



## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### ADVISORY GROUP SUMMARY

#### LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

**MEETING DATE:** MAY 29, 2018

**LSAC Members:** Jerry Green, Kelley Ransdell, Keith Davis, Russ Tilford, Steve Trimble, James Flynn, David Rust, Elmer Thomas, David Cox, Tim Bobrowski, Buddy Berry

**LSAC Attendees:** David Cox, Kelley Ransdell, David Rust, James Flynn, Keith Davis, Jerry Green, Tim Bobrowski

**Agenda Title:** 704 KAR 3:306, Kentucky Academic Standards for Historical and Cultural Influences of the Bible Elective Social Studies Course (*Review Item – First Reading*)

**Presenter:** Amanda Ellis/Todd Allen

The Superintendents present were:

Russ Tilford

Kelley

Ransdell

David Rust

Steve Trimble

Buddy Berry

Jerry Green

The superintendents present complimented the work of the KDE and writing teams. One superintendent specifically complimented that the standards are color coded making them easy to read and understand.

#### **Questions:**

There were no questions.

**Agenda Title:** 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Athletics and Revision to Bylaws (*Review Item – First Reading*)

**Presenter:** Kevin C. Brown/Chad Collins

**Questions:**

There were no questions on this item. All members were in agreement.

**Agenda Title:** 701 KAR 5:140, Districts of Innovation (*First Reading*)

**Presenter:** Whitney Crowe on behalf of Kelly Foster

**Questions:**

1. Supt. Rust (Campbell County) and others expressed concerns about the addition of the more prompt revocation process that was added, particularly in light of the removal of site visits and the appearance of an increased focus on data. Dr. Lewis explained that with increased flexibility comes greater expectations for performance. Further discussions led to keeping the revocation language but adding a provision that a site visit would occur before such revocation was sought. Per Supt. Ransdell (Anchorage Ind.), she would like to see some type of notice and response opportunity before revocation. Changes to the regulation in this respect will be made prior to the second reading by LSAC and the KBE in August.
2. Supt. Bobrowski (Owsley County) and Supt. Cox (Corbin Ind.) expressed concerns regarding the removal of annual site visits. Both Superintendents are from current Districts of Innovation and felt these visits provided opportunity for feedback, learning, and technical support, which both emphasized was a substantial benefit to participation in the program. On this point, I did offer that periodic site visits could still occur with the change; however, as proposed, the regulation would no longer require such visits annually for every district. Dr. Lewis that noted this provision was feasible with the 10 districts currently participating; however, he wanted to
3. Other concerns raised are more statutory limitations and not something that can be lifted in regulation. Specifically, there was some concern about having to comply with statewide assessments as the Superintendents felt that requirement limited innovation with measuring student achievement. Dr. Lewis pointed out this is a federal mandate under ESSA. Further, the requirement for 70% of eligible employees to approve becoming a School of Innovation within a District of Innovation was noted as a problem. Dr. Lewis suggested this could be a legislative change pursued. On this note, I would recommend a slightly different approach to the regulatory language to ensure we do not

**Agenda Title:** 2019 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses (*Action Item*)

**Presenter:** Robin Kinney

**Questions:** Questions from members concerned cameras for buses and options for purchase; Cameras, although not required, are currently an option on existing state contracts.

**Agenda Title:** Approval of Kentucky Department of Education Capital Funds Request (CFR) Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2018-19, as Required by HB200 (*Action Item*)

**Questions:**

HB 200 (2018 Regular Session) expands the permissible statutory uses for capital outlay funds for

FY 2018-2019. The bill allows capital outlay funds to be used for operating expenses equal to, but not to exceed, 25% of a local board of education's available capital funds. It states the following:

**Use of Local District Capital Funds:** Notwithstanding KRS 157.420(4) and (6), 157.440, and 157.621, a local board of education may submit a request to the Commissioner of Education to utilize any capital funds for general operating expenses in fiscal year 2018-2019 without forfeiting the district's eligibility to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission Program. The Commissioner of Education shall not approve any capital funds request that exceeds 25% of a local board of education's available capital funds in fiscal year 2018-2019. Prior to August 1, 2018, the Kentucky Board of Education shall approve guidelines for requests from local boards of education.

Notwithstanding KRS 157.615(14) and 157.622, the School Facilities Construction Commission shall include the capital funds transferred under the provisions of this subsection among the local board of education's available local revenue for the purposes of calculating unmet facilities need for the 2018-2020 fiscal biennium. Notwithstanding KRS 157.618, no local school district shall be eligible for a grant from the Emergency and Targeted Investment Fund in fiscal year 2018-2019 if any of its capital funds have been transferred under the provisions of this subsection. This item simply confirms the language of the General Assembly into guidelines by the KBE. There were no questions.