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***Report of the Executive Director***

EPSB welcomes three new staff members to the agency. Ashley Abshire, the new executive assistant; the new Troops to Teachers Coordinator, Larry Fohl, a 20 year retired military veteran and former transportation director in Hardin County school district; and Gary Stephens, the new staff attorney.

***Kentucky Department of Education Update***

Steve Schenck, with the Kentucky Department of Education, reported that a contract for The Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) made it through the contract review committee. A new Core Content for Assessment 4.0, as well as a new dimension, "Depth of Knowledge" will soon be official. Kentucky educational cooperatives are delivering training for the new Core Content 4.0 and Depth of Knowledge. Contact Mr. Schenck at 502-564-4201.

***Federal Highly Qualified Teacher Visit***

Robert Brown reported initial findings on the federal highly qualified teacher visit in February and that the federal team praised the EPSB and Kentucky school districts for the outstanding job of collection and entry. The EPSB was also commended for the Highly Qualified Calculator which has been presented across the nation by EPSB staff. However, recommendations were made to create a plan to phase out issuing emergency certifications. Emergency certification procedures will be revisited during the June Annual Retreat.

***EPSB Legislative Update***

With the 2006 Legislative Session ending, Brenda Allen provided an update of EPSB related legislation. HB 125 removes the unintended consequences of the original statute which required loss of Kentucky certification rank for National Board Certified Teachers whose National Board certificate expires. The bill was delivered to the governor on March 17, 2006 for signature. HJR 39 and HJR 42, confirming the appointments of Dr. James Cibulka and Ms. Loraine Williams to the EPSB, have passed through both chambers and are awaiting the Governor's

**EPSB Members:**

- Lonnie Anderson
- Wally Campbell
- James Cibulka
- Lydia Coffey
- Sam Evans
- Kristin Gregory
- Kent Juett
- Tom Layzell
- Steve Lin
- Linda Livers
- Rita Presley
- Wilson Stone
- Tom Stull, Chair
- Ellie Thompson
- Gene Wilhoit
- Lorraine Williams

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Phillip S. Rogers,  
 Executive Director

**Next EPSB Meeting:**

May 15, 2006  
 9:00 AM  
 EPSB Board Room  
 100 Airport Road  
 Frankfort, Kentucky

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***EPSB Legislative Update (continued)***

signature. SB 109, proposed by Senator David Williams, would require the EPSB to drug test all educators whose certificate was suspended or revoked for drug related misconduct. If passed, the EPSB must promulgate regulations to detail how the drug tests would be conducted. Final legislative action will be reviewed at the May Board meeting.

***Report of the Chair***

During the March meeting Chair Tom Stull made appointments to the following EPSB Committees:

- appointed Diane Woods-Ayers to the Accreditation Audit Committee for the three-year period of January 2006 – January 2009 replacing Ms. Renee Scott;
- reappointed Judy Conrad to the Accreditation Audit Committee

**March Board Meeting Action Items*****Accreditation Program Reviews***

Based upon recommendations of the Accreditation Audit Committee, the EPSB granted continuing accreditation and approval for initial level educator preparation programs for Kentucky State University; and granted continuing accreditation and approval for initial/advanced level educator preparation programs for Bellarmine University. [More...](#)

***EPSB Policy and Procedure Manual Amendments***

In 1998, the EPSB began creating and compiling policies to fill in the “in-house” procedural blanks of the applicable statutes and administrative regulations and to ensure consistent Board action. This month, the Board unanimously approved amendments to the EPSB Policy and Procedure Manual. The changes include an amendment to the Alternative Routes to Certification, adding Option7; the Election of Officers Procedure, adding a Chair Pro-Tem, and language regarding adherence to the EPSB Code of Ethics for all members. [More...](#)

***Kentucky Principal Internship Program (KPIP) Amendment***

The EPSB approved amendments to 16 KAR 7:020, which requires all new principals and full-time assistant principals to successfully complete an internship. Both educators and legislators have expressed the need for KPIP to be updated to meet the evolving needs of Kentucky schools. EPSB staff has collaborated with various professional organizations to develop the following proposed improvements to KPIP:

1. Inclusion of a detailed appeals process for KPIP similar to the appeals process established in the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) (16 KAR 7:010);
2. Addition of new language requiring a principal mentor to have served as a principal at least three of the last five years prior to serving as a mentor for an intern principal or full-time assistant principal;
3. An increase in the supplement to principal mentors not to exceed \$1,400 from the original \$1,000 to remain consistent with KTIP stipends for 50 hours of mentoring;
4. Inclusion of language stating that payments are contingent on adequate funding under the Commonwealth’s biennial budget;
5. Requirement that the observation period of KPIP committee members is to be three (3) hours’ duration;
6. Inclusion of language allowing for online submission of work completed by the KPIP committee as established in KTIP (16 KAR 7:010);
7. Inclusion of language incorporating the KPIP Handbook by reference in 16 KAR 7:020; and
8. Revision of language to remove the responsibility of KPIP from KDE to EPSB. [More...](#)

***School Nurse Certification Amendment***

To accommodate the changing roles and qualifications of school nurses, EPSB staff presented a proposed amendment to the regulation 16 KAR 2:060. The EPSB, the Kentucky School Nurse Association, Western Kentucky University, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Board of Nursing and the Department of Public Health collaborated to provide the first update to the regulation in more than twenty-five years. Language, terminology, the definition of related fields and school nurse certificate requirement revisions were approved by the EPSB. [For more information on revision details please click here.](#)

***Standards for Accreditation of Educator Preparation Programs***

In an effort to maintain compliance with current EPSB and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards, the Division of Educator Preparation staff determined changes are required to 16 KAR 5:010. These changes are necessary to keep the accreditation portion of the regulation properly aligned with EPSB's and NCATE's policies. Terminology changes, time frames and Quality Performance Index wording changes were approved by the EPSB. [Click here for a detailed look at these changes.](#)

***Waivers and Alternative Route to Certification Applications***

The EPSB reviewed information pertaining to eight requests for waivers of educator certification requirements. Six waivers were approved and two were denied. Two Alternative Route to Certification applicants were reviewed and approved. [For more information on these actions click here.](#) 

**The next meeting of the EPSB will be:**

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