

# **Kentucky Board of Education Regular Meeting December 7, 2016**

## ***SUMMARY MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 7, 2016, in the State Board Room, Fifth Floor, Sower Building, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

### **I. Call to Order - 9:00 a.m. (ET)**

At 9:05 a.m., Chair Bill Twyman called the meeting to order.

### **II. Roll Call**

Chair Twyman asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll. All members were present.

#### **Present Board Members:**

Mr. Grayson Boyd  
Mr. Ben Cundiff  
Mr. Richard Gimmel  
Mr. Samuel Hinkle  
Mr. Gary Houchens  
Ms. Alesa Johnson  
Mr. Roger Marcum  
Ms. Nawanna Privett  
Mr. Milton Seymore  
Mr. William Twyman  
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler  
Mr. Robert King

### **III. Approval of Minutes from October 4-5, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Chairman Twyman asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes from October 4-5, 2016. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Ben Cundiff and seconded by Sam Hinkle. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **IV. Introduction of New KDE Employees and Team Member of the Month**

The following new Kentucky Department of Education employees were recognized:

#### **Office of the Commissioner**

Hannah Poquette, KBE/KDE Education Academic Program Manager (Research Analyst) -  
Commissioner's Delivery Unit

Leslie Slaughter, Executive Director to the Kentucky Board of Education

**Office of Finance and Operations**

Marcus Highland, Capital Construction/Design Program Administrator II, Division of District Support

Tori Mason, Administrative Specialist III, Division of District Support

Lauren Moore, KBE/KDE Division Director, Division of School and Community Nutrition

**Office of Teaching and Learning**

Erma White, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

**Office of Continuous Improvement and Support**

Glenna Cummins, Education Administration Program Consultant II, Division of Consolidated Plans and Audits

Doug Roberts, Education Administration Program Consultant I, Division of Student Success

Jessica Catron, Education Administration Program Consultant II, Division of Student Success

Dr. Pruitt also recognized Mr. Bill Buchanan as the KDE team member of the month. Bill serves as an Early Learning liaison within the Office of Teaching and Learning, Division of Program Standards.

**V. Report of the Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

The report from Secretary Heiner focused on his recommendation of a new rating system for schools, in relation to the development of the new accountability system. This rating system would reflect a grade of A - F for schools, based on their performance on the various indicators of the new system.

He noted that this type of rating is more transparent to the general public and is more easily understood by parents and other shareholders. Heiner indicated that states such as Georgia have adopted similar rating models in recent years.

Chairman Bill Twyman thanked Secretary Heiner for his recommendation and stated that the accountability steering committee would take the suggestions into consideration as they complete their work.

**VI. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)**

President King provided updates on the recommendations related to the performance funding model for postsecondary institutions, as directed by the General Assembly in the 2016 legislative session.

He also reported on a grant initiative that is providing over \$360,000 to three Kentucky universities that will provide professional learning opportunities for secondary teachers in career and technical education.

An update on AdvanceKY was provided. It was reported that there are over 800 trained AP teachers in the state of Kentucky, with 101 public high schools from 74 districts offering AP advanced coursework through AdvanceKY. It was also noted that student enrollment in math, science, and english AP coursework continues to steadily increase.

President King shared that a new board orientation and training policy had been developed for CPE board members. He noted that this will also be adopted by all Kentucky colleges and universities, including the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

President King reminded the KBE members that new postsecondary admission and placement criteria is to be determined. He noted the timeliness of this work, as it ensures alignment with the department's accountability recommendations. He reported that Kentucky has not yet reached a 50% graduation rate for postsecondary enrollments and that many of the same challenges related to achievement gaps seen in the K-12 system are also present in postsecondary education.

Ben Cundiff raised the question of knowing whether the standards for postsecondary graduation have been lowered in recent years. President King discussed the importance of effective assessment of knowledge. King reported that a new assessment methodology is being developed and piloted by several of Kentucky's institutions.

