



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP TOPIC SUMMARY

ADVISORY GROUP: Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

MEETING DATE: November 26, 2019

Agenda Item: Amendment to 704 KAR 7:090, Homeless Children and Youth Education Program (*Second Reading*)

Presenters: Kelly Foster and Tara Rodriguez

Summary of Discussion:

Presenters again shared proposed amendments to 704 KAR 7:090, Homeless children education program that align with the requirements of House Bill (HB) 378 (2019). Specifically, HB 378 (2019) amends KRS 156.160 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to provide, through administrative regulation, procedures for homeless children to be awarded credit, including partial credit, for all coursework satisfactorily completed; to be given the opportunity, to the extent practicable, to complete before the beginning of the next school year and at no cost any course required for graduation in which a homeless student was enrolled at another school; and, to be awarded a high school diploma when a homeless student transfers after completion of the second year of high school and meets the requirements outlined in KRS 156.160(1)(p).

No substantive changes were made to this regulation since the September 2019 LSAC meeting, and LSAC members did not raise any questions or concerns regarding this regulation.

Action Taken: LSAC approved the regulation.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 704 KAR 3:370, Kentucky Framework for Personnel Evaluation (*Second Reading*)

Presenters: Rob Akers and Cassie Trueblood

Summary of Discussion: Proposed amendments to 704 KAR 3:370 were presented to LSAC. 704 KAR 3:370 establishes the Kentucky Framework for Personnel Evaluations and Section 8(2) sets the Principal and Assistant Principal Performance Standards as the measure for districts to uses for evaluations for principals and assistant principals. The amendment proposes to replace the Principal and Assistant Principal Performance Standards with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders. There were no questions or comments from the LSAC members.

Action Taken: The LSAC approved the proposed amendments to 702 KAR 3:130.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 702 KAR 5:080, Bus Drivers' Qualifications, Responsibilities and Training (*Second Reading*)

Presenters: Matt Ross and Donna Duncan

Summary of Discussion: 702 KAR 5:080 was before the Council for its second reading. There were no substantive changes since the proposed amendment was considered by the Council at its first reading.

Action Taken: Unanimously approved the second reading of 702 KAR 5:080

Follow-up Required: None required.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance (*Second Reading*)

Presenters: Matt Ross and Todd Allen

Summary of Discussion: 702 KAR 7:125 was before the Council for its second reading. Todd Allen discussed changes requested by members of the Kentucky Board of Education related to the nonresident student appeals. The Council unanimously approved the amendment with proposed changes.

Action Taken: Unanimously approved the second reading of 702 KAR 7:125.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 703 KAR 5:140, Requirements for School and District Report Cards (*Second Reading*)

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Stafford and David Couch

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. Stafford, Division Director in the Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, led the discussion on new amendments to 703 KAR 5:140 since the first reading of the regulation in September. New amendments include adding the definition of parent and new language to Section 5, Communication on Federal and State Accountability Classifications.

Dr. Stafford also addressed a recommendation from the School, Curriculum Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC), to require some type of documentation if an advertised public meeting is held instead of placing the school's federal and state accountability classification in a prominent location within the school.

Several members questioned and had a discussion on what type of documentation would be necessary and whether agendas and minutes would be acceptable. Another member asked if the advertised public meeting could be a special called School Based Decision-Making meeting. If so, this could require an agenda and minutes.

In addition, Dr. Wayne Lewis requested that the council provide feedback on the language around “written or an electronic form” of notification. He asked for feedback on whether it should remain “or” or what the council’s thoughts were if it changed to “and.”

Superintendent Tilford shared concerns on the cost of mailing written notifications to families. Tilford shared his district, Lyon County, currently polls families at the beginning of the school year to determine their preferred method of communication and most prefer receiving notifications via email and/or posting information on the district website. He stated he would be opposed to a method that included mailing communication to all families; however, did share he would support a hybrid model (“or”) to allow flexibility at the local level.

Superintendent Atkins summarized his concerns to state he felt a requirement of both electronic and written notification would be redundant and costly.

Superintendent Ransdell shared that schools work hard to ensure there are multiple layers of communication and requiring both a written and electronic notification would be redundant. Ransdell also shared that the cost of postage not only would not be well spent or helpful to parents, but difficult to assume with so many other statutory requirements being unfunded.

Superintendent Biggerstaff shared that, if written notification was to be required, one mechanism could be accomplished by sending home the communication with students in their backpacks.

Action Taken:

A motion was made and the request to approve the amendments to 703 KAR 5:140 was approved by the committee.

Follow-up Required:

No follow-up is required of the LSAC. The regulation will now move on for consideration and approval by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) during the December 2019 meeting.

Agenda Item: Amendment to 703 KAR 5:270, Kentucky’s Accountability System

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Stafford and Michael Hackworth

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. Stafford, Division Director in the Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability, gave a brief explanation on the process of having Kentucky’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan approved with the U.S. Department of Education (USED). After the explanation, Dr. Stafford stated that after recent negotiations on the state plan, the agency must amend the calculation to the Transition Readiness Indicator to include grade 12 non-graduates which requires an amendment to the accountability regulation.

Superintendent Tilford shared concerns that the requirements of the Transition Readiness indicator make it difficult for students with disabilities to succeed. The Commissioner explained the ARC can alter exceptional work experience requirements based on a student’s IEP.

Superintendent Cox shared concerns on the 100-day rule and graduation rate; staff clarified that the calculation is defined federally. Staff is exploring the impact of the 100-day accountability policies on graduation rate.

Dr. Stafford also mentioned that the Kentucky Board of Education may decide to waive the second reading of the regulation since the amendments are required by the USED.

No concerns were addressed in waiving the second reading.

Action Taken:

A motion was made and the request to approve the amendments to 703 KAR 5:270 was approved by the committee.

Follow-up Required:

Staff in the Office of Standards, Assessment and Accountability (OSAA) is exploring the impact of the 100-day accountability policies on graduation rate.