

KSD Advisory Board Minutes

Date: November, 30, 2020

Advisory Meetings occur on a quarterly basis: August, November, February and May

Per KRS 167.037, this Board is to be composed of nine members appointed by KBE upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. The purpose of the Board is to act in an advisory capacity to assist school leadership and make recommendations related to: (1) school goals and objectives; (2) budget requests; (3) student services; (4) public relations; (5) construction and maintenance; and (6) program evaluation. Membership on the board shall be statewide and shall consist of two (2) parents of deaf children, one (1) professional in education of the deaf, one (1) former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, one (1) member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf, two (2) members who shall represent school districts, and two (2) members at large. A majority of the board's membership shall be persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Advisory Board Members

Scott Haun, Professional; Chair

Dodie Karr, KAD

Debbie Martin, Member at Large

Nancy Perry, Member at Large

Joshua Matthews, District

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order

A. November meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

B. Approve August Minutes as corrected.

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C. Principal Updates

- a. Reopening Plan - Reopening plan was developed with input from all KSD Leadership, reviewed by KDE with input from our local and state public health. A dedicated COVID-19 page on our KSD website (shared with families). Staff have received training on our plan. Met daily to review progress and installation safety measures across campus. Students will not be returning to campus at least through December. Will continue the recommendation of KDE and Public health on when it is best to safely return to in-person learning.
- b. Remote Learning –
 - a. Teachers have received on-going training and support to provide utilized various platforms. Have formed a strong collegial support system to share what they are using and how it is successful.
 - b. Continuous improvement approach, we are consistently analyzing what is working and what are barriers. Colonel Walk-through across 8-10 classrooms to get a snapshot of teaching and learning. Leadership team to discussing strengths and opportunities as we continue to refine virtual instruction.
 - c. Leadership made trips across the state to pick up laptops and update them on our services. Computers were returned within the same week, students did not miss any instruction.
 - d. Social emotional supports for our staff and students is a priority during this time - monitoring closely
- c. Professional Development for Staff

- a. Bilingual Curriculum (August and November) by Kristin DiPerri and Todd Czubek and John Hattie's Visible Learning. We know that feedback is one of the top 10 influencers based on meta analysis
- d. Campus Beautification
 - a. Continued painting across campus including our library and classrooms. Video was shared, an aerial drone tour of campus that was taken by our CTE/Advance Manufacturing teacher, Jay Cloud.
- e. Sports
 - a. Spring sports will most likely be on hold, that would mean getting on planes, and we know it's not a good time for travel. Lisa Kingsley, investigating esports for our students. We are looking at activities beyond the classroom.
- f. New Hires
 - 1. Doug Brewer, promoted to Director of Student Life
 - 2. Brianna Jones, promoted to Student Life Development Assistant
- g. Miscellaneous
 - Shared a response to Paula Meckes with the chair, vice chair and secretary, today. Scott will share with other Board Members. Haun would like to get your written response.
 - Jason E. Glass, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) visited KSD, October 29th. Met with teachers, visited buildings, finish the tour in Jacobs Hall with Scott Haun, Advisory Board Chair.
 - Ms. Godfrey has been contacted regarding Advisory Board, shared the application with her, but no response
 - Susan Dorn, (advisory board member) shared that this time is not convenient for her. She is wavering if will continue on the board or not.
 - Will continue the tradition of Secret Santa for elementary students, Santa to call students from the north pole via Zoom
 - School safety – outside lighting project complete, campus is now well lit. Saw-horses in place nightly to block thru traffic. 30 No Trespassing signs posted. Staff alert and reporting. Security Officer, Andrew Hourigan, almost daily contact with Danville Police department
 - Technology, Wi-Fi, - some students provided with hot spots, when we saw a need
 - Connecting with students – Houseparents' in contact with students - helping with homework, story time. Counselors in contact. Retired teacher volunteering.

T Hulett, KSB/KSD Capital Projects Consultant

D. Capital Projects Update

- a. Capital project means a project that are twenty thousand dollars (\$20,00.00) or more in costs
- b. Continued work with Rick Westerfield, Operations Supervisor to ensure that moneys are well spent.
- c. New Elementary school and the new playground complete
- d. Outside lighting project complete
- e. Underground work includes electric, gas, internet - complete