Rich Gimmel asked whether CPE is looking at postsecondary outcomes and transition as a measure of an institution's success. President King indicated that data from the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), as well as surveys from alumni and employers, are all data sources that are being utilized.

Nawanna Privett encouraged a continued partnership between CPE and AdvanceKY.

Mary Gwen Wheeler made reference to the United States Department of Education's College Scorecard as an untapped resource that is not widely publicized in regards to the longitudinal outcomes of postsecondary institutions across the country. She also requested a copy of the newly-released performance funding report. President King indicated that the report had just been sent to the General Assembly on December 1st and would be posted online as soon as possible.

## **VII. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)**

Jimmy Adams, Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board, informed the board of the opportunity for spring interns with the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP). He also noted a spring cohort will begin in January of 2017 for the first time since 2011.

Mr. Adams went on to say that there are Title II funding opportunities with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to support the enhancement of teacher and principal mentoring.

Adams cautioned the board on the accuracy of a recent report published by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ). He explained that while some elements of the report yield opportunities for improvement for the state, many of the methodologies utilized may be considered questionable.

Mr. Adams spoke on teacher retention data that has been collected by REL Appalachia and the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS).

Ben Cundiff then asked for clarity on the data, as it relates to teachers who have left the profession completely. Mr. Adams replied that the number of teachers who left the profession equates to about 13% of the population.

### **VIII. Report of the Commissioner of Education**

Commissioner Pruitt provided an update on the status of the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD). He also shared a new book that was written by seven former and current students from the Kentucky School for Deaf, titled "I Can Hear You Just Fine: Clarifications from the Kentucky School for the Blind". Copies of the book were provided to the KBE members.

Commissioner Pruitt continued and shared information about a cross-agency effort to create a secondary career pathway for students interested in the field of education. This effort, in collaboration with the EPSB, CPE, and other shareholders, he said, will be an effective tool to grow and retain Kentucky's own future educators.

### **IX. Good News Items**

Chairman Twyman called upon the following individuals to share good news items:

**Nawanna Privett:** Commissioner Stephen Pruitt has been elected to the Council of Chief State School Officers Board of Directors during this group's 2016 Annual Policy Forum in Baltimore. His term runs until November 2018. CCSSO is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of education in the states, District of Columbia, the Department of Defense and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO's Board of Directors manages the overall business affairs of the council and is the governing body of the organization. Pruitt is one of six directors elected by the CCSSO membership. Join me in congratulating the commissioner on this honor!

**Gary Houchens:** Seven students from the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville have released the first-ever professionally published anthology written by blind and visually-impaired teenagers. The book, titled "We Can Hear You Just Fine: Clarifications from the Kentucky School for the Blind," includes original essays, oral histories from interviews conducted by the authors and almost 100 photographs. Three versions of the book are expected to be released, including one for sighted readers. It will be available in Louisville bookstores and online. Each author will receive a \$500 advance on royalties. Revenues from future book sales will support the efforts of more people whose voices are often unheard as they partner with the Louisville Story Program to develop books, exhibits and radio stories about their lives and communities. KSB students involved in the project

are: Haley Hall, Shane Lowe, Madelyn Loyd, Selena Tirey, Kianna Waller, Matthew Caudill and Cherish Willis. Join me in congratulating these KSB students in being published authors and paving the way for others to do so!

**Alesa Johnson:** Madison County Schools will be the first recipient of the Computer Science Education Incentive Award from AdvanceKentucky and Time Warner Cable. These awards are offered to promote growth and awareness of computer science education in school districts throughout Kentucky. In recognition of Madison County's commitment to computer science education, Time Warner Cable will award \$1000 to each participating middle school to further their computer science efforts. Join me in congratulating Madison County on being chosen for this honor and for their commitment to computer science education!

