

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

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

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner

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

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Misener to approve the January 27, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared that our High School received a letter grade of “A” from the Mackinac Center Report.

There were no public comments.

In the Elementary Principal’s report, Mr. Diegel read from his report.

MiMTSS (MIBLSI) Update: Our team will be attending the training: Elementary: Intensifying Interventions on March 11th.

Data Review: Due to the snow day on January 24th, we met on the 31st to go over our winter Acadience (DIBELS) data. Here are some highlights.

- In the fall, our kindergarten students came in at 26% proficient and they are now at 62%
- Our first-grade students were 56% proficient in the fall and they are now 68%.
- Following the data review, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Clarent, and I met with each grade level team to analyze their data. During those meetings, we set goals and identified some adjustments that can be made so that the goals can be met. Thank you to everyone that is involved in our data analysis process. It is a lot of work, but it will be worth it.

March is Reading Month: We will once again celebrate in a number of ways. Mrs. Williams has made a calendar with some fun dress-up days, Mrs. Walker is organizing guest readers, and Ms. Green is putting together a book exchange. Thank you to everyone who has put thought and effort into helping our students celebrate reading.

Read by Third Grade Law: This is the year that the retention piece of the legislation comes into effect. Our principal group is working on letters to send to students who fall below the cut score. We hope to have this process completed well before spring testing begins.

Misener asked Mr. Diegel how the new Student Behavioral Intervention Specialist position is going.

Diegel said that Misty Roberts is doing a great job with this new role. He added that the position is shaping up very well and is becoming a great asset for us.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report.
Practice SAT: On February 19th all 10th and 11th graders took a practice SAT.

Band: High School Solo Ensemble results:

Dustin Peter - trumpet solo - I

Emily McGee - trumpet solo - I

Caleb Goss, Dustin Peter, Mark Crousore - trumpet trio - I

Coryn Zyrowski - oboe solo - I

Alayna Varvel - snare drum solo - II

Tommy Barrett - alto saxophone solo - II

Tommy Barrett - tenor saxophone solo - II

Misty Dawn Smith - trombone solo - II

Caleb Goss, Jack Green - trumpet/tuba duet - II

Aryanna Miller, Emily Coffey - clarinet/flute duet - II

Emily Coffey - flute solo - II

February 29th will be Jr. High Band festival

March 7th will be Sr. High Band festival

MiBlisi: On Friday January 31st our school leadership team met for a data review. We also set up an Early Warning Sign committee.

Robotics: The 4994 Robo Cards will kick off their season on February 27th-29th at Kettering in Flint.

Snowcoming: The assembly went well and was well organized by Jaime Pruett. Congratulations to Collin Machota and Ashlyn Walker on being elected 2020 Snowcoming Prince and Princess and congratulations to Jack Green and Anastasia Krych for being elected the 2020 Snowcoming King and Queen.

Athletics: Kingston will be hosting the girls basketball districts on Wednesday March 4th and Friday March 6th. The boys basketball team will be traveling to North Huron for districts during the week of March 9th.

We have installed and began using the Pixellot audio/video system. This is a service that we are going to be able to provide live streaming of our home athletic events. This was made possible through an anonymous donation totaling \$7,250. There is a small subscription fee to use this online service. This can be found at NFHSnetwork.com.

A meeting was held with all the high school teachers to discuss and explain potential grading options and percentages vs our current system. There are plans to have a committee made of parents, board members and staff to get a consensus from everyone on this topic.

We had 20 students from our football teams show up to volunteer last Saturday to help unload tables for Beagio's Restaurant of Kingston.

In the maintenance/transportation report, Mr. Drake informed us of an elementary classroom heating issue that is going to be addressed. Drake also mentioned that our annual bus inspections will be held this coming Thursday and Friday.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared our unofficial Student Count Day results. We counted 579.14 students for the 2019/2020 Spring Count on 2/12/2020. Drake mentioned that the Tuscola County School Board Dinner will be held at USA High School on April 30th. He also shared the Bid Tabulation for the high school east parking lot bond work that will be completed. Drake read a copy and presented a certificate of appreciation that was given to each school board member giving recognition from State Representative Phil Green. The board was given an update that we have about 20 new logo idea submissions and that they are looking good.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Long, seconded by Koehler to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$489,652.76. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Misener to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$13,265.83. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Long to hereby recognize the second read and adoption of NEOLA Fall 2019 Updates 34-1. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Rayl to accept the resignation of Jaime Pruett as Student Council Advisor. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

In Board Member remarks, Misener shared that she is glad to hear the good news in regards to the behavioral intervention specialist position. Neff asked if we have ever had FFA. It is believed that we may have once had our own program. Drake mentioned that the kids that we have that are interested in participating in FFA do so at the Tuscola County Technology Center. Neff also shared a story involving a foreign exchange student that he and his family have staying in their home and Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach Dave Lester. The exchange student is a JV Basketball Team member and he had shared how awesome he thinks it is that the varsity boy's names are announced as part of the pregame ceremony. Neff had asked Lester if we may be able to do something special and announce the names of the JV squad in this way at one game so the student could hear his name announced over the pa system. Lester said that he could do even better than that. Lester not only moved the student up to the varsity team for a game but also made him part of the starting five. The student got to hear his name announced and take part by being a starting varsity team member for that game. Neff thanked Coach Lester and gave him recognition for how happy it made this boy to be able to do this. Mr. Drake added we have another foreign exchange student that is enjoying his American experience so much here in Kingston that he has his lawyer working to try to extend his stay here by another year. Rayl asked about the open track coach position and if we have decided on anyone yet. Mr. Drake replied that he and Mr. Nicol are currently working on a plan to get the decision finalized.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to adjourn at 8:03PM. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

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