

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) held the Awards Committee meeting on November 20, 2024. The committee met virtually. The following business was conducted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Diane Woods welcomed the committee members and guests viewing the livestream to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Chair Woods asked for a roll call of members. The following members were present: Julie Pile, Lu Young, and Diane Woods.

III. 2024 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

A. Review of Criteria for Selecting the Recipient of the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

Chair Woods provided an overview and brief discussion of the criteria for the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award which, “seeks to recognize a public school or district that has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing early literacy through the effective adoption and implementation of evidence-based practices, as outlined in Senate Bill 9 (2022), the Read to Succeed Act. Criteria for the award include: notable efforts in supporting the successful adoption and implementation of evidence-based early literacy instruction. This includes investment in professional development and/or instructional resources to equip teachers with the latest evidence-based practices for teaching reading. Evidence of successful implementation of the Read to Succeed Act, focusing on policies and practices that enhance early literacy outcomes. This includes providing teachers with the resources and support needed to effectively teach reading and offering students ample opportunities to develop and strengthen their reading skills. Engagement with the community to support early literacy initiatives, recognizing that literacy is a collective effort. This includes collaboration with families, local organizations, and other stakeholders to create a literacy-rich environment that extends beyond the classroom.”

B. Review and Discussion of the Nominations for the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

Chair Woods then explained that committee members were asked to review the candidates prior to the meeting using a provided rubric. All members positively commented on the qualifications of Candidate 10.

C. Approve Recommendation of Individual(s) as the Recipient of the Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award

The committee determined that its top applicant was Candidate 10. A vote was necessary to bring the recommendation before the full board for consideration of approval at its December 4 regular meeting. Based on the candidate's efforts and success in the area of early literacy instruction, Chair Woods asked the committee to entertain a motion to approve Candidate 10 as the recipient of the 2024 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award. The motion was made by Julie Pile and seconded by Lu Young. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Woods thanked everyone for their time and a productive meeting. Chair Woods requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Lu Young and seconded by Julie Pile. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.