

EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the 2024 Interim

October 7, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

The seventh meeting of the Efficient and Effective School District Governance Task Force was held on October 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in Capitol Annex Room 154. Senator Michael J. Nemes, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Michael J. Nemes, Co-Chair; Representative Kim Banta, Co-Chair; Senators Gerald A. Neal and Lindsey Tichenor; Representatives James Tipton, Tina Bojanowski, and Ken Fleming; Allison Ball (by proxy, Savannah Baker), Britany Abdelahad, Phillip Baker, Angela Masden, George Nichols, and Rebecca Nicolas.

Guests: Dr. Matt Berry, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics (KY Stats); Dr. Beth Kelly, Research Director, KY Stats; Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE); Dr. Amanda Ellis, Vice President of Student Access and Success, CPE; and Travis Muncie, Chief Information Officer, CPE.

LRC Staff: Joshua Collins, Maurya Allen, and Landen Holder.

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Mr. Nichols made a motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Representative Banta. The motion passed by voice vote.

Student Outcomes from Early Childhood to the Workforce

Dr. Matt Berry, Executive Director, and Dr. Beth Kelly, Research Director, KY Stats, shared demographic specific information which illustrated cohorts of Kentucky students, beginning at early childhood and ending with adult employment statistics. The testimony focused on the transition points which link Kindergarten Readiness, Third Grade Proficiency, High School Opportunities, High School Graduation, Postsecondary Attendance, and Employment Data.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Dr. Kelly stated KY Stats has supplemental information for preschool students who are multi-lingual.

Responding to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Kelly testified KY Stats does not have comparative kindergarten readiness data for categories such as child care, public preschool, and private preschool. Dr. Berry added KY Stats does have the capacity to gather further specified data which could assist investigations into the differences between low and high performing early-education schools in Jefferson County.

In response to Mr. Nichols, Dr. Kelly stated the statistics presented are not a sample but rather a complete population, therefore, they do not warrant a margin of error.

Responding to Mr. Baker, Dr. Berry testified the data presented does not provide insight as to attributions which would illustrate the difference in scores for specific populations.

In response to Representative Bojanowski, Dr. Kelly stated KY Stats would further categorize the data of currently employed students who previously participated in special education programs by the 13 disability categories.

Responding to a question from Mr. Nichols, Dr. Kelly testified KY Stats would acquire and provide data which reflects the number of students participating in skilled labor apprenticeships post-graduation.

In response to Dr. Nicolas, Dr. Kelly clarified that employed categorized statistics reflect individuals financially compensated and covered under unemployment insurance with Kentucky.

Responding to Ms. Baker, Dr. Kelly testified that individuals who join the Armed Forces are not included under the employed category of the data presented.

Postsecondary Transitions and Outcomes

Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Dr. Amanda Ellis, Vice President of Student Access and Success, and Travis Muncie, Chief Information Officer, CPE, presented data illustrating postsecondary success metrics for Class of 2022 Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) graduates compared to all other 2022 Kentucky high school graduates.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Dr. Thompson testified CPE would further categorize presented data by specific demographics.

Responding to a question from Dr. Nicholas, Dr. Thompson stated top-performing students who choose to leave Kentucky for postsecondary education may be doing so due to a lack of similar in-state options.

In response to a question from Mr. Nichols, Mr. Muncie testified CPE did not collect data which would reflect students who left KCTS for opportunities such as transfer to a public university or to participate in a workforce apprenticeship.

Responding to a question from Representative Tipton, Mr. Muncie stated the data representing KCTS graduates does include students who successfully acquire an associate degree as well as students who obtain a professional certificate.

In response to a question from Mr. Baker, Dr. Thompson said that early exposure to postsecondary education for students of disenfranchised backgrounds significantly improves their likelihood of achieving collegiate success.

Responding to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Kelly advised that KY Stats would provide the committee with data reflecting JCPS student completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Announcements

Chair Nemes announced the next meeting of the committee will be in the Annex on Monday, October 21, 2024.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.