

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 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, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Carl Nicol, Albert Pearsall, Matt Nelson, Karey Henderson, Brent Henry, Tracey Henry, Lacie Peters, Connor Henry

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

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Misener to approve the February 25, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting minutes.

Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a note from a Mio basketball fan thanking us for returning earmuffs and mittens to her that she left behind at a regional basketball game. She included a donation of \$25.00 to go to our athletic department.

There were no public comments

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. On Monday, March 11th, our MIBLSI team sat in on the first part of a three-part series about intervention systems. We learned a lot of things we can do for our Tier 2 and 3 behavior students as well as ways to make our reading intervention system better. Thank you to all of the staff and community members for participating in the Guest Reader Program the past few weeks, the students absolutely loved it. Michigan Author Denise Brennan-Nelson will be visiting KES this Wednesday. A graph was shown in celebration to show the increases in our reading data. We will begin our MSTEP testing with our 5th grade students on April 16. They have 4 assessments. The 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades will begin their testing on May 14.

In the Dean of Students Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. On March 8th we celebrated our Spring Cards Party by taking the students bowling in Caro. On March 8th and 9th our weightlifting club members Dakota Distelrath and Hunter Vennevy both had personal records at the state weightlifting competition. Rayan Harp medaled and earned an 8th place finish in her class. Mariea Haag also medaled and finished 4th in her class. Our School Improvement Team

of Melinda Freeland, Dan Wenzlaff, Lynn Hable, Mike Seaman, and Matt Drake met on March 12 to work on our 2020 school improvement plan. Mrs. Blatt and Mr. Hartsell took the 8th graders to visit the Tuscola Technology Center on March 13th. The students explored the different programs offered at the tech center. The girls' basketball team won regionals and are advancing to quarterfinals at Burton Bendle on Tuesday, March 19, at 6:00PM. Today we had our STEM/Robotics Night at the High School Cafeteria. This was a great opportunity to show off our robot and explain the importance of STEM. Mr. Seaman will be taking 51 parents and students to Washington D.C. over spring break. The group will also stop at Gettysburg on their trip. Our MIBLSI School Leadership Team has met a couple times this month to create our behavior matrix. We are also working on lesson plans to teach our students desired behaviors. April 9th will be the SAT test. The PSAT 8/9/10 will be completed on April 9th and 10th. The school has collaborated with United Methodist Church to host a blood drive on April 12th from 2:00PM-7:00PM.

Senior Student Speaker Connor Henry was in attendance to give an update. The Senior Class will be taking a daytrip to play paintball and go roller skating on April 10th. The prom will be held April 27th. Connor also mentioned the excitement surrounding the varsity girls' basketball team as well as graduation.

In the maintenance/transportation report, Mr. Drake mentioned that the roof on the utility room at the KES is done. The steel siding project on the bus garage has been started. Mr. Drake has managed to solicit two potential sub bus driver candidates.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared that the ISD General Ed Budget Approval will be in May. He gave thanks to Carl Nicol, Mike Seaman and others for running two excellent Regional Basketball Tournaments. The following issues or future needs were mention:

- Replacement of new Rooftop HVAC unit on Elementary Gym \$81,000
- Install HVAC and ventilation to High School weight room \$73,000
- Resurface the Track \$150,000 – \$175,000
- Classroom desks, tables, and chairs (no current quote at this time)