**Roger Marcum:** Kentucky was well represented at this year's 2016 Vision Conference for the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE). The meeting was held in Las Vegas, Nevada from Wednesday, November 30th through Saturday, December 3rd. The 2016 ACTE Teacher of the Year was awarded to Mrs. Sarah Raikes, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Washington County High School. The 2016 ACTE New Teacher of the Year was awarded to Mr. Jacob Ball, an agriculture teacher at Locust Trace Agriscience Center in Fayette County. ACTE division honors were also awarded to the following Kentucky CTE representatives:

- Matt Chaliff, 2016 Outstanding Service Citation Award, National Association for Agriculture Educators (NAAE). Matt currently serves as an Agriculture Education Consultant and the State FFA Executive Secretary at the KY Department of Education.
- Darryl Matherly, Spencer County High School - 2016 Mentorship Award, National Association for Agriculture Educators (NAAE).
- Kelli Dickson, Monroe County High School - 2016 Pride Award, National Association of Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS).
- Leslie Slaughter, 2016 Champion Award, National Association of Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS). Leslie is the former Executive Advisor for the Office of Career and Technical Education at the KY Department of Education and is now currently serving as the KBE Executive Director.
- RaAnn Miller, Jessamine Career and Technology Center - 2016 Graduate Fellowship Scholarship, ACTE Family and Consumer Sciences Division.

Join me in congratulating each of these outstanding individuals for their commitment and service to Kentucky students!

**X. Process for Developing a New Accountability System(Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims - 30-minute presentation/discussion (Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Schools and Districts)**

Rhonda Sims, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Assessment and Accountability, presented information related to this agenda item. She shared that an extended timeline had been approved by the United States Department of Education (USED) and would allow the states more time to finalize their proposed accountability plans. She indicated that a new timeline for Kentucky was being drafted and would come before the board at the February meeting. Sims provided updates from the various work groups, advisory committees, and the larger steering committee. While a proposed new system was not ready for the board's review and approval, she indicated that the priority elements and most prominent themes of the work included student proficiency, support for English Language Learners, school and district continuous improvement, successful post-high school transition, closing the achievement gap, and access/opportunity gaps. It was reported that the accountability steering committee would be reconvening at the first of the year. Following that meeting, Sims stated recommendations would be brought forth to the board for review.

**XI. Delivery Results from 2016 (Review Item) - Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer - 20-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priorities: All Priorities**

Karen Dodd presented a review of the results from the KDE delivery plans and performance trajectories that were formerly developed for the agency. She said that the results indicate significant progress has been made in the areas of College/Career Readiness and high school graduation rate; however, areas such as kindergarten readiness, proficiency in reading and math, and novice reduction continue to be areas of strategic focus.

Dodd reminded the board members that the department has now begun the process of developing a revised strategic plan, which will take into account the most impactful strategies for achieving the agency's desired results. She shared that the board's new vision statement and a new department mission statement will complement this work. Additionally, Dodd pointed out new strategic goals for consideration by the board. They are as follows:

- Readiness by the end of 3rd grade
- Readiness for middle school
- Readiness for high school
- Ready for success

Board members discussed whether to change the word "Dispositions" in the vision statement and department staff will gather feedback to have for consideration in the future.

Karen Dodd indicated that the department plans to develop a dashboard reporting tool that could mirror the new accountability dashboard to report progress toward the new strategic goals.

**XII. Introduction to SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) (Review Item) - Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner of Finance and Operations, and Chay Ritter, Branch Manager - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes**

Robin Kinney and Chay Ritter from the Office of Finance and Operations provided an overview of the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding. A PowerPoint presentation was presented, which included explanations for the following:

- the current SEEK formula (first implemented in 1990),
- base funding per pupil,
- add-on options that impact the formula,
- transportation,
- local effort impact,
- additional funds through additional levies, and
- nickels and capital outlay funds.

A copy of the full presentation can be found on the board's online materials website.

### **XIII. New Skills for Youth (NSFY) Initiative and Grant Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Laura Arnold - 20-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priorities: All Priorities**

Due to time limitations, the New Skills for Youth grant presentation was deferred until the February meeting. An update will be brought forth at that time by Laura Arnold, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Career and Technical Education.

### **XIV. Board Member Sharing**

Chairman Twyman asked the members if there was any news of importance to share with the board. Having none come forward, he informed the board of his recent attendance at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in October.

### **XV. Lunch - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. ET (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee members only)**

### **XVI. Performance by KSB Students - 1:00 p.m. (ET)**

Following lunch, the board was entertained by students from the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB). Holiday-themed performances were conducted by the following KSB students:

Keyboard:

Macy Spigelmire, Shawn Smith, Michael Davis, and Logan Armstrong

Mountain Dulcimer:

Landon Smith

Mandolin:

Gracie Smith

### **XVII. Public Comment Segment - 1:30 p.m. (ET)**

Gay Adelman, a representative of the Dear JCPD parent advocacy group, presented remarks during the public comment segment. Her comments focused on the implementation of charter schools.

**XVIII. Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update and Its Alignment with the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (Review Item) - Amanda Ellis, KDE Associate Commissioner of Teaching and Learning, and Donna Brockman, EPSB Division Director - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners**

Amanda Ellis, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). Donna Brockman, a representative from the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), was unable to serve as a co-presenter, due to the presentation being postponed until after lunch. The presentation provided an overview of the history of PGES, the components and common themes of the Kentucky Framework for Teaching, and recent changes to the requirements of the system. Ellis explained that the department has historically provided support for PGES implementation through a digital tool known as EDS, or the Educator Development Suite. She noted that the state's contract for EDS will sunset in the year of 2018; thus, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will soon be released to seek a new tool.

Ellis shared that PGES has four levels of teacher performance ratings: ineffective, developing, accomplished, and exemplary. Then, Gary Houchens encouraged the board to reconsider the term "developing". His comments focused on the low percentage of Kentucky teachers who are assigned this rating. He noted that if the system is designed to support the professional growth of teachers, then the feedback provided through the PGES process should support and align to areas for continuous improvement.

Nawanna Privett noted that her conversations with school and district leaders remained focused on the process and making it less time-consuming. She requested that the department identify schools and districts who are utilizing efficient implementation strategies with PGES. Privett thought such best practices could be shared and scaled across the state.

Ben Cundiff asked about the percentage of teachers who were leaving the profession within the first four to five years. He noted a concern related to the TELL survey, which has indicated a lack of professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Roger Marcum expressed concern that a one-year internship for new teachers and principals is not enough to provide adequate support for growth.

**XIX. Hearing Officer's Report - General Counsel Kevin Brown**

**XIX.A. Approval of Final Order Dismissing as settled Benny K. Patrick vs. Commissioner of Education Stephen L. Pruitt**

General Counsel Kevin Brown and Deputy General Counsel Todd Allen asked for approval of a final order of dismissal regarding the case of Benny K. Patrick versus the Commissioner of

Education. They explained that once a hearing officer was appointed in this case, a settlement was reached between both parties and a request for a hearing was withdrawn. It was noted the individual in question has since resigned from his position. Brown and Allen said that the board must take action on this matter for final dismissal.

Chairman Twyman asked for a motion, second, and vote on this matter. The motion was made by Ben Cundiff and seconded by Roger Marcum. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **XIX.B. Report on Status of KBE Regulations**

General Counsel Kevin Brown noted that the Hearing Officer's Report on regulations is posted on the board's online materials site and he summarized its contents.

### **XX. Follow-up Discussion from Special Meeting on Charter Schools and Request to Approve Elements of a Charter School Proposal (Action/Discussion Item) - Commissioner Stephen L. Pruitt - 40-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes**

The board had a lengthy discussion about the proposed elements for charter schools. Commissioner Pruitt commented that the elements presented in the department's proposal represent a suggested framework for charter schools, should the Kentucky General Assembly consider public charter school legislation in the upcoming session. A copy of the proposal can be found on the board's online materials website.

Roger Marcum moved to accept the proposal as presented, with one amendment of striking the word "primary" from the first statement under the heading "authorizers". The motion was seconded by Gary Houchens. The floor was then opened for discussion.

