

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2018

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

Board Members in attendance – Kolacz, Long, Koehler, Neff, Walker, Misener, Phillips (arrived at 7:05PM)

Admin Present – Drake, Diegel, Green

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Shona Vennevy, Mike Seaman, Jaime Peasley

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to approve the Agenda as written. Motion 6 carried Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to approve the October 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

There were no comments in Correspondence.

There were no written public comments.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. On November 5th, our MIBLSI team participated in the first part of the School Wide Reading Series. Our focus during this series is using our data to effectively close learning gaps as well as how to use our reading series in the most effective way. We had our parent-teacher conferences on November 8. 89% of our students were represented that night. I will be attending the MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association) on December 5-7 to make connections with other principals around the state and find ways to make KES even better than it already is. Mrs. Lester and Mr. Kiley are in the process of planning our Christmas Program. Thanks to Mrs. Lester and Mr. Kiley for all of your hard work planning this event. The same night as the Christmas Program, Beagio's will be having a spaghetti dinner. The proceeds from this event will go to our Holiday Gift Program. Thank you Bill, Ann, and Erica. Our honor roll students will be going over to the Brentwood on December 14. We had 108 students from our 3rd-6th grades make the honor roll.

In the Dean of Students Report, Mr. Green read from his report. The state has recently released student growth data to the public through MiSchoolData. On Tuesday October 30 about 30 seniors went to the Flint Catholic Soup Kitchen to volunteer their time. The students also donated a large amount of food and clothing. Thanks Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Smith for organizing this service event. On Friday November 16, Mr. Nicol organized our annual Fall Varsity Sports Awards Night. Nearly 70 athletes in grades 9-12 were recognized that evening. It was a packed house. Kudos goes to Mr. Nicol and our fall coaching staff for having a great fall sports season. Our Christmas Concert for grades 4-12 will be Tuesday December 11 at 7:00PM at the Elementary. The Varsity Boys begin the season on Friday November 30 at home vs. Midland Christian. The Varsity Girls begin on Friday December 7 at home vs. Saginaw Nouvel. There is no school December 21 – January 1.

In Transportation/Maintenance Report, Mr. Drake shared that we had a car hit one of our buses on the morning route. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the bus which is being 100% covered by insurance to repair. Due to an electrical complication under the gym floor it was decided to stay with the 3" volleyball pole sleeves.

In the Superintendent's Comment/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared that the following teachers wrote and earned the following grants: Mr. Marquardt - \$3,700 Robotics, Mrs. Kotsch - \$100 Mini Grant. Mr. Drake also shared that the Pre bid Bond part two meeting took place last Monday.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to approve the Truth-In-Taxation Resolution #1 as written. Motion carried 6 Yes 1 No (Phillips)

Jaime Peasley from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, and P.C. was in attendance to present the 2017-2018 FISCAL Audit.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Phillips to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$541,007.19. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Walker to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$23,990.40. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to approve the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Audit. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

A Public Hearing was held in regards to the Truth-In-Taxation motion #1. No public comments were made.

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Misener to recognize Coach Melinda Freeland and the Cross Country Team (roster attached). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to recognize Coach Beth Hunter and the Varsity Volleyball Team (roster attached), NCTL, District, Regional Champions. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to recognize Coach Brandon Jones, the Varsity Football Team (roster attached) and Hunter James, 1st team All-State Quarterback, Thumb Sportswriters 8 Players Player of the Year. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Misener to recognize Coach Debbie Zyrowski and the Varsity Cheer Squad (roster attached). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to approve the terms of the Tentative Agreement between the Kingston Custodian/Maintenance Employees and the district as written in the attached Tentative Agreement. Contract term to run for 5 years 2018-2023. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to approve the Superintendent to pursue the services of a college and career Counselor through MiAdvise/MCAN. The position would be split with Millington Community Schools 2/5ths Kingston and 3/5ths Millington. The matching funds from the school districts to help fund the positions are as follows, \$9,000 year one, \$12,000 year two and \$15,000 year three. Kingston Community Schools will pay 2/5ths of each annual sum or \$3,600, \$4,800 and \$6,000 respectively. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to approve the Truth-In-Taxation Resolution #2 as written. Motion carried 6 Yes 1 No (Phillips)

In public comments, Cory Skinner mentioned that there is a lack of participation in local community groups or clubs. He asked if there may be a possibility of having some sort mentorship program for our high school students to begin to take part in community service and activities.

In Board Member remarks, Mr. Koehler questioned how much the Chromebooks are being used in the classrooms? He is hearing that they are not being used as much as he would like to think that they are. Mr. Walker asked if we could do away with our NEOLA binders yet. Mr. Drake answered, not yet. We will be able to soon. Mr. Phillips commented that he plans on presenting a motion to make a change in our safety and security measures regarding the use of approved staff members using weapons to defend our schools. He plans on bringing this conversation to the next regular meeting.

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

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