



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

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#### ***COMMENTS FROM MARY GWEN WHEELER, CHAIR KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION***



The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its regular meeting on October 4 in Frankfort where it heard and approved four (4) administrative regulations governing public charter schools in Kentucky. The regulations address requirements pertaining to the following:

- student application, lottery and enrollment;
- the evaluation of charter school authorizers;
- the process for a charter school's appeal of an authorizer's decision;  
and
- the petition, conversion and operational processes for conversion charter schools.

The board also met on the evening of October 3 for a work session to discuss Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt's self-evaluation. A summary of the board's discussion was shared with Commissioner Pruitt during the following day's regular agenda. The board expressed its satisfaction with the Commissioner's performance over the last year, citing many leadership strengths, including his collaborative approaches to the new accountability system redesign, improvements at the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf and the development of the new Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) strategic plan. The need for a continued emphasis on closing achievement gaps, the implementation of public charter schools and the new accountability system, state standards and assessments, early childhood education and innovation was noted.

## **PRESENTATION OF KBE AWARDS**

The board was honored to recognize three (3) award winners during the October regular meeting.

### **2017 David Karem Award**

In 2017 the Kentucky Board of Education established its newest award, known as the David Karem Award. This award is to be given annually to a state policymaker, education leader, or citizen who has contributed to the improvement of education through venues such as national commissions, task forces, or other significant boards and organizations. Mr. Karem was a respected legislator and seven-year member of the Kentucky Board of Education.

**Dr. Blake Haselton**, a Superintendent in Residence and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Louisville, was chosen as the first-ever recipient of this award. His contributions to education in Kentucky have spanned more than four decades and included numerous state and national leadership roles.



*Former KBE member and state legislator David Karem (far left) and Kentucky Board of Education chair Mary Gwen Wheeler, accompanied by Commissioner Stephen Pruitt (far right), presents the first David Karem Award to Dr. Blake Haselton (holding plaque). The award, honoring Karem is given to state policymakers, education leaders or citizens who have contributed to the improvement of education. Recipients demonstrate outstanding leadership and impact on education policy and the educational system, as well as exhibiting a commitment to work collaboratively with different shareholders. Photo by Bobby Ellis, Kentucky Department of Education, Oct. 4, 2017.*

### **2017 Joseph W. Kelly Award**

In the year 2000, the Kentucky Board of Education established the Joseph W. Kelly Award to be conferred annually on a businessperson who has offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equity of educational opportunity for Kentucky’s children. Mr. Kelly was a respected businessman and seven-year chairman of the Kentucky Board of Education.

This year’s winner, **Mr. C. Ed Massey**, has served as a member of the Boone County School Board for 21 years and is employed as a local attorney.



*Kentucky Board of Education Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler, accompanied by Commissioner Stephen Pruitt (far left), presents the Joseph W. Kelly Award to northern Kentucky attorney C. Ed Massey (holding plaque), a long-time Kenton Co. Board of Education member. The award, named for former KBE chair and businessman Joe Kelly (far right), is given to businesspeople who offer outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equitable educational opportunities for all Kentucky children. Photo by Bobby Ellis, Kentucky Department of Education, Oct. 4, 2017.*

### **2017 Kevin M. Noland / Mary Ann Miller Award**

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) established the Kevin M. Noland Award in 2008. It was established to honor former Interim Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel Kevin M. Noland, who served the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) for approximately 18 years. The award recognizes a KDE employee for significant service to Kentucky’s public schools and for providing inspiration for education. This year, at the request of the KBE, the award was renamed as the “Kevin M. Noland / Mary Ann Miller Award”, in honor of Ms. Miller’s approaching retirement and nearly thirty years of service to both the KBE and KDE.

The individual selected by the committee as the 2017 Kevin M. Noland and Mary Ann Miller Award winner was **Mr. Jonathan Paul Bogar**, a CTE welding instructor at the Belfry Area Technology Center in Pike County.



