

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Education

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2018 Interim

October 25, 2018

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 5th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 10:00 AM, in the Student Union Building on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. Representative James Tipton, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Stephen West, Co-Chair; and Representative James Tipton, Co-Chair; Senators C.B. Embry Jr., Johnny Ray Turner, and Mike Wilson; Representatives George Brown Jr., John Carney, Kelly Flood, Rick Rand, and Jody Richards.

Guests: Dr. Ashish Vaidya, President, Northern Kentucky University; Dr. Daniel McGee, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Mathematics; Dr. David T. McFaddin, Vice President, Office of Engagement, Regional Stewardship, and Government Relations; John R. Williamson, Superintendent, Eastern Kentucky University Model Laboratory School; Ryan D. Green, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Financial Planning; Dr. Ann Larson, Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Dan Durbin, Chief Financial Officer, University of Louisville; Heidi Cooley-Cook, Field Training Coordinator; Dr. Stuart Foster, State Climatologist/Director, Kentucky Mesonet at Western Kentucky University; Eugene Hutchins, Executive Director/CEO, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority/ Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; Mark Bunning, Deputy Secretary, Finance and Administration Cabinet; David Carlsen, Chief Financial Officer, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority/ Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; Becky Gilpatrick, Director of Student Aid Services.

LRC Staff: Joe Lancaster, Jennifer Krieger, and Amie Elam.

Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2018

Senator Wilson made a motion, seconded by Senator West, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018, meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Northern Kentucky University

Dr. Ashish Vaidya, President, Northern Kentucky University gave opening remarks to the committee. He spoke about the pension crisis and professional development. Dr. Daniel McGee presented on the Kentucky Center for Mathematics (KCM). His presentation included the program's impact on test scores and developing skills needed for college and career readiness.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Dr. McGee said that the greatest impediments to success in mathematics are teaching and student beliefs. He added that teachers often teach as they were taught instead of engaging the students. Dr. McGee said that it is important that students learn that math should make sense. He said that opportunities should be facilitated for teachers to grow so the student mathematics experience may evolve. Dr. McGee stated that teachers need to move beyond basic content and test preparation and focus on skills development.

In response to a question from Representative Carney, Dr. McGee said that districts with greater resources reflect higher proficiency rates. He added that KCM focuses on the growth in the number of proficient students across districts.

Eastern Kentucky University

Representatives from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) discussed the Model Laboratory School (MLS) at EKU. MLS is the last lab school in the Commonwealth. The school provides practical experiences for EKU students across programs and majors. MLS receives funding from tuition and fees, disbursements from Madison County Public Schools, and EKU.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Mr. Williamson said that all MLS faculty are EKU faculty. Students work in the classroom starting at the beginning of the program. Students are welcome to attend professional development courses that are offered to teachers on campus.

In response to a question from Senator West, Dr. McFaddin said that initial designs show there is enough green space adjacent to the current school to construct a new MLS facility while continuing to teach in the current facility. Ample educational space is available on different parts of EKU's campus. If the school were rated, it would qualify as a category five school. The capital budget line item for construction of a new MLS is \$45 million. The goal is to expand the school so more students can be served.

In response to a question from Senator Wilson, Mr. Williamson said that the Model School has open admission and that it is first come first served. Ten percent of students have a disability. There is no property tax. Per the 1990 agreement with the Madison County Board of Education, MLS receives a portion of the SEEK money. Lunch services

are not provided at the Model School so there are no free and reduced lunch forms collected at the school. There are English as a Second Language (ESL) students at the Model School.

In response to a question from Representative Carney, Mr. Williamson said that Madison County School District is a great partner. Over 90 percent of students at MLS are from Madison County. When practice schools were started that there was no funding mechanism to go with them. It would be a good idea to look at other states that have successfully tackled this issue to find a more permanent solution.

In response to a question from Senator West, Dr. McFaddin said that some students at the MLS are from Fayette County and they have a reciprocal agreement with Madison County. SEEK funds for these students are sent from Fayette County to Madison County. Madison County Schools then send the funds to MLS. The reason that the Model School does not receive the entire SEEK amount is based on the old agreement between MLS and the Madison County Board of Education. ECU holds a service provider status per the agreement.

In response to a question from Representative Brown, Dr. McFaddin said that the MLS is a quasi public-private agency.

University of Louisville

Representatives from the University of Louisville testified about the Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC). They discussed the KATC mission, historic state support, use of state funds, and statewide return on investment. Autism impacts one in 59 people, with 75, 000 Kentuckians are affected.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Ms. Cooley-Cook said that training is provided for first responders. The program started with a group of firefighters based in Lexington. The training is offered for free and has been approved by the Board of Emergency Medical Services. All 1,200 Louisville Metro Police Department officers will be trained by the end of 2018.

Western Kentucky University

Dr. Stuart Foster, State Climatologist/Director, Kentucky Mesonet at Western Kentucky University (WKU) testified about the Mesonet System. He focused on infrastructure, public data access, and the tiered funding model.

In response to a question from Representative Richards, Dr. Foster said there are eight staff positions. The data collected by the Mesonet helps school officials make decisions regarding winter weather cancellations. The goal is to eventually have a weather station in every county to be able to respond to local demands.

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority/ Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation

Representatives from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC) testified on the Work Ready and Dual Credit programs.

In response to a question from Senator West, Ms. Gilpatrick said that limited certificates and diplomas are the reason some comprehensive universities are not participating in the program.

In response to a question from Senator West, Mr. Hutchins said that the agency's unfunded liability is a moving number. The unfunded liability increased by \$5 million in the last year.

In response to a question from Representative Carney, Mr. Hutchins said that the new website will be available soon. Customers may call the phone number listed on the website for support.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.