Minutes

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held its special meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. ET, at 300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor State Board Room 514, in Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to order

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. ET.

II. Roll call

Chair Young asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Claire Batt, Holly Bloodworth, Mike Bowling, Alvis Johnson, Cody Pauley Johnson, Patrice McCrary, Sharon Porter Robinson, Lee Todd, Lu Young, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President, Aaron Thompson and Allison Slone.

All members were present.

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker stated a quorum was present.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE met utilizing a video teleconference. Furthermore, members of the public were not permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting via the KDE’s Media Portal. Accordingly, Chair Young announced that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Chair Young reminded KBE members to ensure their video is streaming and that they can be seen throughout the duration of the meeting. Chair Young also informed the KBE members that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

III. Closed Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) to Review Individual Applications for the Commissioner of Education Position and Discussion Which May Lead to the Appointment of the Next Commissioner of Education

Chair Young asked for a motion to go into closed session for such a purpose. Alvis Johnson made the motion and Patrice McCrary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment of Closed Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f)
Chair Young asked for a motion to return to open session. Claire Batt made the motion and Sharon Porter Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**V. Discussion and Action on Next Steps in Selecting a Commissioner of Education**

Since the board did not take any action in closed session, Chair Young asked for a motion to direct Greenwood/Asher and Associates to conduct further reference checks on those candidates identified in closed session and arrange for four interviews of candidates over July 6 and July 7, 2020 as identified by individual KBE members. The motion was made by Alvis Johnson and seconded by Cody Pauley Johnson. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**VI. Approval of Awards Committee Meeting on July 28, 2020**

Chair Young asked for a motion to approve a special meeting on July 28, 2020 for the KBE Awards Committee to meet, discuss and nominate a Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnership winner to bring before the board at its August regular meeting. Claire Batt made the motion and Sharon Porter Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**VII. Approval to Amend August Board Retreat Date from August 5, 2020 to October 6, 2020**

Chair Young informed the board that pursuant to board policy, an annual retreat is held each year to review the board’s goals and objectives, identifying the major issues likely to face the board in the coming year and establishing priorities for board action.

Since the board still was undergoing a search for a new Commissioner of Education, Chair Young asked for a motion to approve amending the date of the annual board retreat from August 5, 2020 to October 6, 2020. Cody Pauley Johnson made the motion and Holly Bloodworth seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

**VIII. Approval to Amend Commissioner’s Evaluation from October 6, 2020 to a Potential Commissioner’s Reception on August 5, 2020.**

Chair Young informed the board that pursuant to board policy, the board shall conduct its annual evaluation of the Commissioner at its October meeting. The former board approved the date of October 6, 2020. Since the KBE just approved the annual retreat to occur in October and the board will not need to conduct an evaluation of the Commissioner this coming October, Chair Young asked for a motion to amend the date of the Commissioner’s Evaluation from October 6, 2020 to a potential Commissioner’s Reception on August 5, 2020.

Patrice McCrary made the motion. Mike Bowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**IX. Adjournment**
Mike Bowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting and JoAnn Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.