It was also mentioned that due to the recent 188 high school student count our class ranking will be C. Due to this there are some potential athletic district changes.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Boyl, seconded by Walker to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$433,100.79. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$9,979.17. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to recognize the Boys Basketball Team. League and District Champs, Evan Neff, Brian Hobson, Nathan Dawson, Levi Cryderman, Nathan Cloyd, Hunter James, Ronnie Lemke, Aaron Koehler, Cody McCormick, Jalen Little Thunder, Scott Helton, Quin Boucard, Morgan Green, Jack Green, Caleb Goss. Head Coach Dave Lester, Assistant Coaches, Leon Westover, Bill Jones, and Eric Hartsell. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Boyl, seconded by Misener to recognize the following Sr. High Band members for earning a 2 at Band Festivals. Don Anger, Callie Becovic, Kenal Belka, Andrew Bitterle, Mason DeBlois, Collen Dibble, Gaven Dibble, Jason Dibble, Katelyn Ensign, Kristen Ensign, Caleb Goss, Jack Green, Morgan Green, Maria Haag, Madison Haley, Rayan Harp, Brian Hobson, Kayla Hobson, Isabel Hurd, Lillian Kakowski, Katie Knapp, Jalen Little Thunder, Joslyn Lupa, Kali Norris, Dustin Peter, Jacob Rayl, Aiden Rulason, Emma Schuler, Ally Sherman, Lohr Smith, Joseph Snover, Jayden Stark, Jessica Stoll, Alayna Varvel. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Koehler to recognize the following Jr. High Band members for earning a 2 at Band Festivals. Courtney Acker, Logan Cloyd, Emily Coffey, Avalon Davis, Hunter Davis, Morgan Henry, Gavin Hunter, Lawson Lyons, Heidi Matheny, Emily McGee, Aryann Miller, Jordis Mosher, Malawi Roberson, Lucas Russell, Sophia Schipinski, Hayden Schuler, Conner Seaman, Riley Smith, Elizabeth Vanderpool, Hunter Vennevy, Heidi Williams, James Wilson, Lucas Zajac, Madelyn Zauner, Coryn Zyrowski. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyl to recognize the following participants in Solo and Ensemble. Caleb Goss, Mason DeBlois, and Jack Green earned a 2, Katie Knapp and Kristen Ensign earned a 2, Joslyn Lupa and Kayla Hobson earned a 2, Madison Coyer and Katie Knapp earned a 2, Ally Sherman earned a 2, Alayna Varvel earned a 2, Joslyn Lupa earned a 2, Lohr Smith earned a 3, Misty Dawn Smith earned a 2, Dustin Peter earned a 1, Lilliana Kawkowski and Kayla Hobson earned a 1, Kristen Ensign and Madison Coyer earned a 2. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Misener to approve the extension of the administrative contracts of Superintendent Matt Drake, Elementary Principal Justin Diegel and Business Manager Shona Vennevy to June 30th, 2021. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyl to accept the gift of \$25.00 from Mrs. DiPonio. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyl to approve the renewal of the 1st Agency supplemental student insurance policy for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$7,211.00. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Long to accept with regret the resignation of Shelley TerBush. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Boyl for the District to front the needed funds to allow our girls basketball team to pay for an overnight stay in Grand Rapids if needed. Said funds would be reimbursed at a later date by the MHSAA. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyl, to direct Business Manager Shona Vennevy to move funds from Business checking to (ICS) Insured Cash Sweep checking accounts for the purpose of insuring FDIC cash reserves over the previous limit of \$250,000. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In public remarks, Matt Drake thanked Chief Pearsall for police presence that we have had since him taking his position. Shona Vennevy shared that we could put all of our funds into Tri County Bank to move to a 2.1% interest rate. Mr. Koehler agreed that we should pull some or most funds but keep some at Mayville State Bank account to maintain the long term relationship we have established with them. Shona also mentioned potential credit card options for a school issued business credit card to use for staff member traveling and expenses. Carl Nicol mentioned that Beth Hunter asked about hanging a sign that reads "Veterans Field" at the softball field. A brief discussion ensued and Mr. Drake reminded the board that there is a Policy for naming a field that we need to follow.

In Board Member remarks, Misener gave thanks for the opportunity to take part in the elementary school reading program this month. She also gave thanks to Connor Henry for the report. Long asked if we needed to continue to hold onto the paper copies of the Board Policy now that we have access to digital versions. Walker mentioned that he was pleased he was with how interested his and other girls were with the Stem/Robotics presentation. Walker also commented on that this senior class will be missed and they are very special. Walker also thanked Connor Henry for the good job with his report. Koehler and Boyl both commented "Go Cards".

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Boyl to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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