

**The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held day two of its regular meeting on June 6, 2024. The KBE met both virtually and in-person at the Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting in person although encouraged to view the meeting on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Media Portal. The board conducted the following business:**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Sharon Robinson welcomed all board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. ET.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Robinson asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: JoAnn Adams, Holly Bloodworth, Jamie Bowling, Patrice McCrary, Julie Pile, Randy Poe, Alissa Riley, Sharon Robinson, Lee Todd, Steve Trimble, Diane Woods, Lu Young, and Secretary Jamie Link.

**III. Good News**

- A. Fayette Co. cafeteria worker celebrates 58 years at Stonewall Elementary School** (Diane Woods)
- B. Five Kentucky students named 2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars** (Jamie Bowling)
- C. Shelby Co. Public Schools engineering teacher named Kentucky's robotics coach of the year** (JoAnn Adams)
- D. Elkhorn Crossing students named state finalist in Samsung Solve for Tomorrow STEM Competition** (Lee Todd)
- E. Renee Farell honored with Langan Award from KSB Founder's Day event** (Patrice McCrary)
- F. Kentucky sets the standard in special education excellence** (Alissa Riley)

**IV. Board Member Sharing**

Chair Robinson announced that the next item on the agenda is board sharing. It is an opportunity for board members to raise issues, pose questions, share concerns, and suggest topics to include on future board meeting agendas. Members Patrice McCrary, JoAnn Adams, and Jamie Bowling announced that they were not seeking reappointment to their Board seats and all commented on the impact that the Board had had on their lives. Other members thanked them for their work and wished them well moving forward.

**V. Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

President Aaron Thompson, Ph.D. was unable to attend but provided a written report for board members.

**VI. Report from the Secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet**

Secretary Jamie Link presented an update from the Education and Labor Cabinet. He gave a summary of the current work and goals and connected the importance of a strong education system to the productivity of the workforce in Kentucky.

**VII. Report from the Interim Commissioner of Education**

Interim Commissioner Robin Kinney gave an update from the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, the Kentucky School for the Blind, and the Area Technology Centers. She remarked on the graduations she was able to attend and speak at for both KSD and KSB. Interim Commissioner Kinney also thanked the Board for their support during her time as Interim Commissioner as this will be her last Board meeting in the role. She spoke highly of incoming Commissioner Fletcher and her staff at the Department.

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

**A. Certification of Non-Public Schools-** KDE Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster, Ed.D.

**B. Appointment of At-Large Member to Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen and KDE Associate Commissioner and KHSAA Designee David Couch

**C. Appointment of KSB Advisory Board Members-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton

**D. 2024-25 Preschool Grant Allotment System and Funding Rates-** KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Division Director Thomas Williams, Ph.D.

**E. Indirect Cost Rates-** KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chat Ritter

**F. KBE Regular Meeting Calendar-** KBE Chair Sharon Robinson, Ed.D.

**G. Hearing Officer's Report-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen

**H. Litigation Report-** KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen

Chair Robinson remarked that the consent agenda items were distributed to members in advance of the meeting for review, however, if an item is moved, the chair may decide to

take up the matter immediately or move it to a discussion item later in the agenda. None of the items were moved and Chair Robinson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Lee Todd and seconded by Randy Poe. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

#### **IX. Committee Meetings**

Chair Robinson dismissed members to their committee meetings. Both the Kentucky United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee and the State Schools Committee met simultaneously.

#### **X. Action/Discussion Items**

##### **A. Report of the Kentucky United We Learn/Teaching and Learning Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Holly Bloodworth provided an update on the committee's meeting. The committee heard from the Kentucky United We Learn Vice Chair Jim Flynn, Ed.D. and KDE Chief Performance Officer Karen Dodd with an update about the work on the Council. There were no action items from the committee.

##### **B. Report of the State Schools Committee on Action/Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Randy Poe provided an update on the committee's meeting. The committee heard two presentations. KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. and KDE Division Director Beth Engle gave the Kentucky Tech Year in Review presentation. KDE Associate Commissioner Gretta Hylton and KDE Division Director Shannon Sparkman presented on the CEASD Accreditation. There were no action items from the committee.

##### **C. Local Board Member In-Service Training**

KDE Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Todd Allen and Kentucky School Boards Association director of Board Team Development Debra Webb presented their report on local board member in-service training. Following a discussion with the full Board, Chair Robinson called for a motion. The motion was made by Holly Bloodworth and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

##### **D. Work-Based Learning Requests**

KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis, Ed.D. presented the applications for work-based learning placements to receive career-ready status in the accountability system. Dr. Hargis explained the rationale for

the applications that were recommended for approval and answered questions from the Board. Following a discussion with the full Board, Chair Robinson called for a motion. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

**E. Academic Standards Proposed Regulatory Changes**

**1. Repeal of 704 KAR 3:303, Required Academic Standards**

**2. 704 KAR 8:130, Kentucky Academic Standards for Visual and Performing Arts**

KDE Deputy Commissioner Thomas Tucker, Ph.D. KDE Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray, KDE Policy Advisor Sarah Peace, and KDE Division director Chrystal Rowland presented both the request to repeal 704 KAR 3:303 and an overview of the new regulation 704 KAR 8:130. Following a discussion with the full Board, Chair Robinson called for a motion. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Diane Woods. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote. The Board also commended the team for their work on these regulations.

**F. Amendment to 702 KAR 3:320, Finance Officer Certification Requirements**

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chay Ritter presented the proposed amendment to 702 KAR 3:320 regarding the requirements for Finance Officer certification. Following a discussion with the full Board, Chair Robinson called for a motion. The motion was made by Randy Poe and seconded by Holly Bloodworth. Vice Chair Lu Young abstained to avoid any conflict with her work outside the board. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

**G. Waiver Request from the Ludlow Independent Board of Education Related to Section 4(4) of 702 KAR 4:050, Building sites; inspection, approval**

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Chat Ritter presented the Ludlow Independent Board of Education's waiver request concerning 702 KAR 4:050. Following a discussion with the full Board, Chair Robinson called for a motion. The motion was made by Steve Trimble and seconded by Randy Poe. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

**XI. Review Items**

**A. KDE Audit and Commissioner's Expenses**

KDE Associate Commissioner Matt Ross and KDE Division Director Karen Wirth presented a review of the annual KDE Audit and Commissioner's Expenses.

**XII. Presentation of the 2024 Karem Award for Excellence in Education Policy**

Interim Commissioner Kinney and Chair Robinson presented the 2024 Karen Award for Excellence in Education Policy to Dr. Deanese Jameson. She received this award for policy development by assuming roles designed to help increase educational opportunities for students, such as serving as a delegate for the Warren Education Association and the Kentucky Education Association (KEA). She is a member of the KEA Constitutional Compliance Committee and one of two KEA representatives at Greenwood.

**XIII. Presentation of the Teresa Perry Compassion Award**

Interim Commissioner Kinney and KDE Communications Director Jennifer Ginn presented the 2024 Teresa Perry Compassion Award to Crystal Sohl. She received this award for her exceptional service at the Kentucky School for the Blind.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chair Robinson congratulated both award winners and invited them to join the board for lunch following the meeting. Chair Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Patrice McCrary and seconded by JoAnn Adams. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.