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BOARD ADDS MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO KHSAA GOVERNING AUTHORITY

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its meeting today, the Kentucky Board of Education gave final approval to a regulation designating the Kentucky High School Athletics Association ([KHSAA](#)) as the agent to manage both high school and middle school athletics in the state. The regulation, [702 KAR 7:065](#) now includes requirements for coaches, medical training and policies, limits on games and competitions, and the requirement for sports physicals for middle schools. The regulation also implements revisions to the KHSAA Bylaws and Constitution.

Also at today's meeting, [AdvanceKentucky](#) announced a [new cohort](#) of 10 schools involved in the AP Teacher Training and Incentive Program for 2013-14 school year. That brings total participation to about 42 percent of the high schools in the state. The AdvanceKentucky initiative is designed to increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and passing AP exams. Based on 2012 AP exams, the percent of AP qualifying scores in Kentucky has increased 86 percent since the inception of the program – the most of any state in the nation.

Two new board members were sworn in at today's meeting. Franklin District Court Judge Phillip Shepherd administered the oath of office to Trevor R. Bonnstetter of Mayfield, and Grayson R. Boyd of Williamsport who were recently appointed to the board by Governor Steve Beshear.

The board also heard the first reading of:

- [704 KAR 3:303](#) that would incorporate the [Next-Generation Science Standards](#) in the Kentucky Core Academic Standards.
- [702 KAR 1:115](#), annual in-service training of district board members that adds requirements for annual training in ethics and school finance. Commissioner Terry Holliday also indicated he would seek legislation that would require minimum competency requirements for local school board members.
- [704 KAR 3:035](#), to move toward a comprehensive system of professional learning.

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During its meeting the board heard updates on:

- new social studies standards that are currently scheduled for release, revision and approval by the end of 2013 with implementation in the 2014-15 school year.
- the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). So far, all but four districts have indicated an intent to adopt the statewide system which will be piloted in all Kentucky school districts in the upcoming school year.
- state Gallup Student Poll [results](#).
- state management of the Breathitt Co. and Monticello Ind. school districts. Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai reported that due to the financial situation in the Monticello Ind. district, a merger proposal will be considered by the Wayne Co. school board at its meeting on Monday.

In other action, the board:

- adopted a resolution urging local school districts to be early adopters of a policy to increase the compulsory school age to 18 by the 2015 school year (see news release [13-036](#)).
- adopted a [resolution](#) recognizing Barrett Block, a senior at Henry Clay High School, (Fayette Co.) for placing second in the Jeopardy! National Teen Tournament.
- approved district facility plans for Bell, McCreary, Mercer, Montgomery and Oldham Co. school districts and Glasgow and Walton-Verna Independent school districts.
- approved an amendment to the district facility plan for the Pineville Ind. school district
- approved the request for a waiver of 702 KAR 5:060, Section 6 (2) from the Fort Thomas Ind. school district to give the local school board permission to give a one-time annual approval of all certificated common carriers to be used by the board for the entire school year.

The next regularly scheduled Kentucky Board of Education meeting will be held June 5 in Frankfort.

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