



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM WILLIAM "BILL" TWYMAN, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



I am truly honored to be the new chair of the Kentucky Board of Education and appreciate my fellow board members' confidence in me by my election to this office. It also is great to have Mary Gwen Wheeler chosen as the vice chair and I believe we will make a strong leadership team for the board.

I look forward to working with my fellow board members and will try to do my best for the children of Kentucky – all children. As we move into the 2016-17 school year, I ask that you keep Commissioner Pruitt's top three guiding principles in mind as you make any decisions that affect students: Equity, Achievement and Integrity.

This school year, the board will be tasked with making a decision on a new accountability system and we will need the input and support of all shareholders as this system is constructed and implemented. The board wants to end up with a system that is fairer, valid, reliable and easier to understand as well as one that gives students, parents and citizens useful information on progress.

I look forward to working with all shareholders and ask that you feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns at wtwyman@scrtc.com or via phone at (270) 590-1936.

BOARD APPROVES CHANGES TO PROGRAM REVIEWS

At its August 4 session, the Kentucky Board of Education approved several changes to the Program Review process to greatly streamline it. These changes were recommended by the Commissioner's Task Force on Program Reviews, which was charged with offering solutions to the main issues schools and districts have raised.

Below is a chart reflecting the changes for the 2016-17 school year:

2015 – 2016 Process	Program Review Task Force Feedback	2016 – 2017 Process
<p>Rubric is divided into four standards: Curriculum and Instruction, Formative and Summative Assessment, Professional Learning and Administrative Leadership/Support and Monitoring</p> <p>Each standard defined by 52 demonstrators</p> <p>Each demonstrator described and clarified by 212 characteristics</p>	<p>The Program Review Sub-Committee focused on revising rubrics, removed redundant language and streamlined expectations for each standard. The Program Reviews were reduced to 8-10 pages for each program rubric. Previously the different rubrics for the Program Reviews ranged from 32 to 56 pages.</p>	<p>Rubric is divided into four standards: Curriculum and Instruction, Formative and Summative Assessment, Professional Learning and Administrative Leadership/Support and Monitoring</p> <p>Each standard defined by 24 demonstrators</p> <p>Each demonstrator described and clarified by 168 characteristics</p>
<p>Schools rate themselves on each characteristic (No implementation, Needs Improvement, Proficient or Distinguished)</p> <p>Each characteristic receives a rating</p> <p>Schools list evidence in ASSIST</p> <p>Schools write a rationale in ASSIST</p> <p>Schools complete “Next Steps” diagnostic in ASSIST</p>	<p>The Program Review Task Force shared their frustration with the tedious task of entering multiple evidences for each Program Review. The scoring process was long, time consuming, and repetitive.</p> <p>The process was condensed in an effort to streamline it and eliminate unnecessary data entry.</p> <p>Also, guidance will be shared regarding promising practices districts can use to create a system of review and continuous improvement.</p>	<p>Schools respond as to whether or not they have met each demonstrator (Not Meeting Expectation, Meeting Expectation, Exceeding Expectation)</p> <p>Each demonstrator receives a rating based on the number of characteristics a school has in place</p> <p>Schools do not list evidence in ASSIST – schools maintain their own evidence on site as needed</p> <p>Schools do not write a rationale in ASSIST</p> <p>Schools do not complete “Next Steps” diagnostic in ASSIST</p>

<p>All Program Reviews were scored and justifications were submitted</p> <p>Every program is reviewed every year</p> <p>Schools complete a K-3 program review</p>	<p>The Program Review Task Force subcommittee proposed two options for using program reviews in assessment. Assurances and a reduction in Program Reviews were proposed. SBDM council influence on hiring staff and curriculum was also shared as a concern.</p>	<p>Assurances signed each year by principal, SBDM council and superintendent ensuring support for continuously providing quality programs to expand opportunities for all students</p> <p>Two programs to be scored each year</p> <p>Schools sign K-3 Assurances every year</p>
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For more information on this item, contact Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis at amanda.ellis@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-9850, ext. 4151.

BOARD OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR 2016-17

As required by board policy, new officers were elected on August 4. Bill Twyman of Cave City was elected as chair and Mary Gwen Wheeler of Louisville was selected as vice chair. The vote was unanimous.



