

# **Kentucky Board of Education September 5, 2018 Special Meeting September 5, 2018**

300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

## ***MINUTES***

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on September 05, 2018, in the State Board Room, Fifth Floor, 300 Building, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Heiner welcomed everyone and called the Special meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Chair Heiner announced for everyone watching via live webcast that the agenda and board documents may be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) website. Chair Heiner thanked the interpreters and individuals providing closed captioning for their services at the meeting. Chair Heiner stated there is an overflow room in the Common area just beyond Room 516

### **II. Roll Call**

Chair Heiner requested a roll call of the members. The following members were present: Rich Gimmel, Kathy Gornik, Hal Heiner, Gary Houchens, Milton Seymore, Amanda Stamper, Laura Timberlake, Tracey Cusick, Alesa Johnson Joe Papalia and CPE Vice-President Aaron Thompson serving for President Robert King. Absent: Ben Cundiff.

Chair Heiner stated we have a quorum.

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag**

Chair Heiner led the members in The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IV. Minute of Silence**

Chair Heiner observed a minute of silence.

### **V. Update from Accountability Performance Standard Setting Committee (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and Center for Assessment Facilitators Brian Gong and Chris Domaleski (Transparent accountability reporting)**

Chair Heiner welcomed Brian Gong and Chris Domaleski from The Center for Assessment, and Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims.

Associate Commissioner Sims presented an explanation of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Other.

Brian Gong provided an overview of the accountability standard setting process.

Brian Gong stated the standards set this year would be applied this year, but they would be reset next year with the new Five Star System, as there will be new indicators available.

Associate Commissioner Sims stated an estimate of fifty to fifty-one schools may be categorized as CSI.

Associate Commissioner Foster stated currently KDE provides support to twenty-four schools designated as priority.

Interim Commissioner Lewis stated KDE is not resourced to provide the current level of support to fifty school it has provided to the current twenty-four priority schools. Interim Commissioner Lewis noted there may be consideration of a tiered approach, depending on the needs of the school.

Interim Commissioner Lewis stated Associate Commissioner Foster will begin communicating with superintendents about CSI and TSI designated schools during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>, and the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> KDE will be communicating to the state the designated CSI and TSI schools.

Interim Commissioner Lewis stated following identification districts will be required to develop improvement plans pursuant to instructions set forth in SB1 2017. Interim Commissioner Lewis stated there are different options for schools and they may continue to use the Kentucky Department of Education for turnaround purposes, or schools may opt in and use a third party entity for turnaround services.

**VI. Recommendation for criteria to identify Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Other school classifications (Action/Discussion Item) Interim Commissioner Wayne Lewis, Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims and Center for Assessment Facilitators Brian Gong and Chris Domaleski (Transparent accountability reporting)**

Chair Heiner requested a motion to approve Interim Commissioner Lewis' recommended criteria for identification of comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) for elementary, middle, and high schools.

Kathy Gornik moved and Laura Timberlake seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**VII. Interim Commissioner's recommendation to continue state management of Breathitt County Schools (Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Interim Commissioner Wayne Lewis (Transparent accountability reporting)**

Interim Commissioner Lewis stated as a result of the recent audit in Breathitt County, Breathitt County continues to be designated a state managed district. Interim Commissioner Lewis stated Breathitt County had made notable gains in certain areas over the years. Interim Commissioner Lewis noted Breathitt County is in the process of transitioning to the phase where they are less dependent on management and direction from the state and building capacity at the local level.

Associate Commissioner Foster stated Breathitt had an initial focus on improving finances and during the last two years has focused on academics.

Chair Heiner requested a motion to approve Interim Commissioner Lewis' recommendation for Breathitt County Schools to continue to be designated a state managed district in accordance with KRS 158.785.

Milton Seymore moved and Gary Houchens seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**VIII. High school graduation requirement updates - Interim Commissioner Lewis, Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Associate Commissioner David Horseman**

Interim Commissioner Lewis shared the proposal continues to require twenty-two (22) credits of coursework for students to earn at the high school level.

Interim Commissioner Lewis stated the proposed flexibility moves from end-of-course assessments to end-of-span assessments. Interim Commissioner Lewis stated at the end of 10th grade students would take a reading and mathematics assessment to meet a certain benchmark score on those assessments.

Interim Commissioner Lewis noted these are minimum high school graduation requirements at the state level and school districts can impose additional requirements.

**IX. Internal Board Business**

**IX.A. Committees**

Chair Heiner requested a KBE policy manual change stating the board chair and vice chair shall serve as voting members of all standing committees. Chair Heiner requested a technical name change due to the newly established Executive Leadership Team replacing the abolished Planning Committee.

Chair Heiner requested a motion to approve the two recommended changes.

Joe Papalia made a motion to approve the changes to the KBE policy manual and Kathy Gornik seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

## **X. Adjournment**

Chair Heiner stated the next meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education will be on October 2nd and 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Laura Timberlake moved to adjourn and Kathy Gornik seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.