



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR: PARTNERSHIPS CARRY THE DAY FOR EDUCATION FUNDING



As part of the April 13 Kentucky Board of Education meeting, we heard an update on legislation passed by the General Assembly and the budget agreement worked out by the Conference Committee. What we knew about the budget at the time of the board meeting was encouraging because the word was that P-12 was not going to undergo cuts.

Since the budget has passed, it has been confirmed that P-12 did not receive cuts. This is no accident because many of you advocated with members of the General Assembly to keep education funding steady over the next biennium.

The board thanks the Conference Committee for its hard work in reaching agreement on the budget and all shareholders who advocated for continued investment in P-12 education. This success illustrates the power of building relationships and consistent messaging.

The board also thanks department staff for their long hours of work during the legislative session to ensure that legislators had data on which to base decisions. Commissioner Pruitt and department staff spent many hours attending committee meetings and talking one-on-one with legislators and other partners.

Now that the session is over, we need to continue the momentum we have built and be supportive of the work to move Kentucky education forward as a new accountability system is designed. The board stands ready to be a partner in this work.

KSD SIGNING CHOIR PERFORMS

At its April 13 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education was proud to host a performance of the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) Signing Choir. The choir presented its interpretation of three songs through sign language.

Directors of the choir are Ann Arnold and Barb Snapp. Fourteen KSD students were part of the performance.

For more information on this agenda item, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DISCUSSED

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt and Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims engaged the board in a discussion about the process for developing a new accountability system to meet the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Pruitt conveyed that the goal is to produce a system that is fair, reliable, easier to understand and student-focused.

As part of this agenda item, the board heard the presentation that is being given as part of the listening tour, comprised of eleven Town Hall meetings, that the Kentucky Department of Education is holding across the state this spring. Commissioner Pruitt indicated that these meetings are designed to gather feedback to shape the new system and find out what is important to Kentucky's citizens.

The following timeline for the development process was shared with the board:



For more information on the new accountability system, contact Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims at (502) 564-2256, ext. 4751 or via e-mail at Rhonda.sims@education.ky.gov. Town Hall information can be secured from Division Director Rebecca Blessing at (502) 564-2000, ext. 4604 or via e-mail at rebecca.blessing@education.ky.gov.

ADVANCEKENTUCKY ADDS MORE SCHOOLS

AdvanceKentucky Executive Director Joanne Lang announced the ninth cohort of high schools that will participate in the program that is designed to expand access to and participation and success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, particularly among student populations traditionally under-represented in these courses. The new high schools are: Boyd County, Campbellsville Independent, Central (Jefferson County), Elizabethtown Independent, Fleming County, Mason County, Nelson County and Thomas Nelson (Nelson County).

Lang also shared that AdvanceKentucky currently reaches 109 high schools in 79 of the state's 173 districts. She noted that since the program began in 2008, the number of students taking AP courses and earning qualifying scores has more than doubled. Lang went on to point out that data confirm students who participate in AdvanceKentucky are significantly more likely than their counterparts to be prepared for and attend college, earn higher GPAs and graduate in four years.

For more information on AdvanceKentucky, contact Joanne Lang at (859) 246-3236 or via e-mail at jlang@kstc.com.

NEW DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION NAMED

Three new Districts of Innovation were named by the board at its April meeting. These are Boone County, Corbin Independent and Metcalfe County.

KRS 156.108 and 160.107 allow school districts the opportunity to request exemption from certain administrative regulations and seek waivers of local board policy from the Kentucky Board of Education in order to improve student learning. Each district received approval of selected waivers that will enhance their instructional program.

For more information on this agenda item, contact Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster at (502) 564-5130, ext. 4001 or via e-mail at Kelly.foster@education.ky.gov.

ARNOLD SELECTED FOR KEVIN M. NOLAND AWARD



From left to right are KBE Chair Roger Marcum, Kevin Noland, Laura Arnold and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt.

Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold was presented with the Kevin M. Noland Award by Commissioner Stephen Pruitt. This award recognizes a Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) employee for significant service to schools and for providing an inspiration for education. KDE staff nominate individuals for consideration.

Arnold oversees the 42-staff members in the Office of Career and Technical Education as well as 650 staff members at the 53 Area Technology Centers. She has served as program manager, policy advisor, division director and now associate commissioner at KDE.

Matt Chaliff, who nominated Laura, said that “her greatest achievement has been building ties between career and technical education and groups such as the Kentucky Career and Technical College System, the state Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board and hundreds of business and industry partners.” Chaliff continued that “students are leaving better prepared for the world of work because of her work to make these kinds of connections.”

The board established this award to honor former Interim Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel Kevin M. Noland, who served the department for approximately 18 years.

For more information on the award, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE APRIL 13 BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the February 3, 2016, Regular Meeting
- Carl D. Perkins Kentucky State Plan for FY17
- 704 KAR 3:471, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:470, Ranking of Certified School Personnel (Second Reading)
- 780 KAR 4:031, Repeal of 780 KAR 4:030, Standards for Secondary Programs (Second Reading)
- 780 KAR 7:071, Repeal of 780 KAR 7:070, Equipment Insurance (Second Reading)
- 780 KAR 7:060, Equipment Inventory (Second Reading)
- New District Facility Plan for Laurel County
- District Facility Plan Amendment for Hardin County
- Request from the Fort Thomas Independent School District for One-Year Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6(2)
- Waiver Request from Pike County School District of Section 305 of the Kentucky Facility Programming and Construction Criteria, as Incorporated by Reference into 702 KAR 4:180
- Acquisition and Site Development Costs Request from the Martin County School District
- Waiver Request from the Boone County School District of the Requirements of Documents Related to Construction Management as Adviser, Incorporated by Reference into 702 KAR 4:160, Capital Construction Process
- Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control At-Large Appointment of Darryl Billings

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE APRIL 13 BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Teach for America Update
- 2016-2018 Biennial Budget and Update on Pending Elementary and Secondary Legislation
- State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties
- Hearing Officer's Report
- KDE Employment Report (All offices except the Office of Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)
- 704 KAR 4:041, Repeal of 703 KAR 4:040, Interim Methods for Verifying Successful Completion of the Primary Program (First Reading)
- 704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma Program (First Reading)
- April Audit Update and KBE's and Commissioner of Education's Expense Reports

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2016 AND 2017

KBE Meeting Dates for 2016

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| June 7-8, 2016 | Meeting to consider removal of local school official (June 7) and Regular meeting (June 8) | Frankfort |
| August 3-4, 2016 | KBE Retreat & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| October 4-5, 2016 | Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 7, 2016 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

KBE Meeting Dates for 2017

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| February 8, 2017 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| April 12, 2017 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| June 7, 2017 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| August 2-3, 2017 | KBE Retreat & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| October 3-4, 2017 | Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting | Frankfort |
| December 6, 2017 | Regular meeting | Frankfort |

For more information on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 13, 2016, 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, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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