Roger Marcum, who had served as chair for the past three years, was ineligible to serve again per board policy but remains as a member of the board.

For more information on board officers, contact Executive Director Mary Ann Miller at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840.

JOSEPH W. KELLY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Two individuals were chosen as winners of the Joseph W. Kelly Award, Audwin Helton of Louisville and Brent Cooper of Covington. The award is conferred annually on a businessperson(s) or organization(s) that has offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting improvement and equity of school educational opportunity for Kentucky’s students at the school, community and/or state levels.

Mr. Helton is President and CEO of Spatial Data Integrations in Louisville. He was nominated by Sam Corbett, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Public Educational Foundation.



Mr. Cooper is President of C-Forward in Covington. Boone County Superintendent Randy Poe nominated Cooper.



For more information on the award or the winners, contact Mary Ann Miller at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840.

BOARD CONDUCTS ANNUAL RETREAT

On August 3, the Kentucky Board of Education held its annual retreat. In the morning, a discussion on what's working and what's not working in the current accountability system was facilitated by Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims. The afternoon session was focused on strategic planning with time devoted to shaping a vision and goal setting. More time will be spent in October on these two topics. It was clear that the individual student reaching his/her full potential is of top importance to the board as well as some way to indicate student growth that is simpler to compute and understand.

For more information on this portion of the meeting, contact Executive Director Mary Ann Miller at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4840.

REPORT ON SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM HEARD AT AUGUST MEETING

The Kentucky Board of Education heard an update on the Summer Food Service Program that is administered by the Division of School and Community Nutrition. The primary purpose of the program is to provide food service to children from needy areas during periods when schools and districts are closed for vacation.

The board learned that:

- This summer more than 150 sponsoring organizations are administering the program at the local level.
- More than 2,000 Summer Food Service Program sites in Kentucky provide over 3,000 meal opportunities for children.
- Summer meals can include breakfast, lunch, snack or supper and may be served seven days a week.
- Meals are for children 0-18 years of age.

For more information on this item, contact Mike Sullivan, School Community Nutrition Support Branch Manager, at michael.sullivan@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-5625, ext. 4930.

NEW MEETING DATES SET FOR 2018

As is customary at its retreat, the Kentucky Board of Education set additional meeting dates for 2018 as follows:

February 7, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 11, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 1-2, 2018	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort

October 2-3, 2018	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2018	Regular meeting	Frankfort

The dates for 2017 remained as previously set and are:

February 8, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 12, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 7, 2017	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 2-3, 2017	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 3-4, 2017	Commissioner's Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
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For more information on meeting dates, contact Susan Palmer at susan.palmer@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141, ext. 4805.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the June 8, 2016, Regular Meeting
- Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics
- New District Facility Plans for Clark County, Eminence Independent, Monroe County, Russell County, and Trimble County Schools Districts
- 705 KAR 4:231, General Program Standards for Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs (Second Reading)
- 702 KAR 3:171, Repeal of 702 KAR 3:170, Educational Television Equipment Purchases (Second Reading)
- 780 KAR 4:012, Repeal of 780 KAR 4:010, General Standards (Second Reading)
- Request for Waiver from 702 KAR 4:050, Section 4(4)(a), Requirement that the Hopkins County Board of Education Acquire Mineral Rights Forbearance Prior to Purchasing a Property in the City of Madisonville
- Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) FY 2017 Unmet Need for Local Education Agencies
- Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Trust Fund – FY 2017 Allocation
- Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Appointment of Chris LeMonds
- Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Appointment of Kimberly Mucker Johnson

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Status Update on Recommendations from the Combating Inappropriate Student-Teacher Relationship Task Force
- Hope Street Group (HSG) Update
- Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties
- Hearing Officer's Report

- KDE Employment Report (All offices except the Office of Career and Technical Education)
- KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education only)
- Review of Kentucky Board of Education Policy Manual
- Review of Kentucky Board of Education Major Policy Issues Chart
- Summary of Work from Kentucky Department of Education Office Heads

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2016, 2017 AND 2018

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October 4-5, 2016	Commissioner’s Evaluation Discussion & Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7, 2016	Regular meeting	Frankfort

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The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the August 3-4, 2016, regular meeting, conducted in Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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