

KSD Advisory Board Minutes

Date: July 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

Jeff Kassinger (Former Student)
Bridgette Mann (District)
Dodie Karr (KAD)
Nancy Perry (Member at Large)
Debbie Martin (Member at Large)
Parent of Deaf Student (Vacant)
Susan Dorm (Parent of Deaf Student)
Scott Haun (Professional in Education of the Deaf)
Josh Matthews (District)

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order

A. July meeting called to order at 3:15 PM

B. Approve February Minutes

Toyah Robey

C. (a) Graduation

- a. Due to COVID19 and being under strict guidelines, we reached out to parents and students. Elected to have a ceremony on campus. Students met at Big Lots then we had a police escort down Main Street to campus. Parents, friends, alumni etc. lined the streets, horns blowing, flags and signs waving.
- b. Each student received a directors' chair and umbrella as their gift.
- c. Graduate speaker Samantha Fowler gave speech. Surprise video for students.
- d. Attending: Kevin Brown, Commissioner, Lou Young, KBE chair. Scott Haun, KSD Advisory Chair

C. (b) School Re-entry Plans

- a. Letter and plans shared
- b. Developed 3 calendars for possible opening: July, August & September
- c. Decision made to go back later in August
- e. Discussions with many officials (Health Department) advised 6 weeks of NTI and check COVID numbers frequently to determine when safe to return
- f. Working to ensure technology access and hot spots for students with no internet

- g. Student Life will assist to keep connected to our students.
- h. Hybrid model of instruction. On campus and virtual will be offered when able to return to campus.

C. (c and d) Campus learning and Remote Learning

- a. Make sure all have laptops, internet connections, hot spots where needed.
- b. Send students home with laptops, deliver laptops and hot spots
- d. Nighttime social activities and reading stories etc.
- c. Stay connected is the goal

C. (c and e) Dorms

- a. Health Department Recommendations:
 - One (1) student per bedroom
 - Covering over doorways
 - Group students/keep them in that group to help with contact tracing
 - Separate entrances and exits for groups
 - Work with transportation to make sure guidelines are followed for students traveling to campus
 - Order masks for students and staff. Clear masks partnered with CEASED
 - Consider face shields, warm weather, go outside weather permitting
 - Evaluate classrooms to ensure proper spacing
 - Related services and evaluations – plexiglass for separation

C. (c and f) Sports

- a. Fall sports cancelled
- b. Other schools for the Deaf are also cancelling sports
- c. Meet with KSD athletic director, Lisa Kingsley in spring to assess Spring Sports
- d. Considering other activities that students can safely participate in – small groups. disc golf, outside games – chess, connect four etc.

D. New Hires

- a. Emily Bailey – dorm
- b. Matthew Dezarn – operations
- c. Carol Ann Morrison – KSD/KBE Supervisor
- d. Kim Huddleston – Fiscal Officer
- e. Rick Westerfield – Director of Operations
- f. Jayne Paynter – New KSD/KSB DoSE

E. Capital Projects

- a. Lots of identifying flags on campus, for pipes and lines.
- b. Lighting project is fully underway. Adding new lighting on campus in addition to finding a way to use an alert system.
- c. Pillars at Marshall Hall are not holding paint, will be replacing
- d. Playground- add pavers for access to handicap swing.
- e. Roofs and HVAC discussion started but COVID 19 has pushed everything back
- f. Boiler and Jacobs Hall is on hold as well

- g. Capital Projects are anything over \$20, 00.00.
- h. Several “beautification” projects across campus, painting etc.
- i. Walker Hall to be sold June 30th, 2020
- j. Three (3) trees behind Jacobs Hall to be cut down, to widen sidewalks

Chair

G. Goals, Objectives and Recommendations

- a. Advisory Board Trainings to be established in 30 days before the next board meeting as Bylaws states. Following CDC guidelines. About 10 people. Maybe in Thomas Gym. May need to be a Zoom training.
- b. Toyah Robey – there will be 3 trainers: budget, capital projects, and roles on Advisory Board. Possibly to be recorded for future board members.
- c. Mr. T. Hulett come to next meeting to update on Capital Projects and surplus. Per KDE, Ms. Robey states there are no additional surplus projects at this time.
- d. Six (6) year plan for KSD discussion. Possible Go Fund Me account. Ms. Robey, asked to hold on that, as possibility will need to be discussed with KDE.
- e. Invite new Commissioner and KBE members to KSD campus to tour and get to know the board members and the staff.
- f. Also consider to invite someone from Educational Standard Board to discuss the Praxis as there are some concerns there for the deaf teachers.
- g. Consider adding resources for KSD seniors.

Do we accept those 3 things that we discussed?

Yes, then moving on.

H. Retiring Board Members, Nominations

- a. Susan Dorn, parent of son who graduated? Formal resignation?
- b. Debbie Martin, what happened to Alice Godfrey? No application seen.
- c. Ms. Robey will speak to Ms. Dorn to see about continuing to remain on the board.

J. Public Comment

- 1. We have addressed most of the public comment questions on property surplus and the pandemic issues during the meeting. Following the bylaws, can we follow up questions with written answers if public comment questions relate to leadership decisions?
- 2. KSD’s has had no superintendent on campus for past 20 years. What are KDE’s and the Commissioner’s role with KSD ? Ms. Robey will follow up and share with the board.
- 3. Need a better way to advertise to the community how to send in questions for the board. Maybe also need to be in ASL format or visual means as we only received a list of questions from one person as checked in the email today.

K. Next Meeting

August

Pick a date by August 5th

Need a nice clean copy of the minutes

Motion to adjourn, Nancy Perry

Second to adjourn: Debbie Martin

All in favor: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM