



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER BOARD NOTES

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December 5: <http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/uncategorized/2017/12/kentucky-board-of-education-special-session-12052017/>

December 6: <http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/uncategorized/2017/12/kentucky-board-of-education-12062017-morning-committee-afternoon/>

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Report of the December 5, 2017 Work Session and December 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

COMMENTS FROM MARY GWEN WHEELER, CHAIR KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION



The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held a work session on December 5 in Frankfort, where it heard statements of consideration for the following administrative regulations:

- 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky's accountability system;
- 701 KAR 8:010, Student application, lottery and enrollment (charter schools); and
- 701 KAR 8:020, Evaluation of charter school authorizers.

Additional statements of consideration for 701 KAR 8:030, Charter school appeal process; 701 KAR 8:040, Conversion charter school petition, conversion, and operation; and 704 KAR 3:370, Kentucky framework for personnel evaluation were heard during the following day's regular meeting agenda. Public comments were noted on all of these regulations, resulting in multiple amendments to strengthen and clarify their regulatory language. These regulations must now proceed through the legislative review process in order to be finalized and become effective.

As chair of the KBE, I am exceptionally proud of the work completed over the last 18 months to develop a new, robust accountability system that sets ambitious goals and promotes the development of the "whole child," as well as a strong framework by which the authorization of charter schools can become a reality for the Commonwealth. The work has required extensive collaboration and commitment from thousands of shareholders.

APPROVAL OF THE KBE BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the December 6 regular meeting, the KBE approved its 2018 budget and policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session. A copy of the approved priorities can be found on the board's online materials site. In addition to the budget priorities approved at the October KBE regular meeting, which include SEEK transportation, statutorily required items related to assessment & accountability (specifically, industry certifications, AP/IB exams and college readiness exams), and full-day kindergarten, several legislative and policy priorities were also identified and approved by the board. Those legislative and policy priorities are aimed at topics such as assistance to districts in financial crisis, dyslexia, a statutorily defined charter school funding method or formula, career development specialists, essential skills, social and emotional learning, and a third grade reading initiative. The 2018 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly begins on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

For more information on this topic, contact Tracy Goff-Herman at tracy.herman@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-4474, ext. 4815.

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON 2017 KINDERGARTEN SCREENER RESULTS

The board was provided an update on the 2017 kindergarten screener data. KDE staff reported that 41,987 students were tested this past fall and that 51.4% of those students were deemed "ready" upon their entrance into kindergarten. The board was provided disaggregated data by the various student groups, as well as readiness rates by their reported prior setting. Kentucky's kindergarten screener data provides a snapshot of student readiness in the following domains: academic/cognitive, language development, physical development, self-help and social-emotional. The self-help and social-emotional scales are parent reported and do not factor into the readiness scores reported at the state level.

For more information about the state assessment results, contact Amanda Ellis at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151 or via email at amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov.

COMMISSIONER PRUITT'S EVALUATION APPROVED AND GOALS REVIEWED

The KBE approved Commissioner Stephen Pruitt's official written evaluation document for 2017. Also, the board reviewed and provided feedback on Pruitt's goals for the upcoming year. Both documents can be found on the board's online materials site.

For more information, contact Leslie Slaughter at leslie.slaughter@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4808.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WERE:

- *Minutes from the October 3, 2017 Work Session and October 4, 2017 Regular Meeting*
- *Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board Appointment*
- *Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Civics Test Adoption*
- *New District Facility Plan for Henderson County School District*
- *District Facility Plan Amendments for the McCracken County School District*
- *2017-2018 Local District Tax Rates Levied*

- *Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report of 2016*
- *Waiver Request from the Boone County School District for the following:*
 - *minimum classroom space requirements and the minimum physical education program space requirements found in Section 304 of the Kentucky School Facilities Manual, as incorporated by reference into 702 KAR 4:180; and*
 - *waiver of the bleacher seating requirements (Part 2-b.10) and the outdoor physical education space requirements (Part 2-a.13) found in the Facility Programming and Construction Criteria Planning Guide, as incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 4:170.*
- *704 KAR 7:090, Homeless children education program (Second Reading)*
- *704 KAR 3:540, Uniform academic course codes (Second Reading)*
- *KDE Employment Report*
- *Hearing Officer's Report on Regulations*
- *Litigation Report*

ITEMS REVIEWED AT DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- *Spotlight on Innovation Presentation: Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky (TRACK)*
- *Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) School Energy Managers Project*
- *Hope Street Group (HSG) Annual Update*
- *Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Strategic Plan Update*
- *2017-2018 Local District Working Budgets*
- *703 KAR 5:191, Repeal of 703 KAR 5:190, Assistance to low-achieving schools and Repeal of 703 KAR 5:260, Intervention in priority schools (First Reading)*
- *703 KAR 5:225, School and district accountability, recognition, support and consequences (First Reading)*
- *703 KAR 5:280, School improvement procedures (First Reading)*
- *Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County and Menifee County School Districts*
- *2018-2024 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Master Plan, as incorporated by reference into 701 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need (First Reading)*
- *Settlement of the United States Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Complaint*

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

Future KBE Regular Meeting Dates for 2019

February 6, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 10, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 5, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2019	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 2-3, 2019	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular Meeting	Frankfort
December 4, 2019	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the December 5, 2017 work session and December 6 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., 5th 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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