- f. Argo McClure building - Phase four (4)
 - a. asbestos tile has been removed
 - b. work will begin soon on new flooring throughout the building
 - c. outside painting of building almost complete (staff chose color)
 - d. gutter work soon finished
 - e. shades for windows have been selected
- g. Fosdick Hall
 - a. Old capital account money will be used to blacktop area for parking equipment. Mr. Westerfield will park all equipment; Ag tractor, fleet cars moved to one central location at Fosdick
- g. Pool has a leak, water has been shut off to pool, needs additional work to determine where the water is going. Observation windows to be taken out.
- h. Jacobs Hall boiler system to be replaced - project is ready to begin. Trees in back of Jacobs Hall have been cut, now work can begin on fixing sidewalk to be ADA compliant. Five hundred four thousand dollar (\$504,000.00) project, KDE help with funding.
- i. Future Plans
 1. Computer to help monitor all HVAC systems. Allows Rick and staff to monitor all of the systems and control our systems. Will work with our current system and would mean saving money and quick diagnostics.
 2. Working with architect for KSD/KSB, to prioritize roofing needs, HVAC system, start replacing after study and bid comes back.
 3. Old capital accounts working to spend these moneys and get the accounts closed.
 4. Phase five (5) at Argo McClure, next fall, finish the building out
 5. Begin work on next six (6) year plan

Todd Davis, Kentucky Department of Education

- A. Praxis
 - a. Recommendations to KACTE to help with accommodate Praxis to help Deaf and Blind individuals and get into teaching programs, and therefore allow for more equality and diversity in staff
 - b. Identifying barriers for KSD and KSB
 - c. How to best support deaf candidates
 - d. Currently Praxis tests one and two (1 & 2) allow interpreter to read instruction but not interpret the test.
 - e. December 14th, KACTE will make a recommendation to EPSB Board, help with some of the barriers for getting into programs and PRAXIS testing.
 - f. Option six (6) if individual already has bachelor degree, can work with provisional temporary certificate and work towards their teaching certificate.
 - EPSB board to accept ACT scores, or demonstrate your work with 3.0 GPA or higher
 - Recommend initial graduate tech programs already in the works forward getting certified for initial graduate candidate who have bachelor degrees - exempt from admission test.

- Use CASE skills test.
 - Not only translations for the instructions but possible testing translations
- g. To meet on recommendations in February.

Robin Kinney and Karen Wirth, Kentucky Department of Education

B. Surplus Properties

- a. Recent surplus of Walker Hall (Elementary School). Eight hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$890,000). Proceeds to go to KSD to be used for property repairs or to benefit of KSD. As of now no dollars have been removed.
- b. No determination yet as to how to use the money. May need an advisory board for spending the surplus dollars
- c. Surplus property has to be determined by process and approved by the Board of Education. Finance and Administration conduct the proceedings. Unique bill gave KSD right to retain the proceeds if sold by June 30, 2020. The moneys go back to KSD general funds.
- d. No other KSD buildings have been determined to be surpluses at this time.
- e. Crowd funding? Go Fund Me or Facebook fundraisers. Not aware of any at this time, must follow state government rules. Maybe use outside entity. Talk to Todd Allen in the legal office about the legal parameters.
- f. Next Six (6) year Capital Plan, deadline for submission April 15, 2021. (Every odd number year)

Chair

C. Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations of Advisory Board

- More information on Legislature to support our school; need a Champion in the Legislature to advocate for funding KSD and KSD in general.
- KSD Goals for next year plan, budget, recommendations
- Update on Praxis
- Advisory Board budget, recommendations for the budget
- Share a copy of KSD budget
- COVID 19 update
- Advisory Board invite Commissioner of Education and the KBE members- After COVID 19

Accepted as is, all yes

Resolutions

- I. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board (KSDAB) hereby honors and extends its deep appreciation and hearty congratulations to all graduating Class of 2020 Seniors and, furthermore, orders this commendation duly recorded in the official minutes of this body; this the thirtieth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty.
- II. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board hereby honors and extends its deep appreciation to Tommy Barnett for his fine contributions to the Kentucky School for the Deaf and, furthermore,

orders this commendation duly recorded in the official minutes of this body; this the thirtieth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty

- III. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board hereby honors and extends its deep appreciation to all KSD Staff for their contributions to the Kentucky School for the Deaf during the pandemic and, furthermore, orders this commendation duly recorded in the official minutes of this body; this the thirtieth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty.

Signed by Warren S Haun Jr, KSD Advisory Board, Chair

Motion made by Nancy Perry, seconded by Debbie Martin to accept all three (3) resolutions as is as read. Motion Carried

D. Public Comment (must sign-up prior to start of meeting)

a. None

E. Next Advisory Meeting Date: February 9th, 2021

a. time to be determined

Motion to adjourn, Dodie Karr

Second to adjourn: Debbie Martin

All in favor: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM