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BOARD REVIEWS COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS, HEARS UPDATES FROM DISTRICTS

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting Wednesday and Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard presentations, had discussions and made decisions on a number of items.

The board is in the midst of the search process for a new commissioner, and Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc., of Florida is conducting the search. The search firm met with the board in closed session to review applications for the position of commissioner of education.

The board will begin interviewing candidates on Sunday, June 14 and continue through Tuesday, June 16. The interviews will be held at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport in Hebron. The timeline for the search will culminate with the hiring of a new commissioner in August.

Representatives from the Jefferson, Christian and Union county and Covington Independent school districts presented reports to the board related to school improvement and student achievement.

The board took the following actions:

- gave final approval to 701 KAR 5:031 (repeal of 701 KAR 5:035, Procedures for Records Requests)
- approved district facility plans for the Calloway, Christian, Fulton, Grayson, Jefferson, McLean, Perry, Rockcastle and Woodford county school districts and Caverna, Corbin, Covington, Harlan, Ludlow and Monticello Independent school districts
- approved district facility plan amendments for the Bracken, Franklin, Grant, Pike and Spencer county school districts
- gave final approval to 702 KAR 7:125 (Pupil Attendance)
- gave final approval to 702 KAR 7:140 (School District Calendar)
- approved Ft. Thomas Independent's request for a waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, section 6(2), related to the use of appropriately certified common carriers for transportation
- approved the 2010 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- accepted the 2008 District Board Member In-Service Training Report
- granted an extension of time to local school board members who did not complete 2008 training requirements
- approved the 2010 In-Service Training Plan for local school board members
- approved preschool program per-child funding rates for 2009-10
- approved the appointment of David Kareem to the P-16 Council and a recommendation that Billy Harper serve as chair of that council
- approved the appointment of Gene Norris, a resident of Georgetown, as a member of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Board of Control

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- certified a number of nonpublic schools:
 - Ascension Elementary, Louisville
 - Bethlehem High, Bardstown
 - Blue Grass Baptist School, Lexington
 - Blue Grass Christian School, Richmond
 - Danville Christian Academy, Danville
 - Evangel Christian School, Louisville
 - Holy Cross High, Louisville
 - Holy Family Elementary, Louisville
 - Holy Spirit Elementary, Louisville
 - Holy Trinity Elementary School, Bellevue
 - Holy Trinity Elementary, Louisville
 - Holy Trinity Junior High School, Newport
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary, Burlington
 - John Paul II Academy Elementary, Louisville
 - Lexington Universal Academy, Lexington
 - North Hardin Christian School, Radcliff
 - Notre Dame Academy Elementary, Louisville
 - Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary, Louisville
 - Somerset Christian School, Somerset
 - St. Agnes Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Albert the Great Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Aloysius Elementary, Peewee Valley
 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga Academy Elementary, Shepherdsville
 - St. Andrew Academy Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Athanasius Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Augustine Parish Elementary, Lebanon
 - St. Bernard Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Catherine of Alexandria Academy Elem., New Haven
 - St. Cecilia Elementary, Independence
 - St. Dominic Elementary, Springfield
 - St. Edward Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Francis deSales High, Louisville
 - St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Gabriel the Archangel Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Gregory Elementary, Cox's Creek
 - St. James Academy, Louisville
 - St. James Elementary, Elizabethtown
 - St. James Elementary, Louisville
 - St. John the Evangelist Elementary, Paducah
 - St. Joseph Elementary, Bardstown
 - St. Joseph Elementary, Camp Springs
 - St. Joseph Elementary, Mayfield
 - St. Julian Elementary, Middlesboro
 - St. Leonard Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Martha Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Mary Academy Elementary LaGrange
 - St. Mary Academy Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Michael Lifelong Learning Center Elem., Louisville
 - St. Nicholas Academy Elementary – North, Louisville
 - St. Nicholas Academy Elementary – South, Louisville
 - St. Patrick Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Paul Elementary, Leitchfield
 - St. Paul Elementary, Pleasure Ridge Park
 - St. Raphael Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Rita Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Stephen Martyr Elementary, Louisville
 - St. Thomas Elementary, Ft. Thomas
 - Torah Academy, Louisville
 - Trent Montessori School, Newport
 - University Heights Academy, Hopkinsville
 - Valor Traditional Academy, Louisville

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Other reports and presentations included:

- a review of the 2010-2012 budget process
- a review of 704 KAR 4:020 (School Health Services)
- discussion of the Extended School Services program

The board will meet Sunday through Tuesday, June 14-16, at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport in Hebron to interview candidates for commissioner of education. The board's next regular meeting is August 5 and 6 in Frankfort.

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