*From left to right, Commissioner Stephen Pruitt, Belfry Area Technology Center welding instructor Jonathan Bogar, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Chief of Staff Mary Ann Miller, former KDE Interim Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel Kevin M. Noland, and Kentucky Board of Education Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler pose for a photo after Pruitt awarded Bogar with the Kevin M. Noland/Mary Ann Miller Award for significant service to Kentucky's public schools and for providing inspiration for education. Photo by Bobby Ellis, Kentucky Department of Education, Oct. 4, 2017.*

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### **APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST**

Robin Kinney, KDE Associate Commissioner for the Office of Finance and Operations, and Charlie Harman, KDE Budget Director, provided KBE members with a final list of additional budget items that were proposed for inclusion in the agency's 2018-2020 biennial budget request. There was consensus among board members on the importance of each item included in the proposal, as well as acknowledgement of the challenging fiscal environment that currently exists within the state. The board ultimately set priority for:

- *SEEK transportation;*

- *Statutorily-required items related to assessment and accountability (specifically, industry certifications, AP/IB exams and college readiness exams); and*
- *Full-day kindergarten.*

The board approved all items recommended by staff. The formal budget request will be submitted to the Governor's Office in November.

For more information on this topic, contact Robin Kinney at [robin.kinney@education.ky.gov](mailto:robin.kinney@education.ky.gov) or via phone at (502) 564-1976, ext. 4302.

### **BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON 2016-2017 STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

The board voted to amend its agenda the morning of the meeting to hear a brief update from KDE staff about the 2016-17 assessment results. Rhonda Sims, KDE Associate Commissioner for the Office of Assessment and Accountability, as well as Division Directors Kevin Hill and Jennifer Stafford, presented this item. The presentation provided information related to the transition timelines from the old assessment system to the new system designed under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), changes in public reporting for 2017, assessment changes and highlights of the overall state results.

Generally, KDE staff reported that assessment scores remained flat across the state. Slight increases were noted in the areas of achievement, graduation rate, ACT scores, and the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) tests (particularly low-income students) and those earning qualifying scores. It was stressed that significant achievement gaps still persist for many of Kentucky's students. Board members expressed the urgency for closing such achievement gaps by placing a stronger emphasis on and support for effective instructional and intervention strategies. Kentucky's new accountability system and long-term ESSA goals, which become effective in the 2018-2019 academic year, place an unprecedented emphasis on achievement gap closure for the state.

For more information about the state assessment results, contact Rhonda Sims at (502) 564-7749, ext. 4751 or via email at [rhonda.sims@education.ky.gov](mailto:rhonda.sims@education.ky.gov).

### **OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING WERE:**

- *Minutes from the August 2-3, 2017 Regular Meeting and August 23 Special Meeting*
- *New District Facility Plans for Caverna Independent and Nicholas County School Districts*
- *District Facility Plan Amendments for the Clinton County School District*
- *2017-2018 Local District Tax Rates Levied*
- *Appointment of Ms. Emilee Morgan to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee*
- *Waiver Request of 704 KAR 3:305, Section 2 from Carroll, Gallatin, Henry, Owen and Trimble County School Districts (iLEAD Academy)*
- *704 KAR 3:370, Kentucky framework for personnel evaluation (Second Reading)*
- *Request from Atherton High School for an Alternative Model of School-Based Decision Making (SBDM)*
- *Waiver Request of 702 KAR 1:160, Section 4 from the Lincoln County School District*
- *KDE Employment Report*
- *Hearing Officer's Report on Regulations*
- *Litigation Report*

**ITEMS REVIEWED AT OCTOBER BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:**

- 2018 KBE Legislative and Policy Agenda
- 704 KAR 7:090, Homeless children education program (First Reading)
- 704 KAR 3:540, Uniform academic course codes (First Reading)
- Implementation Update on Preschool Partnership Grants
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County and Menifee County School Districts
- 2016-2017 Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Title IX Deficiencies Report
- October 2017 Audit Update and Expense Reports for the KBE and Commissioner of Education

**Future KBE Regular Meeting Dates for 2017**

December 6, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
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**Future KBE Regular Meeting Dates for 2018**

February 7, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 11, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 1-2, 2018	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 2-3, 2018	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular Meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the October 4, 2017 regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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