



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Local Superintendent's Advisory Council (LSAC) SUMMARY

July 25, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robbie Fletcher, Harry Burchett, Will Hodges, Kelley Ransdell, Kirk Biggerstaff, Sheila Mitchell, Thom Cochran and Mike Borchers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice- Chair David Raleigh, David Cox and Russ Tilford

Agenda Item: Approval of Annual Amendments to the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures

Presenters: Beth Hargis, Associate Commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education

Summary of Discussion: Beth Hargis provided the overview of the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures. There were no questions or concerns raised by the members. The revisions to the policies are required to be approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.

Action Taken: The council unanimously approved the Kentucky Tech Policies and Procedures.

Follow-up Required: None.

Agenda Item: Annual Policy Adoptions and Amendments for the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).

Presenters: Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor, Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion: KRS 156.070 gives the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) the management and control of the KSB and KSD. The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) provides a model policy service to local school districts, KSB and KSD. Policies for KSB and KSD are updated annually to reflect laws passed during the legislative session. These policies provide consistency between the two schools and are consistent with the policies in place in local school districts across the state, except in those few instances when the unique situation of these schools require otherwise.

The members had no questions or issues related to the proposed updates to policies for KSB and KSD.

Action Taken: The council approved the Annual Policy Adoptions and Amendments for the Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf by unanimous roll call vote.

Follow-up Required: None

Agenda Item: 702 KAR 3:330, Liability Insurance Regulation

Presenters: Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner, Office of Finance and Operations; Matt Ross, Executive Advisor; and Chay Ritter, Division Director, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion: The proposed regulation would require school districts to purchase liability insurance for all certified employees and require the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to purchase excess liability insurance.

Action Taken: The council deferred the approval of 702 KAR 3:330, Liability Insurance Regulation until the Oct. 10, 2023, council meeting.

Follow-up Required: The Office of Finance and Operations staff will make corrections to the proposed regulation to better conform to the authoring statute.

Agenda Item: 702 KAR 3:340, Approval of School District Lease Agreements

Presenters: Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner; Matt Ross, Executive Advisor; and Chay Ritter, Division Director, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion: The proposed regulation creates a streamlined and centralized process for the approval of school district leases in excess of \$100,000 as required by statute.

Action Taken: The council unanimously approved the regulation 702 KAR 3:340, Approval of School District Lease Agreements.

Follow-up Required: None

Agenda Item: 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance

Presenters: Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner; Matt Ross, Executive Advisor; and Chay Ritter, Division Director, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion: The proposed regulation amendment simplifies the approval process for the admission of underage students into the primary program by removing KDE's duplicative review and approval process. The overall evaluation of an underage student to determine the appropriateness of early placement remains the same. The only change is that KDE will not review the district's determination. In addition, there was a minor formatting (non-substantive) change to the home/hospital form incorporated by reference.

Action Taken: The council unanimously approved the amendment to regulation 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance.

Follow-up Required: None

Agenda Item: Amendment of 702 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need

Presenters: David Couch, Chief Information Officer and Associate Commissioner; Mike Leadingham, Chief of Staff; and Marty Park, Chief Digital Officer, Office of Education Technology

Summary of Discussion: The presentation on the amendment of the regulation was explained that through the replacement of the document incorporated by reference and then provided an overview of the main areas of change in the modernized 2024-2030 KETS Master Plan that will be replacing the 2018-2024 KETS Master Plan document.

Action Taken: The council unanimously approved the amendment to regulation 702 KAR 5:110, Use of Local monies to reduce unmet technology needs.

Follow-up Required: None