The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held a special awards committee meeting on May 27, 2020. 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 the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the KBE awards committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were 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

Committee Chair McCrary welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. ET. Chair McCrary reminded members that the meeting still must comply with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act. Additionally, Chair McCrary stated that for any items that required a vote, a roll call vote was necessary to record the vote of each board member.

II. Roll Call

Chair McCrary asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Claire Batt, Patrice McCrary and Lu Young.

KBE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker stated a quorum was present.

III. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education Winner

Chair McCrary read the description and criteria of the KBE Grissom Award, and shared that the award is given each year to a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization to honor outstanding dedication to improving student achievement for students with disabilities.

IV. Review and Discussion of Applications for the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education

Chair McCrary asked the committee members to present their top five highest-scoring candidates in consideration of discussion. After members shared their top candidates, they each discussed the basis for their scoring as part of the consensus decision-making process.

V. Approve Recommendation of an Individual(s) as the recipient of the Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education (Action Item)
Chair McCrary shared that, as a result of the committee’s discussion, they would present candidate #4 to the full board in consideration of approval at its June 3, 2020 regular meeting.

Lu Young made a motion to approve candidate #4 as the recommended recipient of the KBE Grissom Award for Innovation in Special Education. Claire Batt seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. Adjournment

Claire Batt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lu Young seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m. ET.