

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT
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FROM INTERIM COMMISSIONER KEVIN M. NOLAND

July 17, 2009, Kentucky Board of Education Special Meeting, Frankfort, KY

BOARD CHOOSES NEW COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

At its July 17, 2009, special meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education chose Dr. Terry Holliday of North Carolina as Kentucky's next commissioner of education. Holliday will start work in Kentucky on August 5.

Dr. Holliday comes from the Iredell-Statesville School District in North Carolina where he served as superintendent. He has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, associate superintendent and superintendent during his 37-year education career. Holliday is the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year for 2009, has twice been a regional superintendent of the year and has been chosen as both principal and teacher of the year. In 2008, his district won a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, a presidential citation honoring innovation and excellence.

Dr. Robert King, President of the Council on Postsecondary Education, participated in the interviews of the four finalists for the commissioner's position on July 8 that led to the decision to hire Dr. Holliday. The board is appreciative of the collaboration and advice from Dr. King in reaching this critical decision and in the current work on meeting the requirements of Senate Bill 1.

For more information on Dr. Terry Holliday, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

June 10-11, 2009, Kentucky Board of Education Meeting, Frankfort, KY

PUPIL ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR REGULATIONS APPROVED

702 KAR 7:125, Pupil Attendance along with 702 KAR 7:140, School District Calendar were given final approval by the board at the June meeting. The Pupil Attendance regulation included the following changes:

- More current terminology and revised definitions were reflected for clarity.
- The calculation of daily attendance was revised to reflect assignment of a tardy for any absence less than 35% of the school day and a half-day absence for any absence that is at least 35% of the school day but at most 84% of the school day. Any absence greater than 84% of the school day is counted as a whole day. Due to implementation technicalities, these changes will go into effect on July 1, 2010.

- A change in enrollment codes adds new codes for graduation that indicate the number of years in high school needed by the student to fulfill the graduation requirement. This includes a code for early graduation as well as a code for students who take longer than the usual four-year period. Also included is a code to identify students who were expected to enroll in a district on the first day but did not show up.
- The revision in ethnicity and race codes is a result of changes promulgated by the federal government. Ethnicity is determined as either Hispanic or Not Hispanic. Then, the race of the student is identified by selection of at least one of the seven race codes provided in the federal guidelines.
- Language that dealt with the school calendar guidelines has been deleted and moved to a separate regulation.

The School District Calendar regulation contains the language on school calendar guidelines that was deleted from the Pupil Attendance regulation. No language changes were made to the contents. The calendar language was simply used to create a separate regulation for clarity and simplicity.

For more information on these regulations, contact Kay Kennedy at 502-564-5279 or via email at Kay.Kennedy@education.ky.gov .

BOARD MAKES APPOINTMENTS TO P-16 COUNCIL AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

With unanimous approval from the board, Chair Joe Brothers appointed state board member David Karem of Louisville to serve a three-year term as one of the board's representatives on the state level P-16 Council. Karem replaces Jeanne Ferguson upon the end of her term on the Council. Additionally, Billy Harper of Paducah was appointed to serve as chair of the P-16 Council for the next year.

As is called for by board policy this time of year, Chair Brothers also appointed state board members to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will bring forward a slate of board officers for the coming year to the August meeting. The committee consists of Austin Moss, Chair; Judy Gibbons; Doug Hubbard; and Dorie Combs.

For more information on these appointments, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov .

BOARD APPOINTS AT-LARGE MEMBER TO KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL

The Kentucky Board of Education appointed Gene Norris of Georgetown as an at-large member of the KHSAA Board of Control for a term beginning July 2009 through June 2013. Norris will replace Dr. Steve Parker whose term ends June 30, 2009. He is the Associate Minister at the First Baptist Church of Georgetown and works with the youth of the church. Mr. Norris has served on the school-based decision making councils at Northern Elementary and Scott County High School and is currently serving on the Task

Force to End the Achievement Gap for Scott County Schools. He is the father of two high school student athletes.

The KHSAA Constitution requires the appointment of four outside, at-large members to the Board of Control by the Kentucky Board of Education as recommended by the commissioner of education. Terms of the at-large members are staggered so that one is appointed each year.

For more information on this appointment, contact Michael Dailey at 502-564-1479 or via email at Michael.Dailey@education.ky.gov .

Next Meeting

August 5-6, 2009 State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort,
KY