

Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Meeting

February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Walter “T” Hulett, Jennifer Harris, Clyde Mohan, Michelle Gadberry, Tina Yance, Sharon White, Debbie Haydon and Anita Dowd.

Members Not Present: Mike Lafavers and Bryan Bowen

The meeting began at approximately 6:05 pm with a review of the previous minutes. Minutes were approved with a slight change to December minutes. Minutes will be revised by M. Gadberry to reflect the name of the energy and power pathway and to spell out “birth to three”.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed a draft of a letter of recommendations regarding communication policy and hiring practices, drafted during a board work session prior to this meeting. Minor typographical and grammatical errors were corrected. Tina Yance made a motion to approve the letter. Sharon White seconded and all were in approval of the letter being sent to Commissioner Pruitt.

KSD Updates:

- **Wilton McMillan – Birth to Three Program:**

A partnership with KDE and First Steps has been approved with a Memorandum of Agreement. Outreach consultants (please refer to handouts attached) developed a training packet and then trained First Steps service coordinators in eight regional trainings across the state. The outreach consultants are available to support families and children in many ways including attending meetings with parents (please refer to attached handout.) Wilton noted that since the training the First Steps coordinators have reached out for help.
- **Chairperson’s Comments:**

Clyde Mohan made the board aware of YouTube videos being used by Gallaudet and Washington School for the Deaf to recruit teachers.
- **T. Hulett, State Supervisor:**
 - The Academic Bowl is coming up soon and volunteers are being requested. T. noted that on that Friday Commissioner Pruitt and others from KDE will be in attendance at KSD.
 - Budget update –Governor Bevin included both KSD and KSB in 4.5% budget cuts but Commissioner Pruitt has told him that the schools must be “held harmless” and not incur cuts. Commissioner Pruitt is also working to include KSD in those who can “set aside” money for building updates.
 - The pool is under construction now. They are currently working on the new drain and filtration system. If all goes well the pool will be open when students return in August 2016.

- Dr. Pruitt and others from KDE were on campus last week to meet with teachers and look at programming. He also plans to attend graduation.

Open Chair:

Mr. Archie Harris asked regarding previous satellite programs with other regions; however, it was reported that those programs were eliminated due to budget constraints. Archie also asked about previous law passed stating that KSD is an educational resource center on deafness. It was reported that this is being talked about and that KSD is considered a resource to others. Clyde Mohan asked how many services are we providing to the community and T. Hulett reported that we are assisting 1500 students across the state. Wilton McMillen stated that the outreach consultants keep logs of what they do in districts to support students. Anita Dowd stated that in order to be a state resource center we need adequate funding from the state and this kind of data is what we need to show how important and necessary KSD is. Michelle Gadberry asked if this type of data could be summarized and presented to the board twice a year. Clyde Mohan also asked for data regarding KSD involvement in SLPI.

Agenda for next meeting:

Work session March 23, 2016 at 6:00. Agenda topics will be determined by email prior to work session.
Next Board Meeting April 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Gadberry.