

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education
Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2020

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

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

Admin Present – Drake, Seaman, Diegel, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Carey Henderson, Jakob Asmondy, Nick Osentoski

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

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to approve the July 27, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared letters of resignation from Jordan Pennington and Madison Dicks.

In Public Comments, Carey Henderson commented on the condition of the American Flag in the front of the High School building. Drake responded that we will get that replaced.

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

Staff Updates: Hannah Schank is a new 3rd grade teacher. New technology teacher Jordan Jolley will be filling in for Jodi Haubenstricker for the first semester in 2nd grade. Jessica Hahn moved to 5th/6th grade science. Ashleigh Bussinger (2nd grade) will be teaching K-2 virtual students. Sarah Lester (kindergarten) will be teaching 3-6 virtual students (1st semester). Chelsea Green will be teaching kindergarten (1st semester). Brooke Walker will be teaching 2nd grade. We are posting for an instructional paraprofessional to fill the open position created by Brent Darling going to the High School. Diegel thanks all of the staff that have taken on new roles and responsibilities. Their flexibility and dedication to the students of KES is greatly appreciated. We continue to figure out more and more details about our return to school. Last Wednesday, our leadership team met to discuss new expectations to teach our students about handwashing, mask-wearing, and other adjustments we have made to the way we do things. A video was created to explain some of these changes to families. I will be making another video this week. The Cardinal Center opened last Tuesday. Our building is looking awesome. Roy and Darrel have done a great job getting everything cleaned, waxed, and a fresh coat of paint on areas that haven't had one in quite some time. Our teachers have been working hard in their classrooms and are making the best of the changes we have made.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. We will have Chromebook distribution at the high school on Monday August 24th. And Thursday August August 27th. We have been creating schedules and enrolling students in our online option. We currently have 51 7th-12th graders who have selected the online option. Teachers will post a video to their class website by August 26th for our Virtual Open House. The School Leadership Team held a meeting on August 19th to make lesson plans and to make a schedule of when expectations would be taught. On August 13th we held 7th grade orientation in the High School Cafeteria. This event was very successful and we had 42 of the 50 7th graders attend the orientation. Staff have been working on Michigan Virtual Professional Development over the summer. Staff will report to school on August 25th and 26th for face to face PD. August 31st will be our first day of school. A welcome back video will be created that students will watch in their first hour class. This video will welcome students and go over new rules and expectations.

In the Maintenance/Transportation report, Mr. Drake shared that the custodians have done a lot of painting along with normal cleaning and waxing to have the buildings in great condition. The buses should be moved back to the corral at this time. Drake met with custodians this morning to discuss cleaning schedules and planning to meet the new expectations. Drake will meet with the bus drivers tomorrow regarding the new cleaning expectations.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared the following. He discussed the enrollment spike, the state funding mandate and how that will impact Kingston. Drake updated the board on the High School Schedule changes (6 Classes Virtual setting, 50 minutes of daily break time in face-to-face classes). The bond work is 99.5% complete. There has been rework on the Virtual delivery options for Students. Kudos to Mike Seaman, Justin Diegel, and Shona Vennevy, Jaime Pruett, Jeff Mallory and custodians, Tina Bundschuh, all of the Teachers on School Improvement teams and everyone who has been doing extra, working more, and making sure that we are ready for school. Mr. Drake also introduced Jakob Asmondy the new Technology Director.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$429,314.06. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Rayl to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$20,285.73. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to have a tax rate of 2.65 mills for the 2012 debt retirement and a tax rate of 2.70 for the 2018 debt retirement for a total of 5.35 mills. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Koehler to levy 18.0 mills tax on Non-Homestead property. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to appoint Superintendent Matt Drake and Business Manager Shona Vennevy as Deputy Treasurers for the Board of Education for the 2020/2021 school year. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Koehler to participate in the National School Lunch Program for the 2020/2021 school year. Including participation in the CEP program that will provide free breakfast and free lunch to all students. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to confirm the hire of Jordan Jolley, Elementary Teacher, pending successful background check. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to confirm the hire of Bus Driver, Mark Harriman. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Misener to confirm the hire of School Social Worker Brittany Jewett, pending successful criminal background check. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to confirm the hire of Student Council Advisor, Meg Daniels. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to confirm the fire of Special Ed Teacher, Dawn Laude. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to confirm the hire of Elementary Teacher Hannah Schank. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Long to accept the resignation of Jordan Pennington. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to approve the following handbook changes as written, per attachment "N". Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Walker to approve the change of going from our current grading system to a system based off of straight percentages. This approval would reflect in the handbook under DD. Grading System: This system would go into effect starting with the 2020/2021 school year, all grades prior to this would remain "as is" no retroactive adjustments. (per the attached policy "O"). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to hereby acknowledge this date and time as the first Read of the Title 9 NEOLA supplementary policy revisions. Further be it acknowledged that each board member has received a Board Doc link to the proposed revision in its entirety. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to acknowledge and recognize Juan Carlos Angeles and Tightrope Digital, for the 100% donation of time and material contributed during the development of our new School Logo. An additional thank you goes out to Mayville Teacher, Paige Reed who shared our story with JC Angeles and got the ball rolling. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Walker to accept the resignation of Art Teacher Madison Dicks. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to confirm the hire of Technology Director, Jakob Asmond. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

There were no Public Remarks.

In Board Member remarks, Neff thanked everyone for all of the hard work done by all to get things up and running. Walker commented that he appreciates the work that has been done by all to be as ready as we can be for the upcoming year.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to adjourn at 8:35PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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