McCrobie, Preston Graham, and President Aaron Thompson.

III. Public Comment Session

Vice Chair Young stated that the Public Comment Segment is limited to 10 speakers at a maximum of 3 minutes each. No one submitted items via the KBE email inbox, and no one was in attendance for public comment.

IV. Good News

- A. Kentucky FFA's Caroline Growth elected 2024-2025 eastern region vice president of National FFA (Diane Woods)**
- B. GoTeachKY names 21 new ambassadors for 2024-2025 school year (Randy Poe)**
- C. Family Partnership Council Success Stories (Julie Pile)**
- D. U.S. Department of Labor recognizes KDE for its commitment to apprenticeships (Juston Pate)**
- E. Kentucky awarded \$55 million federal grant to advance statewide literacy outcomes (Holly Bloodworth)**

V. Board Member Sharing

Vice Chair Young announced that the next item on the agenda is board sharing. It is an opportunity for board members to raise issues, pose questions, share concerns, and suggest topics to include on future board meeting agendas. Julie Pile shared that she attended the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child committee meeting the day prior. Steve Trimble shared that he attended a school visit in Johnson County. Lawrence McCrobie shared that 16 Kentucky school

marching bands attended a championship event in Indianapolis, Indiana. Diane Woods expressed her thanks to KDE staff for supporting Kentucky educators, including her nephew.

VI. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

President Thompson said Kentucky was one of the first states in higher education to bounce back from low enrollment during the COVID-19 era. He also provided updates on other postsecondary initiatives such as leadership development programs and Kentucky's Graduate Profile Academy.

VII. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet

Secretary Jamie Link was unable to attend the meeting.

VIII. Report from the Commissioner of Education

Commissioner of Education Dr. Robbie Fletcher began by discussing the ongoing work on a new assessment and accountability system for Kentucky, emphasizing stakeholder input and the importance of vibrant learning experiences. He also said he visited Spencer County Middle School, where students were learning how to code in order to program drones. Fletcher shared updates from the Area Technology Centers and the Kentucky School for the Blind. He stated that his full report could be found in the board's portal.

IX. Action/Discussion Items

A. 704 KAR 3:315, Certification of Nonpublic Schools

KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., and KDE Policy Advisor Matthew Courtney, Ed.D., presented the new regulation. Following a discussion with the full board, Vice Chair Young called for a motion to approve the new regulation, 704 KAR 3:315, Certification of Nonpublic Schools. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. Waiver Request from the Hardin County Board of Education Related to Section 4(4)(b) of 702 KAR 4:050, Traversing Easements

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter presented the waiver request. Following a discussion with the full board, Vice Chair Young called for a motion to approve the waiver request from the Hardin County Board of Education Related to Section 4(4)(b) of 702 KAR 4:050, Traversing Easements. The motion was made by Juston Pate and seconded by Steve Trimble. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

X. Review Items

A. Boyd County Update

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross presented the financial report from Boyd County Schools. Superintendent Bill Boblett also attended the meeting virtually to address the board. The presentation updated board members regarding the loan KDE provided the Boyd County School District and the district's steps moving forward.

B. 2023-2024 Data At-a-Glance and Statewide Efforts to Support Teaching and Learning

KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda L. Sims, KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D., and KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray Marinelli presented the 2023-2024 data overview and current statewide efforts to support teaching and learning. The presenters said that each year, KDE's Office of Assessment and Accountability publicly releases assessment and accountability data and information on any identification of schools for federal classifications of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). They also said that a briefing packet with summarized data was released to the public and KBE members in October. While most assessment data was consistent with performance in recent prior years, student percentages of proficient and distinguished performance in science at high school have decreased for several successive years. The presenters responded to questions from KBE members regarding the data overview.

XI. Presentation of the Kevin M. Noland and Mary Ann Miller Award for Outstanding Public Service to Kentucky Schools

Commissioner Fletcher facilitated the award presentation. The winner of the award was announced to be Amy Patterson, Systems Consultant/Data Manager for the Office of Special Education and Early Learning. Commissioner Fletcher offered his congratulations to the recipient and thanked her for her commitment to the students of Kentucky.

XII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Young thanked everyone for their time and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.