Mary Gwen Wheeler moved to amend the motion by inserting the words "local government officials" to the list of possible authorizers, to insert language into the opening paragraph of the document that reflects the minimization of negative consequences and impact, and to insert language reflecting quality assurance within the authorizers section. The motion to amend the original motion was seconded by Milton Seymore and it passed with a 6-5 show of hands vote.

Next, Ben Cundiff moved to amend the motion by inserting a requirement that per pupil funding be equal to that of traditional public schools. The amendment was seconded by Gary Houchens. The amendment failed by a 3-8 show of hands vote.

Alesa Johnson moved to amend the motion by inserting a statement of "fair and equitable funding for all schools, including both charter and common schools". The amendment was seconded by Mary Gwen Wheeler. The amendment passed by a unanimous show of hands vote.

After discussion about the concern of mandated parental support for charter schools, Alesa Johnson again moved to amend the original motion by changing the term "must" in the statement "A charter school application must demonstrate support from local parents and the community" to a less

binding requirement. The amendment failed to receive a second; therefore, there was no further discussion on this item.

After much discussion, Chair Twyman asked for a vote to approve the original motion as amended. The final motion was approved by a unanimous show of hands vote.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Elements of a Charter School Proposal passed as amended with a motion by Mr. Roger Marcum and a second by Mr. Gary Houchens.

Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Ben Cundiff	Yes
Mr. Richard Gimmel	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. Gary Houchens	Yes
Ms. Alesa Johnson	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. Milton Seymore	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

**XXI. Legislative Agenda (Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman - 20-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

General Counsel, Kevin Brown, and KDE Legislative Liaison, Tracy Herman, presented the proposed KDE legislative agenda. Board members were reminded that the 2017 session is a 30-day session and that it is not a biennial budget year for the Kentucky General Assembly.

Tracy Herman provided updates on the outcomes of the election, leadership transitions, and potential bill topics that may come forward in the 2017 session. She then went over the legislative agenda. Herman stated that the four main topics included in the proposed KDE legislative agenda were school/district accountability, charter schools, the Kentucky Retirement System and Kentucky Teacher Retirement System, and Career and Technical Education.

Roger Marcum suggested that equitable funding for school facilities be a focus of the department during the next biennial budget session's legislative agenda.

Mary Gwen Wheeler moved to approve the legislative agenda and it was seconded by Alesa Johnson. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**XXII. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee Meeting (2:30 p.m. ET; Tentative Time)**

Committee Chair, Nawanna Privett called the meeting to order.

## **XXII.A. Action/Consent Items**

### **XXII.A.1. Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report of 2015 (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Laura Arnold and Karla Tipton from the Office of Career and Technical Education came forward for this item. This report comes before the board annually, as approval is required in order to receive federal Carl D. Perkins funding. Arnold and Tipton pointed out that Kentucky receives approximately \$18 million annually from this grant for both secondary and postsecondary career and technical education.

Committee Chair Privett asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report. The motion was made by Gary Houchens and it was seconded by Ben Cundiff. The motion carried.

## **XXII.B. Action/Discussion Items**

### **XXII.B.1. 703 KAR 5:070, Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability System (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)**

Rhonda Sims from the Office of Assessment and Accountability came forward for this item. She explained that this regulation will receive one reading, due to a condensed timeline agreed on with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). It was noted that the amendments were already being implemented by Kentucky school districts and approval was necessary to fulfil an agreement with OCR.

Committee Chair Privett asked for a motion, second and vote to approve amendments to 703 KAR 5:070. The motion was made by Ben Cundiff and seconded by Mary Gwen Wheeler. The motion carried.

### **XXII.B.2. Adoption of a Physical Activity Assessment Tool (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)**

Amanda Ellis and Jamie Sparks from the Office of Teaching and Learning came forward for this item. Ellis and Sparks noted state law requires the state to make a physical health assessment tool available for use by schools and districts. They said the tool is an online resource that allows aggregate data at both the school, district, and state levels related to health and wellness policies and practices.

Committee Chair Privett asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the adoption of the physical activity assessment tool. The motion was made by Ben Cundiff and seconded by Gary Houchens. The motion carried.

