

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION,
COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND
EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
FEBRUARY 10, 2010
JOINT MEETING**

**KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SYSTEM OFFICES
300 NORTH MAIN STREET
VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE), Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) met on February 10, 2010, for a joint meeting at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) offices in Versailles, Kentucky and conducted the following business:

MEETING OPENING AND WELCOME

KCTCS President Michael McCall welcomed the three boards and the audience to the meeting. He indicated KCTCS was glad to host the historic event and said that education overall is having a positive impact across the state. McCall thanked CPE President Robert King for asking KCTCS to host the meeting and noted he was delighted to have the Governor here to be part of the meeting.

REMARKS BY GOVERNOR STEVEN L. BESHEAR

Commissioner Terry Holliday of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) stated that he would be serving as master of ceremonies at tonight's meeting and shared that he was extremely honored to be selected as Kentucky's commissioner of education. He commented that in his experience in the state he has been impressed with the work of all of the education partners on Senate Bill 1 and particularly by the collaboration among the three boards, Representative Carl Rollins, Senator Ken Winters and the General Assembly. Holliday then noted that one of his highlights after coming to Kentucky has been getting to know Governor Steve Beshear and experience his commitment to education. He asked the Governor to come forward to make his remarks.

Governor Beshear made the following points:

- Kentucky has experienced several historic moments in an effort to move education forward.

- Tonight's meeting is one of those moments where the three education boards have come together to move Kentucky education forward.
- In 1990, the state's leaders made a promise through education reform that if students worked hard, they would be prepared for success in the world. From these efforts, Kentucky's education system made significant progress; however, it still has farther to go.
- Last summer, I signed an agreement for the state to participate in the development of the common core standards. Today, Kentucky is showing its leadership by being the first to adopt these standards with the ultimate goal being that the K-12 system will prepare students for success in higher education and the world.
- The new standards will raise the bar and meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1. They will provide more consistency nationally, are benchmarked with international standards and are clearer and more easily communicated so that all will know what is expected of students.
- What is done today cannot stand alone. We must commit funds, focus and energy to move schools ahead.
- Commissioner Holliday and I have formed the Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force and my budget submission was designed to protect education.
- Congratulations to all those involved in this meeting tonight to ensure our kids have a high quality education.

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN

Commissioner Holliday reported that due to adverse weather conditions and the federal government not working, the video was not able to reach the state for use tonight. He noted that it is ready and as soon as it is received, it will be posted on the Web sites of the three agencies for viewing. Holliday then, on behalf of Secretary Duncan, offered congratulations to the three boards for their support of the new standards.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Joe Brothers called the KBE to order and asked Mary Ann Miller to call the roll. Present for the meeting were C.B. Akins, Kaye Baird, Joe Brothers, Dorie Combs, Jeanne Ferguson, Judy Gibbons, Billy Harper, Doug Hubbard, Austin Moss, Brigitte Ramsey and Robert King. Absent was David Karem.

Chair Paul Patton then called the CPE to order and asked Phyllis Bailey to call the roll. Present for the meeting were Ellen Call, Chris Crumrine, Glenn Denton, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Terry Holliday, Phyllis Maclin, Nancy J. McKenney, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Lisa F. Osborne, Paul E. Patton, Jim Skaggs, Joe Weis and Joe Wise. Absent was Marcia Milby Ridings.

Next, Chair Lorraine Williams called the EPSB to order and asked Ashley Abshire to call the roll. Present for the meeting were Lonnie Anderson, Frank Cheatham, Cathy Gunn, Mary

Hammons, Terry Holliday, Robert King, Greg Ross, Becky Sagan, Sandy Sinclair-Curry, Zenaida Smith, Bobbie Stoess, Tom Stull, Mark Wasicsko, Cassandra Webb and Lorraine Williams. Absent were Lynn May and Cynthia York.

REMARKS BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Commissioner Terry Holliday moved on to the next agenda item and stated that this meeting would not have occurred without the passage of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). He explained that SB 1 directs collaboration among the three boards and their respective agencies. Holliday said that two of the legislators that were key to the passage of SB 1 and House Bill 176 (within eight days), Representative Carl Rollins and Senator Ken Winters were present and he asked them both to say a few words about the standards and tonight's meeting.

Representative Rollins commented that the meeting has brought together a distinguished group of policy makers and indicated he was honored to be here as part of the historic meeting. Rollins emphasized that the adoption of national standards is a big step forward for Kentucky's education system.

