

# **Kingston Community Schools Board of Education**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 25, 2019**

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

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

Admin Present – Drake, Seaman, Diegel

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Mike Seaman, Carl Nicol, Pam Weidman, Jacob Niemi, Ronda Benjamin, Nick Oseitos, Kevin Nelson, Ron McCormick, Teresa McCormick, Mary Geer, Matthew Nelson, Glenna Ford, Albert Pearsall, Mary Lou Mallory, Sue James, Elanor Gaiser

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyd to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyd to approve the February 4, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence Mr. Drake shared a letter regarding the annual Meet of Champions and nominating a Friend of Youth Community Member to attend.

In written public comments,

Glenna Ford commented that she feels it a shame that hours of the Library are subject to be changed. She listed several reasons that she feels this way including but not limited to: the public need to do taxes, no survey from community taken, mail delivery issues, testing and snow day use, less time for students in the library.

Mary Lou Mallory continued with Glenna Ford's written comments due to policy time constraint. The need for an alarm system was mentioned. In closing the board was thanked for her hours not being cut.

Elanor Gaiser commented that students use the library for a quiet room which is needed for stress relief and assists studies.

Mary Geer shared her comments regarding the public access to the library. She stated that community needs access to the library. She feels that the public is not a threat to the school. She feels like it is an infringement of public rights to restrict access. She thought that there should have been a survey.

Lane Walker responded to the above comments. He shared that he himself loves the library. He reiterated the reasoning of the security concerns that coincide with having the library open to public during the school day.

Mr. Drake also responded with additional security concerns. He stated how we are in violation of our own building access policy in the way that we allow the public into the building during the school day with a sign-in only method.

Mr. Neff also commented further on his thoughts of security issues on how we need to take a serious look at this issue and that hard decisions need to be made.

Mr. Koehler commented that he would be curious to see what other school districts that have the public library in their buildings are doing as a solution with to this issue.

Ron & Teresa McCormick were in attendance to present a letter of concern to the board.

Cory skinner shared that he has been nominated as the current Kingston Village President and liaison between the council and the school.

Albert Pearsall the new Kingston Police Chief was in attendance to introduce himself. He invited all to contact him with any questions or concerns.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. Our data team will be going over to the ISD on February 27 to look at our winter DIBELS data. On March 11, our MIBLISI Team has an Elementary Intervention Systems Training. Thank you to Mr. Aaron Rodenbo for his generous donation. We plan to use his donation for a fun end of the year activity for all of the students. March is Reading Month: We have a number of fun activities planned for the month of March to celebrate reading. Again this year, Mrs. Williams has put together a calendar of dress up days. New this year, we are having guest readers come to our classrooms throughout the month. Thanks to Mrs. Walker for this great idea. Count Day was Thursday, February 14. We currently have 306 students. KES Garden: Mrs. Ban Camp and I have been working on a project to utilize the area where the old part of the building used to be. We wrote a grant to purchase materials to build a garden area. Our plan is to use the garden to extend our science lessons outside of the classroom. We will be hearing back about the grant within a week and will get started with the project as soon as the weather breaks. Spelling Bee: Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom winners will be traveling to the IDS on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the county Spelling Bee. Our Destination Imagination team won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the regional competition that was held last Saturday. They will be going to the state competition next month.

In the Dean of Students Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. We completed count day on February 14. For MHSAA classification we have 197 students (9-12). Jr. High Band Festival was Saturday March 2 at Caro High School. The following students have qualified for the state weightlifting competition in Ionia, MI on March 9 and 10: Dakota Distelrath, Hunter Vennevy, Rayann Harp, and Mareia Haag. Girls and Boys Basketball Districts will be at Akron Fairgrove. Girls are the week of March 4 and Boys are the week of February 25. Kingston will be hosting both the Boys and Girls Regionals. Academic Games this year has been scheduled for March 20 at SVSU. The following Team will be coached by those listed: English – Mrs. Hable, Math – Mr. Wenzlaff, Social Studies – Mr. Fields, Science – Mrs. Freeland, Jr. High – Mrs. Kotsch, Technology – Mr. Marquardt. The Robotics team will be competing at Kettering University this weekend. Team members are: Brandon Bombard, Brennen Boyl, Nick St. George, James Raymond, Mark Crusore, Tommy Barrett, Joe Cryderman, Emma Schuler, Jack Green, Quin Boucard, Braden Mosher, Isaac Muxlow, Ryan McGarvie, Samuel Gaiser, Michael Blonde, Declan McGarvie, Caleb Goss, Hunter Brown, Alex Kotsch, Colten Gildner. STEM/Robotics

Night will be March 18 3:30PM-5:00PM at the High School Cafeteria. The community is invited in to showcase our Robotics Club.

In the maintenance/transportation report, we currently have a heating control issue in part of the High School (library included) due to the power outage that occurred yesterday. The bus drivers have expressed some concern with the handling of some of the buses on the slippery backroads. There are some lighting upgrades that will be upcoming. The metal siding for the bus garage will start being done soon. Nick Osentoski commented on some drainage concerns in the bus garage. He feels like the building itself is in good condition.

In the Superintendent's Comments/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared the Spring Unofficial Count Day Results, the invite to the Tuscola County School Board Dinner at Reese High School and a draft of the Jr./Sr. High School Principal job posting.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Long, seconded by Walker to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$504,133.06. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyl to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$16,542.66. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Boyl, seconded by Long to recognize Jeanette Kratz with the deserved honor of "Friend of Youth" to represent the Kingston Community and be recognized at the annual Meet of Champions. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyl for the purpose of student safety and school security here in adopt the new hourly schedule of use by the Opperman Public Library and Kingston Jr/Sr High School Library as proposed and amended (attachment included), new hours to go into effect Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyl to confirm the hire of Eric Hartsell as Varsity Assistant Track Coach for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Boyd, seconded by Walker to approve Kingston Community School Jr/Sr High Principal job posting as amended. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In public remarks, Glenna Ford questioned if we could have an addition of a silent alarm added behind the library desk for the safety of the library staff and patrons. She also asked if an escort by a custodian to the parking lot would be possible as needed.

In Board Member remarks, Mr. Neff thanked the community for showing their interest and support by coming to the meeting with their comments and concerns. Mr. Walker reiterated that we appreciate Glenna Ford and Mary Lou Mallory for the work that they do. He also commented how good it is to see that the student count number trending upwards at this point in the year. Mr. Boyd asked if a student representative could be invited to attend board meetings. He also asked if we could invite Carl Nicol to come to designated meetings to present athletic updates.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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