## **XXII.C. Review Items**

### **XXII.C.1. Common Kindergarten Entry Screener Data Update (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)**

Amanda Ellis from the Office of Teaching and Learning presented the information related to the 2016-2017 kindergarten entry screener. She reported that data indicates approximately 50% of students are considered ready for kindergarten in Kentucky. Ellis shared that the report includes disaggregated data related to socio-economic background, as well as the students' prior setting(s) before beginning kindergarten.

### **XXII.C.2. Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant Update (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners)**

Amanda Ellis and Bill Buchanan from the Office of Teaching and Learning, as well as Linda Hampton from the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, presented this update. Ellis reminded members that the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant was awarded to Kentucky in 2013, which totaled \$44.3 million. It was explained that the grant is co-sponsored by the United States Department of Education and United States Department of Health and Human Services. Ellis and Hampton stated that the grant funds seven projects across the Commonwealth related to early care and education.

### **XXII.C.3. 704 KAR 7:051, Repeal of 704 KAR 7:050, Student Discipline Guidelines (Strategic Priority: Next Generation Schools and Districts)**

Kelly Foster and Cassie Blausey from the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support came forward to present the first reading of this regulation. They recommended repeal of this regulation.

No questions or comments were brought forth by the committee. Committee Chair Privett noted that a vote was not required, as this was a first reading of the regulation. She commented that the item will come back to the committee for a second reading in February.

Committee Chair Privett then asked for a motion, second, and vote for adjournment of the Curriculum Committee. The motion was made by Ben Cundiff and seconded by Mary Gwen Wheeler. The motion carried.

### **XXIII. Management Committee Meeting (3:15 p.m. ET; Tentative Time)**

Committee Chair, Grayson Boyd, called the meeting to order.

#### **XXIII.A. Action/Consent Items**

##### **XXIII.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Barbourville Independent, Clay County, Elizabethtown Independent and Russellville Independent (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan from the Office of Finance and Operations came forward for this item. Approval of facility plans were recommended by them for the following school districts:

- Barbourville Independent
- Clay County
- Elizabethtown Independent

- Russellville Independent

Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second, and vote on this agenda item. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion carried.

**XXIII.A.2. 2016-2017 Local District Tax Rates Levied (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan from the Office of Finance and Operations came forward for this item. They recommended approval for thirteen additional 2016-2017 local district tax rates levied. It was noted that there will be two additional districts brought forth at the next meeting.

Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second, and a vote on this agenda item. The motion was made by Rich Gimmel and seconded by Alesa Johnson. The motion carried.

**XXIII.A.3. 2016-17 Local District Working Budgets (Strategic Priorities: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan from the Office of Finance and Operations were present for this item. They recommended approval for the submitted budgets. It was noted that all districts are currently above the recommended 2% contingency.

Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second, and vote on this item. The motion was made by Roger Marcum and seconded by Alesa Johnson. The motion carried.

**XXIII.B. Action/Discussion Items**

**XXIII.B.1. Request for Approval of Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Capital Funds Request (CFR) Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2017-18 which will be Provided as a Recommendation to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, Pursuant to HB 303 (2016 Regular Session) (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney and Donna Duncan from the Office of Finance and Operations were present for this item. KDE staff did not recommend the continued use of capital funds for personnel salaries beginning in fiscal year 2018, as had previously been permissible. It was noted by Kinney and Duncan that this recommendation must be provided to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, pursuant to HB 303.

Committee Chair Boyd asked for a motion, second, and vote to approve this item. The motion was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion carried.

**XXIII.C. Review Items**

**XXIII.C.1. 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum Nutritional Standards for Foods and Beverages Available on Public School Campuses During the School Day; Required Nutrition and Physical Activity Reports (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Deanna Tackett, and Katie Embry Cleveland came forward for this item, all from the Office of Finance and Operations. Staff recommended approval of the amendments to this regulation, which aligns the state's minimum nutritional standards to the new federal guidelines. This change allows for greater flexibility and ease of purchasing by school districts.

