

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

FROM: Phillip S. Rogers

DATE: August 3, 2006

SUBJECT: August Board Update Memo

KASA Conference

EPSB participated once again in this year's KASA Conference in Louisville at the Galt House. With over 1,000 in attendance this year, EPSB staff answered many questions for school leaders, ranging from KPIP to the Continuing Education Option. Mike Carr and Brenda Allen each presented to packed houses on Wednesday and Thursday.

A "Heads-up" on Improving the Process

In assuming some new duties recently, I have identified a way I think we can improve. As you probably know, the EPSB uses a variety of contracts and memoranda of agreement to accomplish our work. The state procurement process for these agreements has multiple levels of review and approval at the EPSB and the Finance Cabinet before the agreements arrive at the LRC Contract Review Committee for legislators to review and approve. I want to discuss with you about also having the EPSB review all new proposals, as well as modifications to existing agreements.

I would appreciate the added confidence of knowing that you are informed about our use of these agreements. In addition, I believe this information would enrich your understanding of our program activities. After conversations with the Leadership staff, I believe we can do this without overloading the Board or extending the length of meetings.

You will find an Information Item staff note in the August agenda for us to use in our discussion during the August 21st meeting.

Education Leadership Redesign (ELR) Inaugural Meeting

The Education Leadership Redesign (ELR) Task Force held its inaugural meeting at the EPSB on July 18. The task force of nearly 40 educational partners will make recommendations for the improvement of principal preparation programs which produce leadership focused on student achievement. The task force will meet the requirements of House Joint Resolution 14 (HJR 14), review the work of the Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs (CCSLP), and incorporate the initiatives of the State Action for Education Leadership Project (SAELP).

NOTE: I forwarded you an excellent article on the redesign efforts that appeared in the C-J. If you missed it, let me know and I will forward it to you again.

KY's CEO Program for Rank Change Hits Near Record

The July 2006 window for CEO portfolio submissions experienced a near record number of portfolios delivered to the EPSB. The CEO scorers were yet again amazed at the wide array of talent displayed in last month's submissions. Of the 45 portfolios submitted from across the state, 39 were successful. Suggestions were provided to the remaining six on how they might work with the coaches to meet the standards they missed. The next CEO scoring window is October 1-15.

EPSB Annual Staff Retreat and Picnic

EPSB Staff attended the annual employee retreat and picnic on Friday, July 21 at Juniper Hills Park just down the road from the EPSB office. The Directors bought the fried chicken, and everyone else brought side dishes. Special recognition of Wendell Cave, who recently retired from service at the EPSB, concluded the occasion. Wendell was presented a plaque, some much needed golf balls, several nice golf shirts, and a special cake. The cake was decorated with alligators and inscribed with a reference to a common "Wendellism": "I am going to make like an alligator and drag my tail out of here." Only Wendell....

Appearance on Jon Draud's Television Program

On July 25th I had the privilege of appearing on Representative Jon Draud's television program, "Education Issues." We were able to discuss the work of the EPSB, including the alternative routes to teacher preparation and our efforts at meeting the highly qualified teacher requirements of NCLB.

NCTAF Conference

Chair Tom Stull and I attended the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future conference in St. Paul MN. The meeting's focus was on working as state teams to build plans to address the problem of lack of instructional supports for teachers. The conference organizers emphasized that too many teachers still have little or no instructional support in their classrooms.

KECC Kickoff at EPSB

EPSB held its annual Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC) kick-off on Tuesday, August 1. Stan Lampe from the Education Cabinet noted that EPSB staff has repeatedly shown an Unbridled Spirit of giving year after year. After stories of how KECC partner agencies have benefited three staff members personally, I was pleased to sponsor an ice cream sundae party. The goal for this year's drive is \$7,500. Last year, as you may recall, more than \$10,000 was raised for the charitable drives embraced by staff.

Kentucky Receiving the Newman Award at the ECS Conference

I was pleased to join Secretary Fox, Representatives Frank Rasche and Teddy Edmonds, Audrey Carr and Jonathan Lowe from LRC, Ruth Webb from Representative Harry Moberly's office, and several other Kentuckians when the Education Commission of the States (ECS) recognized Kentucky for statewide educational innovation with the Frank Newman award. Secretary Fox did an excellent job of sharing the honor across the last

fifteen years among a variety of persons and organizations that have been pushing Kentucky forward. She made a special mention of the influence of the EPSB on helping to ensure the quality teachers who are vital to making a difference in Kentucky classrooms.

Meetings, Etc.

August 1 – KECC Kickoff at EPSB
August 1 – SESC Meeting
August 1 – CCSLP Meeting
August 1 – ELR Work Group Meetings
August 2 – KBE Meeting
August 2 – GRREC Meeting
August 4 – August Board meeting packets mailed
August 7 – Phil is appearing before the sub-committee on postsecondary education
August 7 – Ethics training at Science Hill
August 8 – Leadership Meeting
August 8 – KTIP Appeals Meeting
August 8 – TPA Train the Trainer Meeting at EPSB
August 9 – Meeting to refine P-16 Indicators of Progress
August 9 – Ethics Training at Pendleton County
August 9 – NKEC Meeting
August 10 – Phil and Marilyn making courtesy visit to Alice Lloyd College
August 16 – KEDC Meeting
August 16 – CKEC Meeting
August 18 – Pre-Accreditation meeting at Bellarmine
August 20 – Accreditation Audit Committee and EPSB board members at 4:00 p.m. at EPSB
August 21 – EPSB Meeting
August 22 – Leadership Meeting
August 22 – K-ITEP at EPSB
August 23 – WKEC Meeting
August 23 – KVEC Meeting
August 25 – KACI Meeting at EPSB
August 30 – OVEC Meeting

FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:

AACTE – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

CEO – Continuing Education Option

ECS -- Education Commission of the States

GRREC – Green River Region Educational Cooperative

KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators

KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators

KATC - Kentucky Academy of Technology Education

KPIP – Kentucky Principal

KySTE - Kentucky Society for Technology in Education

KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative

LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data

NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification

NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

NCATE – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future

OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative

SREB – Southern Region Education Board

TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments

TQEG – Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant