

Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board Meeting

May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Walter "T" Hulett, Jennifer Harris, Clyde Mohan, Michelle Gadberry, Bryan Bowen, Tina Yance, Sharon White and Anita Dowd

Members Absent: Debbie Haydon and Mike LaFavers

The meeting began at approximately 6:04 pm with a review of the previous minutes. Minutes were approved.

Discussion of Forum

Discussion regarding the ratio of ASL to Hearing staff at KSD ensued. Some council members expressed concern that teachers and other staff members hired without ASL proficiency are not making enough of an effort to learn ASL quickly. Other members noted the difficulty in recruiting and hiring qualified teachers who are deaf and/or proficient in ASL.

After much discussion it was agreed to form a committee to review school policies regarding ASL proficiency of staff. Anita Dowd, Sharon White, Tina Yance and Bryan Bowen agree to serve as this committee and will draft policy regarding using sign language and will present the draft to the board as soon as possible.

Legislative Update

T Hulett reported that gaining support from KDE for building a new elementary school (not just renovating) is now his priority. He will meet with the Joint Education Committee in July to present his case. He noted that he will need community to support this allocation by telling their legislators. The only funding KSD receives is from KDE and is allocated by the legislative committee. The elementary school will move to Kerr Hall this year until the new building is available and Walker Hall will be surplus. Jacobs Hall needs renovation but will remain part of the campus. Other building renovations were also discussed. T noted that the pool should be ready by December.

Open Chair

Community members discussed ways they are willing to help as role models with students. A variety of topics were brought up including students with cochlear implants, more questions about how teacher candidates are selected, and how to keep the campus beautiful.

We will not meet in June or July. Next meeting is August 11, 2015 at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Gadberry, Secretary