No questions or comments were brought forth by the committee. Chairman Boyd said this item will be brought back to the committee for a second reading in February.

**XXIII.C.2. Status Update on State Assistance in Fleming and Robertson Counties and Caverna Independent (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Finance and Administration, and Kelly Foster, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, presented this item. It was noted that education recovery staff are still working diligently with all three districts in state assistance and that progress continues to be evident. The superintendents of Fleming and Robertson Counties were present for the discussion and updates.

**XXIII.C.3. Status Update on State Management in Breathitt and Menifee Counties (Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes)**

Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Finance and Administration, and Kelly Foster, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support, presented this item.

State Manager for Menifee County, Tim Spencer, also came forward for the updates regarding his district. The district is holding a special-called election on January 4th to vote on a local nickel tax. It was noted that the district currently has an 11% contingency; however, there are many improvement projects that are necessary for various facilities. An intentional focus is being placed on novice reduction and stronger curriculum development.

State Manager for Breathitt County, Jim Hamm, came forward for updates regarding his district. Other representatives from Breathitt County were present and in the audience. The district is utilizing 30/60/90-day plans by all department heads in the district. It was noted that the implementation of this protocol is showing promising improvement results.

Upon conclusion of the discussion on this item, Committee Chair Boyd called for a motion, second, and vote to adjourn the committee meeting. The motion was made by Milton Seymore and seconded by Rich Gimmel. The motion to adjourn carried.

**XXIV. Approval of Action/Consent Items as a Block (Full Board Meeting Resumes)**

Board Chair Bill Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the action/consent items from both committees.

Sam Hinkle moved to approve the following action/consent items:

- Carl D. Perkins Consolidated Annual Report 2015
- District Facility Plans
- Local District Tax Rates Levied
- 2016 Local District Budgets

The motion was seconded by Milton Seymore. The motion carried.

Then, from the Curriculum Committee, Chair Nawanna Privett moved approval of 703 KAR 5:070 and adoption of the Physical Activity Assessment Tool. This did not require a second, as it came from a committee. The motion passed.

Next, from the Management Committee, Chair Grayson Boyd moved approval of the Capital Funds Request Guidelines for fiscal year 2018 to submit to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. This did not require a second, as it came from a committee. The motion passed.

**XXV. KDE Employment Report (All offices except Career and Technical Education)**

Chair Twyman asked if there were any questions on this report. None came forward.

**XXVI. KDE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education)**

Chairman Twyman asked if the department is still focusing on the continued difficulty of recruiting diverse CTE teachers to the Area Technology Centers. Commissioner Pruitt responded affirmative and reported the department had established a task force focusing on diversity in the workforce that has put together a strategic plan. He said the department’s Human Resources Director is involved with this plan.

**XXVII. Internal Board Business**

Chairman Twyman requested that the following board members serve on the selection committee for the Dr. Samuel Robinson award:

- Sam Hinkle - Chair
- Nawanna Privett
- Milton Seymore

All board members accepted the appointment to this committee.

**XXVIII. Approval of the Commissioner's Evaluation Document (Action/Discussion Item) and Review of Commissioner's Goals for the Coming Year (Review Item)**

Chairman Twyman reminded the board that this document is the official record of evaluation for Dr. Pruitt. He noted that it is posted on the board's online materials site for review. Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the document.

Nawanna Privett moved to approve the Commissioner's evaluation document. The motion was seconded by Sam Hinkle. The motion carried.

Next, Dr. Pruitt presented his goals for the upcoming year. The board agreed with the proposed goals and commended the Commissioner on his progress during his first year of tenure at the department of education. Pruitt asked for feedback on the goals.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked that determining what Kentucky will use for a high school assessment be added to the goals.

### **XXIX. Litigation Report**

No members requested to go into closed session to discuss the Litigation Report.

### **XXX. Adjournment**

Sam Hinkle moved to adjourn the board meeting at 5:24 p.m. ET. The motion was seconded by Roger Marcum. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.