

**Kingston Community Schools Board of Education**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 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 7:03PM)

Admin Present – Drake, Diegel, Green

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Shona Vennev, Carl Nicol, Doug Kramer

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

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to approve the September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a letter received from Michigan for Vaccine Choice. This was regarding all Michigan Schools and the potential that we may be violating FERPA Privacy with the way immunization and exemption data is collected and shared with governmental agencies. Our choices as districts under the current expectations is violate FERPA or take a chance of losing funding by not reporting to the state.

There were no written public comments.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. Friday, October 12, our data team attended the fall MIBLIS data review to look at our benchmark reading assessments and behavior data. The behavior data was very encouraging and we credit some of that to our revamped PBIS system. While looking at our reading data, we were able to identify specific things we need to work on. We will assess our growth after our winter testing and make necessary adjustments. Today, we welcomed members of the Caro Rotary Club to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms to present our students with dictionaries. This is an annual service that they do for area schools and we would like to thank them for their generous gift. We will be celebrating Unity Day on October 24 by wearing orange and having each student put something nice on an orange slip of paper. We will combine the slips into a school wide chain to signify our continued flight against bullying. On October 26, our teachers will be going over to the ISD to participate in a professional learning day with two other districts. Our staff will have the opportunity to participate in sessions aimed to increase literacy skills, teach with pizzazz, and deal with problem behavior. A big thank you to Jill Ball for organizing the day. Important dates are listed as follows: November 2 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> marking period, November 7 – CARDS Assembly K-2 at 1:30PM and 3-6 at 2:00PM, November 8 – ½ Day for Students for Parent/Teacher Conferences, November 9 – CARDS party

In the Dean of Students Report, Mr. Green read from his report. As of last week our current count in the High School is 296. This is up two students from last October. Parent Teacher conferences were held Thursday October 18. This year we are inducting 113 new members into our NHS chapter. The induction will be on Wednesday October 24 at 7:00PM in the High School Cafeteria. Mr. Fields will be keynote speaker. On Wednesday October 10 our Juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT. This is a preliminary SAT test where students can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. We will use the data to help prepare students the SAT in April. Their scores will also link with Khan Academy to provide an individualized preparation program online. The evening of Wednesday October 3 Mrs. Blatt hosted a representative from Baker to go over filling out the FAFSA student aid form. We had twenty students and their families attend. On October 12 during the Peck at Kingston Football game we started collecting monetary donations for Hurricane Relief for the families of the Panama City North Bay Haven Community. Mike McLaughlin is the Principal of that high school. The collection concluded on October 19. Mike is very appreciative

of this effort. Some local media also highlighted this story. The football team made the playoffs. Their matchup in the first round will be revealed Sunday. The Volleyball team begins Districts on Monday October 29.

In Transportation/Maintenance Report, Mr. Drake shared that we did receive our special needs lift bus from Hoekstra. He also updated the board on bond projects that are currently wrapping up. There are a few small things to finish up. New clocks for both building are here but they have not been installed yet.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Walker to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$488,638.10. 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 \$21,970.34. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to pay the 2012 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$33,606.25. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Misener to pay the 2018 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$121,099.98. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Misener to approve the following Kingston Public Library business.

- a. Change the Kingston Public Library advisory Board Meeting date to the third Thursday in the months of May and October.
- b. Approve Rhonda Benjamin as the new Wells Township Kinston Public Library Board Member
- c. Acknowledge the resignation of Jackie Kelley as KPLAB member

The Current board members are as follows

Koylton Township – Mary Greer

Dayton Township – Kevin Nelson

Village of Kingston – Jan Gerhardt

Kingston Township – Sue James, Glenna Ford, Mary Lou Mallory

Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Neff to approve the Non-Affiliated employee pay increase of \$26, 386.45. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to confirm the hire of Marcella Lemke, High School Cooks Helper, Part-time not to exceed 30 hours a week. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Misener to confirm the hire of Jay Green as Jr. High Girls Basketball coach for the 2018-2019 season. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to confirm the fire of Eric Hartsell as Jr. High Boys Basketball coach for the 2018-2019 season. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Phillips to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 7:24PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to come out of executive session at 8:27PM

In public comments, Doug Kramer updated the board on the donated/volunteered concessions stand project. The block is finished up. He also mentioned that there is a local business interested and enthusiastic about donating to the concessions stand project.

In Board Member remarks, Mr. Long shared that his family will be selling their home but are buying another in district. Mr. Walker was sure to invite all to come out to Friday night's football game in Deckerville. He also mentioned that he attended the High School Parent Teacher conferences and things looked great and went well.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Neff to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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