

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – September 23, 2024
Report No. 24-25

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – September 09, 2024

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mrs. Reidzans, Ms. Townsend,
Mrs. Ward, Ms. Rocha and Mrs. Tanis

Absent: Ms. Sellers

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent

Holly Kleyn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance

Myrece Moore, Student Board Representative

Serena Preciado, 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:

September 23, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

October 14, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

October 28, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mr. Alston welcomed the KHS Student/Board Representatives to tonight's meeting, thanking them for their attending the board meetings during the 2024-25 school year. Myrece Moore will be returning as the Senior representative and Serena Preciado will serve as the Junior representative. The Board also welcomed them and shared their appreciation to the students and look forward to working with them this year.

VISITORS

President Ward welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Rocha, to approve Consent Agenda items 24-13, 24-14.

24-13 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 08/26/24

24-14 Approval of Personnel Report

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval: 2024-25 Goals

It was moved by Ms. Rocha, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve the 2024-25 Goals as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

B. Approval: 2024-25 Goals Committee Amendment

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Tanis, to approve adding Jane Ward to the 2024-25 Board Goal Committee A (DEI Committee) as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

C. Approval: Amended 2024-25 Goals Committee

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve the amended 2024-25 Board Goal Committee as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

D. MASB Delegates

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Rocha, to table the MASB Delegates until the September 23, 2024 Board meeting as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. District Field Trip Plan

Mrs. Lanser, the Assistant Principal at KMS, presented the list of field trips that our students will be able to experience throughout the 2024-25 school year. Some of the highlights include 6th grade camp, the 2nd grade students will be attending the Nutcracker at DeVos Performance Hall and the 54th street students will be returning to the Ziibiwing Center.

B. Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Alcorn shared some updates to our district wide Emergency Preparedness Response Plan, which include our DEI Statements, added security measures, violence prevention

initiatives, notification and activation methods, action plans and first responders have access to the building maps. In addition, we use the BTAM protocol set by the Michigan State Police and partnership with the Kent ISD's Safety and Security Team and have a partnership with Corewell Health for Blue Envelope Suicide Prevention Training. This proposal will be placed on the 09/23/24 agenda as a consent item.

C. District Credit Cards

Mrs. Kleyn presented information regarding the district getting district credit cards. This is a common practice for most school districts. Benefits of this will save time, help with cash flow, we will earn cash back, it will increase efficiency in the business office and it will dramatically reduce the amount of paper checks and tracking of paper checks. It will also act as a constant source of credit, allowing the business office to make purchases immediately, which will then be paid within 30 days. All purchases will follow the current internal controls and will follow the NEOLA purchase policies. If approved, the NEOLA policy will be updated to include the use of credit cards. Expense tracking will be submitted monthly with receipts and details for each purchase. All credit card holders with credit card limits will be posted on our Transparency Website section.

INFORMATION

A. Community Celebration

Mr. Owen shared plans for the annual Community Celebration, which will take place of Friday, September 13, 2024 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm in front of Kelloggsville Middle School. We currently have 27 groups that are participating, two of which are new; A Glimpse of Africa and PrepandMe which help provide resources for students that may not have the means go to college. The entire school community is invited to this event, which concludes with the Rockets hosting Belding for a varsity football game.

B. Summer School Report

Mr. Owen highlighted the results of the summer school program, which ran from June 3rd to June 27th at Central, KMS and KHS. 153 students participated at the elementary level where the class sizes ranged from 14-20 students. At the MS, 51 students participated, of which, 78% of enrolled students received at least one credit, 78% received a math credit, 73% received an English credit and 67% received a Social Studies credit. K-12 Connect, which is a virtual math-tutoring program, (2) one-hour sessions per week over the summer for a total of 18 sessions, had 25 students enrolled. 67 students earned credit in at least one class at the high school level, 88 classes passed, each was worth ½ credit for 1 semester of work, and they had an attendance rate of 88.5%.

C. New Employee Orientation

The new employee orientation was held on August 16th from 7:30am – 12:00pm. Mr. Alcorn shared that it went very well overall. Topics included timesheets, technology

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items, policies and procedures. Members of the KEA were also there and went over information with them. A light breakfast was provided.

D. Art Travelers Trip

Ms. Dahlquist shared her travel experiences with students from KHS that took part with the Art Travelers group to Thailand this past summer. 9 students, along with adult parent chaperones experienced a guided tour through Thailand. She said that between the variety of activities, pace of the trip and Bond, their tour guide, this was their best trip yet. Myrece Moore, KHS 12th grader, shared his experiences and adventures with the Board, adding that he loved the cooking class they did. They learned how to make three (3) dishes in their culture, cooking over a cold stove as they did 100 years ago. They also learned how to bargain when making purchases. Kira Sherrill, KHS 11th grader, shared that was a once in a lifetime travel experience and that it was her first time out of the U.S. She learned a lot about their religion and language, but her favorite experience was Thai Boxing and the elephant sanctuary they went to. Makayla Love-Hall, a 2024 graduate of Kelloggsville shared that she loved this experience and that it was very eye opening. She would like to someday go back and volunteer and the elephant sanctuary. She extended her thanks and appreciation to Ms. Dahlquist for taking care of everything on this trip. They all expressed their appreciation to the board for allowing them to go on this amazing adventure. Mr. Alston and the Board shared appreciation to Ms. Dahlquist for her leadership and for providing this learning opportunity to our Kelloggsville students and to the students for sharing their wonderful experiences.

OTHER MATTERS - None

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Myrece Moore – Wanted to thank the board for having him back. Hoping to have a win at the football game on Friday.
- Serena Preciado – Thanked everyone for allowing her to be here.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Groters – appreciates the student enthusiasm on what we offer them as well as the teachers and welcomed Myrece and Serena;
- Mrs. Tanis – loves hearing about everything that is happening in the district and what we accomplish as the rocket community;
- Mrs. Riedzans – loves hearing about the wonderful opportunities Kelloggsville provides for our students and welcomed our student representatives;
- Mrs. Townsend – nothing;
- Ms. Rocha – welcomed the student representatives;
- Mrs. Ward – welcomed Myrece and Serena and appreciates hearing about all the wonderful things Kelloggsville offers our students.

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ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Crystal Reidzans, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Tammy S. Skinner
Recorder

VISITORS: Marissa Lanser