

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – February 12, 2024
Report No. 23-77

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting – January 22, 2024

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mrs. Reidzans, Ms. Rocha, Ms. Sellers, Mrs. Tanis (6:03 p.m.), Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Ward
Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent
Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction
Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent
Terri Ricketson, Chief Financial Officer
Ngoc Dinh, Student Board Representative
Myrece Moore, Student Board Representative

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and Visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held:

February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
February 26, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
March 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
April 22, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Ward welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Tanis, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve Consent Agenda items 23-70, 23-71, 23-72 and 23-73.

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| 23-70 | Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 01/08/24 | | |
| 23-71 | Approval of Personnel Report | | |
| 23-72 | Approval of NEOLA Policy Update – 2 nd Reading | | |
| 23-73 | Approval of Expenditure Report | | |
| | General Fund: \$1,021,646.93 | Food Service: | \$15,144.00 |
| | Child Care: \$0.00 | Capital Projects: | \$456,026.18 |

Mrs. Scott reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

PROPOSAL – None

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. HS Field Trips (Nutcracker and South Kent Landfill)

Ms. Ludeman shared the experiences that students at KHS were able to participate in at both the GR Ballet - The Nutcracker and the South Kent Landfill. She shared a powerpoint that expressed many of the students' comments from her German students' visit to The Nutcracker, including two (2) students (Berlina Mubake + Rachel Muzamhindo) that were present to share their highlights of their visit with the Board. She also shared the same information on Ms. Skestone's Environmental Chemistry students' visit to the South Kent Landfill. Ms. Ludeman expressed appreciation to the Board for their support on providing both educational and enjoyable experiences and opportunities for the students at KHS.

B. Report: Board of Education Goals Committee – "A"

The BOE Goals Committee – "A" (Alcorn– (Chair), C. Groters, Farkas, Hand, Morrow, Fountaine, M. Groters, Townsend), shared an update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #1

Monitor the mental health supports and initiatives (SEL Curriculum, PBIS/PSC, Restorative Practices, School Counselors, and Mental Health Clinicians) by using data gathered from these groups, teams, or programs.

Desired Results: Ensure resources are available to support the school community in cultivating a safe and positive learning environment, developing health relationships, and addressing mental health concerns.

Community Goal #3

Focus on sharing the mental health programs that exist in the district and programs that are available for our community members by extending the reach of the KV Community Health & Wellness Newsletter.

Desired Results: Share mental health opportunities for students and community members.

For BOE Goal #1, Mr. Alcorn shared the current initiatives taking place in the district that include the continued use of PBIS/PSC, BE NICE, and Restorative Practices. He added that with PBIS, results from a Tiered Fidelity Inventory will be coming soon and that this information will provide reliable and efficient measures of the extent to which the district is applying the core features of the school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports to see what we are doing well and areas that may need improvement. Conflict Resolution has been implemented at the middle school level and Universal Screeners (TRAILS – secondary + SAEBERS - elementary) are being used to select SEL groups for additional and targeted supports to students that may need it most. The district is also continuing to use Blue Envelope Suicide Prevention and both the administration team and teaching staff received a refresher training at the 11/10/23 PD day. In addition, two (2) Mental Health Clinicians and one (1) additional School Social Worker have been hired this year and the district continues to employ our school nurse, Mrs. Hand, RN.

For Community Goal #3, the district continues to put out a newsletter to our families and community on the district website that promotes health and wellness, typically in two separate editions, that includes a variety of topics and resources on physical/mental health and nutrition. The committee will provide their next update on 03/25/24.

C. Report: Community Goals Committee

The Community Goals Committee (C. Groters – Chair, Scott (Co-Chair), Linker, Roscoe, Mallett, Muhammad, Hand, Lanser, M. Groters, Townsend, Ward) shared an update on their goal progress:

Community Goal #1

Grow the Community Coalition and re-establish the Division Avenue Business Association during the 2023-24 school year.

Desired Results: Enhance and showcase community involvement with those organizations.

Community Goal #2

Research new platforms for the district and tools to analyze and share marketing data.

Desired Results: Continue to effectively engage community members through our current marketing platforms.

Community Goal #4

Promote the new construction from the summer of 2023 (secure entrances, KHS STEM addition and Southeast Media Center).

Desired Results: Share the new capabilities of the facilities and what they provide the community.

Community Goal #5

Re-establish the community appreciation day for our local businesses and community organizations.

Desired Results: Create an event to showcase our local business and community organizations to show the importance they have in our district.

