

Policy Connection

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SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!

2010 KSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2010 KSBA Annual Conference, set for Jan. 22-24, will include numerous sessions addressing policy-related topics. Here are just a few examples:

TOPIC	Clinics		POLICY REFERENCE
	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	
Board meetings	A1	B6	01.4
Board planning	A3 and A5	C2, C12	01.111, 05.4
Cyber Bullying	A6		08.2323, 09.422
KSBA eMeeting*	A15*	Demos - Internet Café**	01.4/01.42/01.44/01.45
Food service/student wellness		B1, D3, D8	07.1, 09.2
Community education		B2	08.4
Student board members		B8	01.1
Preschool		C6, D2	08.1114
Supt. selection & evaluation		C7	02.14
Media centers		D10	08.233

NOTES:

*KOSAA attendees are welcome to attend Clinic A15 (3:15 p.m. -4:30 p.m.) and the eMeeting demos on Saturday at the Internet Café at no additional charge.

**Participants can enter a drawing for a gift certificate.

SUPERINTENDENTS' POLICY ADVISORY WORK GROUP

The KSBA Superintendent's Policy Advisory group will hold an 8 a.m. breakfast meeting Saturday at the conference. Dara Bass and Teresa Combs will give an update of regular and special education policy issues. Members include: Dan Freeman, Montgomery County; Joe Tinius, Bowling Green Independent; Nancy Hutchinson, Bath County; Jim Evans, Lee County; Wayne Starnes, Bellevue Independent; Mark Cleveland, Owen County; Tommy Floyd, Madison County; and Lonnie Burgett, Mayfield Independent.

5TH ANNUAL KOSAA WINTER MEETING

Included with the KSBA Annual Conference registration packet is information about the winter KOSAA meeting for superintendent/board administrative assistants and secretaries. KOSAA (Kentucky Organization of Superintendents' Administrative Assistants) will meet beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22. We urge each district to send one or

more representatives to this worthwhile work-alike group.

KOSAA member may also register online (www.ksba.org). Please note that the registration deadline is January 15th.

WELCOME, NEW POLICY SERVICE MEMBERS!

- **Board Policy** - Jefferson County Board of Education
- **Administrative Procedures** - Carlisle County Board of Education
- **eMeeting** - Jackson County and Jefferson County Boards of Education
- **Online Manual** - Allen County and Jefferson County Boards of Education

Interested in a free online eMeeting demo to learn how your district can save time and money? All you need are a computer with Internet access, a telephone, and a few minutes of your time! Contact Katrina.Kinman@ksba.org or Kim.Barker@ksba.org for more information.

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ATTENDANCE AUDITS V. POLICIES

If your district is designated to undergo an attendance audit per 702 KAR 7:125, you should be prepared to answer certain questions about attendance-related policy provisions. Below are those questions, followed by policy codes corresponding to your district's related policies:

What is the district's attendance policy? 09.123 (09.1232/09.12321/09.1233)

What steps are taken to encourage regular attendance and limit truancy? 09.123 (09.1232/09.12321/09.1233)

What is the board policy on excused and unexcused absences? 09.123 (09.1232/09.12321/09.1233)

What is the board policy on co-curricular instructional activities? 09.122

What is the board policy for students participating in off-site virtual high school courses? 08.1131/09.122

What is the board policy for students participating in performance-based courses? 08.113

What is the board policy for students participating in dual credit and dual enrollment courses? 08.113/08.1133

NOTE: Not all boards will have adopted a policy for all codes listed.

POLICY Q & A

Q. Must the district close school for a special election?

A. KRS 158.070(6) is the section that discusses closing school but it only mentions regular and primary elections. However, the statute on an employee's right to vote is still applicable, KRS 118.035 and Section 148 of the Kentucky Constitution. Therefore, employees still have the right to time off to vote even with special elections.

— *Policy/Procedure Reference 08.3*

YOUR ONLINE CONNECTION

If you receive a paper edition of this newsletter, but would prefer to get it ONLY via e-mail, please send your request to Dara Bass (dara.bass@ksba.org), along with your school district and position (employee, board member, etc.). We appreciate your helping KSBA save printing and mailing costs.

Sincere wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful new year from the KSBA Policy Staff.



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