Senator Winters then spoke and congratulated the three boards for coming together because he believes the team effort on this work will impact the state forever. He felt tonight was historic and that adoption of the new standards is a major step educationally as well as an integral part of SB 1. Winters said that in addition to new standards, SB 1 will require implementation of a new assessment and accountability system that will evaluate individual students and not just schools. Although he stated that the adoption of the new English/language arts and mathematics standards is a matter about which we rejoice, Winters emphasized that assistance will be needed in adopting new standards in the other curricular areas. He noted that he would be talking with the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers about this matter due to the necessity of being able to compare Kentucky student performance with students from across the nation. Winters concluded by expressing appreciation for being part of the SB 1 Committee and for seeing all three boards sitting together to make this event happen.

JOINT PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NEW KENTUCKY CORE ACADEMIC STANDARDS

At this point, President Robert King, Commissioner Terry Holliday and Executive Director Phillip Rogers came forward to the presenters' table to address the three boards about the new standards and present the resolution that the boards were being asked to adopt.

President Robert King of the CPE spoke first and made the following points:

- He joined Michael McCall in welcoming everyone to the meeting. Recognition was given to several college and university presidents and higher education officials, Bob Sexton of the Prichard Committee, Dave Adkisson of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, legislators, Acting Secretary of Education Joe Meyer and Mary Ann

Blankenship of the Kentucky Education Association as being present and all were thanked for their support of the work that is being recognized tonight.

- It was emphasized that the heads of the three agencies have developed an extraordinary relationship and have been given the opportunity to truly collaborate in implementing the requirements of SB 1. Staffs of the three agencies have joined together and put turf issues aside.
- Sue Cain, John DeAtley and Aaron Thompson from the CPE and higher education faculty worked with teachers and KDE staff to assure that the standards meet the needs that exist in Kentucky.
- The standards are sometimes characterized as national standards but they are really ones developed by states and for states. In the latest communication between the national teams and our state teams, all of Kentucky's recommendations were reflected in the draft document. Thus, what the boards are being asked to support are Kentucky-specific standards.
- Professional development will be central to the success of the standards work and thus teachers must be provided with the needed support to bring the standards to life.
- Higher education desires to have more students enrolled and wants them all to succeed.

Dr. Phillip Rogers of the EPSB then shared the following comments:

- Members of the ESPB were thanked for their participation in the meeting as well as those staff members that were present.
- It was pointed out that the majority of the EPSB members are practicing teachers or administrators, representatives of groups that are all part of the standards work.
- Accolades were given to the other two agency heads for the working relationship that has developed and Rogers' role in their group was characterized as being more of a dreamer because SB 1 caused him to visualize what it would take to reach the goal of every student ready for college or work.
- The collaboration across the agencies and new ideas has led to believing that Kentucky has one education system with the resolve that business will be conducted with this principle in mind.
- Far too many students do not succeed in college, high school or work. Adopting and supporting the standards is the easy part. Incredible changes in teacher preparation programs, high-quality professional development, and a focus on the working conditions of teachers are all critical steps that will be necessary for SB 1 to work.
- Thank you for the work to date and for the work that will occur in the days to come.

The final speaker of the group was Commissioner Terry Holliday of the KDE. He stated the following:

- Staff members from the KDE were thanked for their intensive work on the new standards.
- It was noted that the winds of change are blowing across the country and that these winds must be harnessed to improve education for our children.

- Those who are interested in how these changes will be accomplished were asked to read Kentucky's Race to the Top application. As part of this work, the standards must be translated into understandable language, which will require professional development.
- The belief that this work will make a difference in the children of our state over the long term was put forth and the challenge for everyone to get to work to implement the standards was made.

REMARKS FROM REVIEWERS REGARDING THE NEW KENTUCKY CORE ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Next, Commissioner Holliday asked two people who had served on the review teams for the standards, Dr. Brenda Overturf and Charlie Newquist, to come forward and address the boards.

Dr. Brenda Overturf, professor in the Education Department – Teaching and Learning at the University of Louisville, provided her thoughts with regard to the review of the standards by Kentucky teachers and higher education officials as follows:

- She was part of a group that was invited to review the college readiness standards in September and also part of a similar group that last month reviewed the K-12 English/language arts standards.
- The task of the group was to review the standards and ensure these were appropriate for Kentucky.
- The new standards will provide an understanding across the states of what students need to know and be able to do and will allow curriculum mapping.
- Although there were revisions made, they were on the right track and many of the group's suggestions appear in the current draft.
- The belief was put forth that the common core standards will provide standards that are deeper, clearer, and more focused.

The second speaker was Charlie Newquist, mathematics teacher from East Jessamine Middle School in Nicholasville. He shared these thoughts:

- It was an honor to be part of the standards review process and he served on the mathematics group from the beginning of the process.
- Every time new information was received from the national team, the state group could see that its concerns were being addressed.
- The standards are rigorous but reachable.
- It is exciting as a teacher to know what is expected and appreciation was expressed for being a part of the work.

PASSAGE OF JOINT RESOLUTION BY KBE, CPE, AND EPSB BOARDS

Commissioner Holliday referred the three boards' attention to the joint resolution found in the meeting's Agenda Book and read it aloud as follows:

***“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND
INTEGRATION OF THE KENTUCKY CORE ACADEMIC
STANDARDS ACROSS KENTUCKY’S EDUCATION SYSTEM
BY
THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION,
COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND
EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY***

Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board are committed to the continual improvement of the educational system for all students; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1 was passed in the 2009 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly and requires collaboration among the boards and staffs of the Kentucky Department of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board to revise Kentucky’s academic content standards, train local district teachers and administrators on their implementation and train faculty and staff in all of the teacher preparation programs in the application of the revised academic standards; and

Whereas, The Senate Bill 1 Steering Committee has supported the three agencies’ collaboration with the Council of Chief State School Officers and National Governors Association Center for Best Practices in the Common Core Standards project; and

Whereas, Kentucky’s Governor and Chief State School Officer signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the aforementioned organizations to participate in the development and adoption process of national Common Core Standards in English/language arts and mathematics for grades K-12; and

Whereas, The drafting process for the standards has included broad input from Kentucky teachers, administrators, higher education officials, education partners, the public, staffs of the three participating agencies, a national validation committee and national organizations that has resulted in the current standards document; and

Whereas, As required by Senate Bill 1, the Common Core Standards in English/language arts and mathematics focus on critical knowledge, skills and capacities needed for success in the global economy; reflect fewer, but more in-depth standards to facilitate learning; communicate expectations more clearly and concisely to teachers, parents, students and citizens; consider international benchmarks; and ensure that the standards are aligned from elementary to high school to postsecondary education so that students can be successful at each educational level;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Kentucky Board of Education that the current draft of the Common Core Standards, to be known as the Kentucky Core Academic Standards for English/language arts and mathematics, was adopted by the board on February 10, 2010, and be it further resolved by the Kentucky Board of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board that their respective agencies shall integrate the final standards into their work and processes to ensure that all Kentucky students experience a successful and productive future.

Done in the city of Versailles, Kentucky, this tenth day of February, in the year Two Thousand Ten."

Commissioner Holliday shared that the staffs of the three respective agencies are recommending approval of the joint resolution.

KBE Chair Joe Brothers then made the following comments:

- Earlier today, the Kentucky Board of Education approved the preliminary version of the Core Academic Standards to be incorporated by reference into state regulation.
- We are engaging in an historic event this evening – one that will have unprecedented and positive effects for years to come.
- The adoption of the preliminary Core Academic Standards meets a major mandate of Senate Bill 1 and sets us on the road to a new era for public education.
- Thanks to all of you for your collaborative efforts on this project. I'm proud to be a part of this work, and I know the other members of the Kentucky Board of Education are excited and ready to move forward.
- A motion and second from Kentucky Board of Education members are needed to adopt the joint resolution.

Doug Hubbard moved to adopt the joint resolution and Judy Gibbons seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, it carried unanimously.

CPE Chair Paul Patton then commented as follows:

- This is an historic day and what we are discussing impacts the economic future of Kentucky.
- At one time, Kentucky was a leader nationally in many fields but lost its way and went to the bottom in most rankings. Fortunately, 20 years ago education reform was implemented and the state committed to being a leader. It takes a long time for change to become evident but if one looks back, the difference is visible.
- This action relative to the new standards represents another milestone in the state's educational progress.
- It is the responsibility of the Governor and General Assembly to give us direction and the authority to do the job, but it is up to us to get the job done.
- The classroom teacher will be the level at which the important work must occur.
- We at CPE are proud to be part of this work and a motion and second are needed to adopt the joint resolution.

Dan Flanagan moved to adopt the joint resolution and Glenn Denton seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Next, EPSB Chair Lorraine Williams stated the following:

- Being from New York and Houston, in my experience Kentucky was known for leading change.
- Today, another bridge was crossed and Kentucky is bringing together a narrowed focus and deepened level of learning to reduce dropouts. It is the beginning of a new era.
- As state board members, we must remember that our work is to support the work of our respective agencies and that we have a common agenda.
- A motion and second to adopt the joint resolution are needed from the EPSB.

Zenaida Smith moved to adopt the joint resolution and Lonnie Anderson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Holliday thanked everyone for attending and announced that a reception would follow in the lobby. He then asked each board to officially adjourn.

For the Kentucky Board of Education, Judy Gibbons moved to adjourn and C.B. Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the CPE, Phyllis Maclin moved to adjourn and Joe Weis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Then, Cathy Gunn of the EPSB moved to adjourn and Zenaida Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting of all three boards was officially adjourned.