

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – November 14, 2022
Report No. 22-53

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – October 24, 2022

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mr. Marihugh [6:14 PM], Mrs. Reidzans,
Mrs. Tanis, Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Ward

Absent: Ms. Sellers

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent

Ngoc Dinh [6:19 PM], Student Board Representative

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Tanis 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:

November 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

December 12, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

January 09, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of appreciation was shared from Mr. & Mrs. Mustari, from Springfield, MO, that expressed thankful praise towards Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Nickelson and Ms. Figueroa for their act of selflessness and heroic actions in assisting in the rescue of the stranded child.

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

- Dan Botting – Community Member; shared that he is running as a write-in candidate for the open four year partial-term at the November 8 election. He shared that he grew up in the Muskegon area and his mom served in education. He has a Master's in Public Policy, is a consultant for an educational non-profit organization, and serves on his nephew's preschool board. He shared that if elected, he would support the teachers and administrators in teaching our kids, provide them with the skills they will need in the future, and create conditions for all students to succeed.
- Brittney Rocha – Community Member; shared that she too will be running as a write-in candidate for the open four year partial-term at the November 8

election. She shared that she grew up in the Kelloggsville district, is a 2009 graduate of KHS, and has a niece attending one of our 1st grades. She credited her success in life to the wonderful teachers and the great environment that KPS provided her. She works for the State of Michigan, is knowledgeable in public education, and wants to give back to our district.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Alcorn highlighted employees who were recognized as going above and beyond in their service and dedication to the students of Kelloggsville Public Schools. Each staff member will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card and Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education;

*Support Staff: Brian Garcia Palacios – Instructional Support, West Elementary
Elementary: Jeff Robinson, Elementary Teacher
Secondary: Diana Berlanga, KHS Teacher*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-42, 22-43, 22-44, and 22-45.

22-44 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/10/22

22-43 Approval of Personnel Report

22-44 Approval of Expenditure Report

General Fund	\$839,008.59	Food Service	\$30,084.64
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Child Care	\$0.00	Capital Projects	\$578,757.44
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Ms. Ericka Scott reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund

22-45 Approval of NEOLA Updates – 2nd Reading

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 *[Marihugh – Late Arrival]* MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

A. Approval: 98c – Loss Learning Grant

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Reidzans, to approve the 98c Loss Learning Grant as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. 2024 Travel Club Trip

Ms. Dahlquist presented a proposal that students at KHS could participate in during the summer of 2024. As part of her proposal, she would like to transform the name of the former “Art Club” to “Travel Club”. In previous years, the trips were exclusive to art students and focused on destinations where students were able to visit local art venues and attractions. Her proposal would transfer the club to be inclusive and to promote a culturally immersive trip that is open to all students. Her goal is to take 20 students on an 11-day trip to Thailand, in June 2024, facilitated through EF Tours. She shared that the cost per student is comparable to the 2022 Greece trip and includes all of the opportunities and amenities, sharing some of the highlights of the itinerary. This proposal will be placed on the 11/14/22 agenda as a consent item.

Information & Reports

A. Elementary P/T Conferences

Mr. Schilthuis, Mr. Palmitier, Mr. Muhummad, and Ms. Stevens shared a summary of the elementary parent-teacher conferences that were held on October 6 & 12. They shared that parents had the opportunity to choose from in-person or virtual formats and those that did not select an option were communicated via phone or written communication (progress report). In addition, translation services were provided as needed. A breakdown of parent participation for this year reflected the following: Southeast = 100%, West = 100%, Central = 88%, KECLC (ECSE) = 100%.

B. Secondary P/T Conferences

Mr. Morrow and Mr. Patin shared highlights on parent participation at the secondary level for this fall's parent-teacher conferences held on September 20 & 28. They shared that parents had the opportunity to attend a traditional in-person format, with translation services provided, but noted that parents have many other opportunities to track their students' academic progress via PowerSchool and other various electronic formats, which may attribute to the low percentage of in-person attendance. A breakdown of parent participation for this year reflected the following: KMS = 42% and KHS = 23%.

Mrs. Sherman reported that there was 18% parent participation at 54th Street, which is a typical amount for in-person conferences however, all students are captured with individualized meetings, to ensure their needs are being met and any obstacles they encounter are identified.

