

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

Held Through Google Meets

April 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Kolacz at 7:00PM.

Board Members in attendance – Kolacz, Long, Neff, Koehler, Rayl, Walker, Neff, Misener

Admin Present – Drake, Diegel, Seaman, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Carey Henderson, Amy Kotsch, Carl Nicol, Renee VanAllen

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to approve the March 17, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report.

A chart was shared to exhibit the KES Remote Learning Plan. This included the minimum and maximum minutes/day and recommended length of sustained attention according to grade levels. This chart included data from Pre-K through 8th grade. Teachers are using a combination of Remind, Gmail, and Google Classroom to communicate with students and families. They have also set up office hours where students or families are able to talk to teachers and ask any questions they may have. These office hours are at least 1 hour each day Monday-Friday. Teachers at each grade level have created packets of learning materials. A survey was sent out to each elementary family asking if they needed any school supplies and if so, what they needed. These supplies were put with packets when they were picked up. Students are able to take home their Chromebooks for online material. Students are able to take their musical instrument home to continue their musical education. If families are not able to pick up materials, arrangements will be made to get the materials to them. Mr. Diegel would like to thank all of our staff for their flexibility during the past month. We have all been forced to adjust the ways we teach and connect with students, families, and staff. Everyone is playing a role in supporting our students academically, physically, and emotionally.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report.

The food program is up and running. We started with serving just over 100 students and now are up to serving over 300 students. On April 14th and 15th we disbursed packets and cleaned out lockers. We had all but 18 students participate in packet pick up and locker clean out. All of our core classes are set up with remote learning. Students have the option of doing packets, google classroom, and/or E2020. Teachers also have office hours to meet with the students to answer questions and give instruction. Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dave Lester has been recognized as BCAM Division 4 Coach of the Year. Evan Neff and Marco Saenz de Lacuesta were recognized as honorable mention All State.

In the maintenance/transportation report, Mr. Drake shared that Jeff Mallory has been mowing. We will be taking advantage of the chance to take care of some of the secondary maintenance such as cleaning the overhead ductwork in the elementary school cafeteria.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared the following information.

State Superintendent Rice has been emphasizing two main points with the Superintendents around the state. 1.) He is warning that we could be looking at significant reductions in state aid next year. The reduction per student could be between \$375 all the way up to \$1200 per student. In real dollars that could mean over \$600,000 in lost revenue for Kingston.

2.) It is possible that we may return to school in the Fall without having students coming to our schools. We need to make sure that we have the best possible options, curriculum, programming and communication methods in place for the start of the 2020-21 school year, in case we are carrying on with remote learning.

Drake also shared his thoughts on graduation and that it seems to be best to wait and have a live in person ceremony when we can. He is open to feedback from the board and welcomed thoughts or suggestions.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$450,077.01. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Long to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$14,188.72. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to approve the Trademark License Agreement with ISU. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Koehler to approve the General Fund Budget for the Tuscola Intermediate School per the attached documents.. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Walker to approve NEOLA resolution #5 to comply with executive order 2020-35 to grant emergency powers to the superintendent. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to amend the previous motion to read as: to approve NEOLA resolution #5 and #6 to comply with executive order 2020-35 to grant emergency powers to the superintendent. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

Carl Nicol asked if we have made any progress with the selection of our new logo. He mentioned that he has received positive feedback on keeping the cardinal we had previously but removing the swirling vortex from it. Drake responded that we have not made progress on that at this time.

In Board Member remarks,

Walker commented that we must stay positive. He believes that folks are realizing the power of the relationship and role educators have with our kids. Walker also gave thanks to the educators and what is being done to still do what's best for kids and he has hope that this will continue through these times. Kolacz gave thanks to all that have been helping to keep the food program going.

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to adjourn at 7:47PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

Submitted by Jeff Long
Secretary, Kingston Community Schools
Board of Education