Community Goal #6

Evaluate the Rocket Registration event needs due to Synergy.

Desired Results: Create a seamless registration process for families to enroll and re-enroll their students using the online portal system.

Community Goal #7

Investigate establishing a district phone app with the current website provider and the differences between the application and the website.

Desired Results: Provide our families with additional information and ways to communicate with our staff.

Ms. Groters shared that for Goal #1, the Division Avenue Business Association has been relatively inactive for a while so there is an effort to reach out to various other community members to seek a contact for the organization to re-establish a connection. For Goal #2, Facebook and Instagram have been continuing to grow, with Facebook at

3,800 followers and Instagram with 1,100 followers, adding that there is a lot of student interaction within both platforms. The district continues to use Handshake to share out certified job postings, which has allowed us to also share them with new/recent graduates. Ms. Groters also shared that the district has created a profile on Threads, a new social media platform that was created in 2023 to compete with X (formally Twitter), for sharing text updates and joining public conversations. Currently, the new platform is not being utilized, but is rather being monitored to see what capabilities it can provide. For Goal #6, discussions continue on the Rocket Registration event and evaluations are ongoing on how the new online registration process through Snyergy will change the day's format. Discussion includes the importance of having flexibility for parents when looking at the potential schedule change, providing best solutions for Kindergarten screening, and the capability for Synergy to provide multi language registration benefits for families. To help assist with a smooth transition, discussion also includes having assistance with PVUE account creations during the upcoming spring conferences to prepare families for all of the new changes. Lastly, for Goal #7, she shared that the investigation of establishing a new district phone app is still taking place with considerations taken into account of the capabilities of the products and a possible survey to staff and students. The committee will present their next report on 03/11/24.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Alston extended appreciation to Mrs. Ricketson for her many years of service to the Kelloggsville district. She has built a very respectable career, starting as a parapro and now as the Chief Financial Officer. This is not an easy task but she has done such a great job over the years, which is a testament to her and her love for the district.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – nothing;
- Myrece Moore – thanked Ms. Ludeman and fellow students for sharing their highlights on the HS field trips;

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Sellers – thanked Mrs. Ricketson for all of her wonderful work she has done over the years – she is a wonderful person and such a great advocate for the district and always kept the Board informed on exactly what was going on with the district's finances and has helped move us to a good spot. She will be dearly missed. She also shared appreciation for all of the wonderful opportunities and variety of experiences that we offer to our students – it makes her very proud;
- Mrs. Groters – shared that she has always valued Mrs. Ricketson and how helpful and informative she has always been – she will be missed. She enjoyed hearing about the great opportunities and new experiences that we are able to provide to our students, adding that she appreciates the teachers and their efforts to help make this happen;
- Mrs. Tanis – shared that it will be very hard to fill Mrs. Ricketson's shoes – she has always respected and appreciated all she has done over the last 28+ years at Kelloggsville, adding that she will be greatly missed. She also thanked the teachers

for thinking outside the box when it comes to providing opportunities for our students – it’s a great day to be a Rocket! She also shared that she will not be at the board meeting on 02/12/24;

- Mrs. Reidzans – shared that she is sad to hear that Mrs. Ricketson is retiring but shared appreciation for all of the time she has put in over the many years and for carrying on everything she learned from Mr. Wright - she wishes her the best in her retirement. She also shared that she is happy to see our students learning from a variety of different experiences and shared appreciation to staff for providing those opportunities;
- Ms. Rocha – stated that saying thank you to Mrs. Ricketson does not seem like enough for all she has done. She shared appreciation to her for all of the information she has provided to the Board, always making them feel informed on decisions, adding that she hopes she enjoys her retirement. She also thanked the staff and students for sharing their field trip experiences and she enjoys hearing from the students’ perspectives;
- Ms. Townsend – shared appreciation to Mrs. Ricketson, thanking her for her commitment and the relationships she has made within the district, adding that she has worked diligently and without hesitation – she will be truly missed and she wished her a wonderful retirement. She also shared appreciation to the amazing staff at Kelloggsville and shared that she enjoys seeing the growth and how far we’ve come along in providing such great opportunities for our students;
- Mrs. Ward – wished Mrs. Ricketson a very enjoyable retirement – she will be missed terribly. She also shared appreciation for all of the wonderful things happening throughout the district;

ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Crystal Reidzans, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Cassie Groters, Ericka Scott, Gretchen Ludeman, Sue Lathrop, KHS Students; Berlina Mubake, and Rachel Muzamhindo.