C. KVS P/T Conferences

Mrs. Taylor presented data from KVS parent-teacher conferences, which captured 74% of all students. This number included students in collaboration with our program from Grandville, Hudsonville, and Shelby. She also shared current enrollment numbers; 80 Kville, 9 Grandville, 4 Hudsonville, and 9 Shelby.

D. 6th Grade Camp

Mr. Morrow reported on the successful camping experience 6th grade students had at Camp Manitou-Lin on October 12, 13, & 14. This year, a new format was introduced which students only attended camp during school hours, no overnight stay. A total of 121 campers had the opportunity to experience a variety of camping activities, most of which were the same as if students had participated in the overnight stay. He added that overall, everyone was very excited about the new day-only version because it made it possible for all students to participate.

E. School Improvement Plans

Mr. Owen and Administrators from each building presented School Improvement Plan overviews that focused on the areas of Reading, Math, and the Whole Child (SEL). It was noted that the goals shared tonight are consistently reviewed with staff in an effort to respond strategically with action steps to improve student achievement. The 2022-23 School Improvement Plans are posted on the district webpage for review.

OTHER MATTERS

- Mr. Alston stated that October is National Principals Month and extended appreciation to all of the district's Principals, Asst. Principals, Directors, and Dean of Students. He thanked them for their leadership and for going above and beyond for our students each and every day.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – shared that Homecoming was ok and expressed appreciation to all of the Principals at Kville.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Townsend – thanked all of the administration staff for putting together tonight's presentations – it is most appreciated that we are setting our students up for success. She commended the Rocket Recognition recipients for going above and beyond to help our students succeed;
- Mrs. Reidzans – attended the KIASB dinner presentation at the Grand Rapids Public Museum High School, facilitated by Dr. Rebecca Brinks, GRCC Child Development Program Director. This event highlighted the importance of early childhood development and how vital it is to prepare our earliest learners for success. She also thanked Rocket Recognition recipients; Mr. Robinson, Mr. Garcia, and Ms. Berlanga and the district administration team for going above and beyond. She also shared that she is looking forward to great things from the SI Plans;
- Mr. Marihugh – congratulated KPS Administration on National Principals Month, adding they should be honored every month. They have a lot of responsibilities and visions for helping their students be successful and their hard work is very much appreciated. He shared that he enjoyed tonight's presentations on the School Improvement Plans and looks forward on how the data will drive instruction. He also enjoyed hearing about the new trip proposed by the Travel Club;
- Mrs. Groters – attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference and thanked the Board for sending her to the training, adding that she attended some great classes. She is amazed how well KPS aligns with the State School Board and she had the opportunity to attend a class facilitated by Brooke Davis on the topic of the focusing on the whole child, which aligns with the SI Plans presented tonight. She applauds the staff for all the hard work in putting these together;
- Mrs. Ward – thanked the recipients who were award with Rocket Recognition and to the administrators for their hard work on the challenges that lay ahead, adding that she is looking forward to improvements this year. She expressed appreciation to the write-in candidates for coming to the meeting tonight and shared appreciation on their involvement, wishing them well on their campaigns. She then shared highlights from the Listen-Learn-Read, State of the Student event she attended at GVSU in which students and local school leaders shared their experiences, adding that the Board would enjoy the students that represented KHS to attend a future board meeting;

- Mrs. Tanis – shared that she also attended the KIASB dinner presentation at GR Public Museum High School, adding that she found it very educational how important it is to focus on early childhood development. Today, she attended the Listen-Learn-Read, State of the Student event and enjoyed hearing from students on the hardships created by COVID and the loss of effort and focus they encountered. She shared that data and test scores are important but to remember the importance of truly connecting and building relationships with students;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Jeremy Palmitier, Eric Schilthuis, Kim Stevens, Beth Taylor, Bilal Muhammad, Chad Morrow, Nick Patin, Jen Sherman, Dan Botting, Cathy Cole, Ericka Scott, Jeff Robinson, Gary Dryer, Shannon Dahlquist, Brian Garcia Palacios, Terri Ricketson, John Robinson, Christina Robinson, and Brittney Rocha.