

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2019

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

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

Admin Present – Drake, Seaman, Diegel, Vennev

Guest in Attendance – Karey Henderson, Sue Nemeth, Karyn Peter, Cory Skinner

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Neff to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to approve the November 25, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Long to approve the November 25, 2019 Special Policy Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

In Public Comments Sue Nemeth commented that she has been hearing comments from people that they are under the impression that we are going to be going back to hot breakfast in the cafeteria. We are actually going to be serving mostly the same items that we have been recently serving in the classrooms with hot food choices being served occasionally. She also mentioned that the kids are often choosing items that are not meant to be entre items. She believes that we could improve the items that we have to offer if the budget/U.S.D. A regulations were to allow to do so.

Cory Skinner mentioned that the Village of Kingston is looking to improve safe routes to school. They at this time are considering some additional sidewalks for improvement.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. Our MIBLSI team has completed the 3-day Intervention Systems Series. We will continue to use our current system for our winter assessment period and hope to implement the changes in the spring. Following Winter Break, our assessment team will be testing our students' reading skills. We are hoping the data shows growth from the beginning of the year. Dan Gentner stopped at the school on Monday of last week to deliver Mr. Campbell's \$100 grant. Mr. Campbell is able to use this money to purchase online teaching materials. Congratulations Josh! Over the summer, Patti Rodenbo completed a grant application through the Tuscola Community Foundation to help pay for the new curriculum in the Cardinal Center. We found out recently that she received the grant for \$1,700. Thank you Patti! Also, thank you to Mr. Seaman for accepting the grant last week as I was not able to attend the ceremony. Congratulations to Mr. Wagnitz on another great Winter Band Concert last Tuesday!

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. On December 10th we had the Winter Band Concert at the elementary cafetorium. This event was well attended and Mr. Wagnitz did an awesome job organizing this event. Our NHS students and Mrs. Blatt have collected food items for families in our area. They have also adopted families to help out during the holiday season. We sent

student progress reports out on December 9th. The first marking period ends on January 17th. All 7th-12th graders are going through a Student Risk Screening Scale. This screening will be performed by staff members and will help identify at risk students. Melinda Freeland went on Tuesday December 10th to receive the Tuscola County Community Foundation Grant. This grant will be used to purchase new high jump equipment. Melinda also received a STEM Grant from Horace Mann Insurance.

In the maintenance/transportation report, Mr. Drake shared that we will be contacting Schultz's Detailing and Power washing of Kingston to see about them coming up to power wash our buses in the bus corral over the holiday break. We currently have two buses with chronic antifreeze leaks that we will be taking down to Hoekstra to get repaired. The elementary school parking lot lights have been replaced. We have some finishing touches to finalize the ongoing bond work items. We are beginning to look at options and get bids on the bond project of repairing the high school east parking lot.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared a potential plan to utilize the \$47,000 that the ISD is going to provide for us each year for the next three years to address student behavior issues. The plan includes moving a couple of select Paraprofessionals from their current positions to Behavioral Specialists Paraprofessionals. Replacement Paraprofessional positions would be posted as part of this plan.

It was moved by Long, seconded by Misener to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$336,916.83. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Neff to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$18,336.97. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to recognize the following solo ensemble participants. Jordis Mosher and Madelyn Zauner for scoring a "1" on their duet, Hunter Vennevy for scoring a "1" on his solo. Heidi Matheny for scoring a "1" on her solo, Malawi Roberson for scoring a "2" on her solo, Madelyn Zauner for scoring a "1" on her solo, Heidi Williams and Heidi Matheny for scoring a "2" on their duet, Jordis Mosher for scoring a "2" on her solo, and Heidi Williams for scoring a "1" on her solo. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Koehler to recognize Caleb Goss for making the Associated Press 1st team 8 player all state team and honorable mention Jake DeLong. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to confirm the hire of Meg Daniels and Crystal Kiley as Jr. High Cheer coaches for the 2019-2020 cheer season. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Neff to confirm the hire of Tim Lyons as Freshman Boys Basketball coach for the 2019-2020 Basketball season. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Rayl to acknowledge this date and time as the second reading and approval of NEOLA Policy Updates Fall 2019 Volume 34-1. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to go into executive session for discussion of Emergency Operations Plan at 7:55PM. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to come out of executive session at 8:13PM. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to adopt the Emergency Operation Plan revised December of 2019. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

In Public Comments, Cory Skinner mentioned the idea of posting or sharing the money saved with bond utility improvement projects with the community.

In Board Member remarks, Neff asked about what we are currently using our bus garage for. He is wondering if we are looking to teach shop or other vocational training in the future. We have currently been parking the tractor in the old shop, should it be in the bus garage and use the shop for educational purposes? Rayl commented on how great of a job that Mr. Wagnitz did with the Winter Band Concert last week. Kolacz wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to adjourn the meeting at 8:27PM. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

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