



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR: AN HONOR TO SERVE AS CHAIR



This will be my final column in the "Board Notes" newsletter as chair of the Kentucky Board of Education. I have served as chair for three years, which is the term limit found in the board's bylaws. A nominating committee was appointed in June and is currently at work putting together the slate of officers for 2016-17 that will be voted on at the August meeting.

It has been my privilege and honor to lead this board in its work, which has always had as its focus what is best for the students of Kentucky. As the board moves forward with five new members and newly elected leadership, I am hopeful that this tradition continues. Kentucky has made tremendous progress since 1990 and for our children's sake, we must continue to collaborate with our partners and each other to ensure this continues.

I look forward to continuing my service on the board for two more years and supporting the leadership of the board and the Kentucky Department of Education in the implementation of our work.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS JOIN KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

At the beginning of its June 8 meeting, five new members for the Kentucky Board of Education were sworn-in by District Judge Chris Olds. Those members are:

- Ben Cundiff of Cadiz
- Gary W. Houchens of Bowling Green
- Alesa G. Johnson of Somerset
- Rich Gimmel of Louisville

- Milton C. Seymore of Louisville

The terms of these members are effective until April 2020, with the exception of Ben Cundiff, who is completing an existing term that expires in April 2018.

Contact information for the new members and others remaining on the board can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/KBE/memb/Pages/default.aspx>.

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DISCUSSED

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt and Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims talked with the board about the process that is underway for developing a new accountability system as required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Sims spoke first and noted the following overarching themes that came forward from the 11 Town Hall meetings held around the state this spring:

- Access and opportunity for students are critical.
- An emphasis on teaching is needed.
- Collaboration instead of competition among schools and districts needs to be the focus.
- Our children must be at the heart of the system.
- A well-rounded education is important and necessary.
- All subjects, both tested and non-tested, need to be valued.

Commissioner Pruitt then shared that the Accountability Steering Committee he has appointed to advise him on this work met for the first time on June 2. He stated that the following principles were agreed on by the committee to guide its work:

- The system should focus on the welfare of all students and promote good decision making for their benefit.
- The system should promote a holistic and quality education for all students.
- The system should reflect the Kentucky Department of Education's guiding principles of equity, achievement and integrity.
- The system should be simple and easy to understand.
- Data should be reported in a dashboard that better illustrates school/district progress or deficits than a single number.

The commissioner went on to say that the board will be updated regularly on this work and that he will bring the final recommendations on the new accountability system forward for the first reading in January 2017.

For more information on the development of the new system, contact Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims at Rhonda.sims@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-2256, ext. 4751.

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY

Ann Maddock, Senior Policy Advisor from the New Teacher Center, provided the Kentucky Board of Education with an update on Kentucky's participation in and results from the 2015 Teacher, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Survey. Maddock indicated that research suggests the presence or absence of positive teaching conditions can catalyze or constrain educator effectiveness. She cited the work of Helen Ladd, Susan Moore Johnson, Ron Ferguson, John Papay, Matthew Kraft and others as having found that teaching conditions are strong predictors of academic growth and overall achievement.

Ms. Maddock stressed that the TELL Survey is a voluntary, anonymous, online survey taken by licensed educators and building level administrators. She went on to say the main purpose of the survey is to provide additional data on teaching and learning conditions for school and district improvements. Also, it was noted that the results are expected to inform state level policy.

The following highlights relative to the 2015 results were shared:

- 44,933 educators (89.3%) participated in the survey (up from 86.6% in 2013).
- School, district and state results can be accessed at www.tellkentucky.org.
- Improvement occurred across every construct measured.
- In schools where higher proportions of educators report they have positive teaching conditions, higher percentages of students achieve proficiency on the K-PREP assessment in both reading and math.
- At the state level, the contribution of overall teaching conditions is a statistically significant predictor of teacher retention.

For more information on the survey and its results, contact Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis at amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151.

SEVEN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION RECOGNIZED

Seven alternative education programs were recognized by the state board as "2016 Alternative Programs of Distinction." Commissioner Stephen Pruitt indicated that an alternative education program exists to meet the needs of students that cannot be addressed in a traditional classroom setting but can be met through alternative classrooms, centers or campuses that are designed to remediate academic performance, improve behavior or provide an enhanced learning experience.

The programs that received this honor were:

- Bullitt County – Bullitt Alternative Center
- Covington Independent – Transformational Learning Center
- Dayton Independent – Regional School Programs
- Fayette County – The Learning Center at Linlee
- Jefferson County – Western Day Treatment
- Laurel County – The McDaniel Learning Center
- McCracken County – McCracken Regional School

Each program received \$2,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and \$1,000 from the Kentucky Center for School Safety for instructional support. Information on the schools also will be posted on the KDE website so other schools can use the programs as models.

For more information on this award program or for information on these schools, contact Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster at kelly.foster@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-5130, ext. 4001.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 8 BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the April 13, 2016, Regular Meeting
- 703 KAR 4:041, Repeal of 703 KAR 4:040, Interim Methods for Verifying Successful Completion of the Primary Program (Second Reading)
- 704 KAR 3:342, Repeal of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma (Second Reading)
- Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Appointment of Nina Coyer
- 2016-2017 Preschool Funding Rates
- Recommendation to remove Danville Independent from District of Innovation Probation Status
- KY Tech Certified Evaluation Plan
- New District Facility Plans for Caldwell, Graves, Livingston, Marshall and Perry County School Districts and Erlanger-Elsmere Independent School District
- 2017 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- Request for Approval of School District Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017
- 2015 Report, 2015 Exceptions and 2017 Plan as Required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-service Training of District Board Members and for the KDE General Counsel to Notify by Letter Those Board Members Who Did not Meet the Training Requirements and Were not Granted an Exception that They Would be Reported to the Attorney General if the Training was not Completed by a Specific Date
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Bylaws (Second Reading)
- Request for Approval of Capital Funds Request Guidelines
- Travel of Alesa Johnson, Gary Houchens, Rich Gimmel and Milton Seymore to the NASBE New Member Institute in July 2016
- Approval of the 2017 NASBE Dues

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE JUNE 8 BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Teach Kentucky Update
- 2016-2018 Legislative and Biennial Budget Update
- Districts of Innovation Monitoring Status Report
- New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative and Grant Update
- 705 KAR 4:231, General Program Standards for Secondary Career and Tech Education Programs (First Reading)
- 780 KAR 4:012, Repeal of 780 KAR 4:010, General Standards (First Reading)
- State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties

- 702 KAR 3:171, Repeal of 702 KAR 3:170, Educational Television Equipment Purchases (First Reading)
- Report from KHSAA on Title IX Deficiencies for Schools Audited During the 2015-2016 School Year and Activities for 2015-2016 and the Future
- Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Annual Reporting Requirements
- 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)
- Appointment of Nominating Committee to Produce a Recommendation on a Slate of Officers for 2016-17 with Nawanna Privett as chair and other members being Alesa Johnson, Rich Gimmel and Sam Hinkle
- Appointment of a State Evaluation Appeals Panel (SEAP) consisting of Nawanna Privett as chair and Grayson Boyd and Ben Cundiff as members

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2016 AND 2017

KBE Meeting Dates for 2016

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

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 June 8, 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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