

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27th, 2020

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

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

Admin Present – Drake, Seaman, Diegel, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Karey Henderson, Renee Van Allen, Marsha Schwarck, Sarah Green, Brandon Jones, Carl Nicol, Nick Osentoski, Frank Licavoli, Tip McGuire

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

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to nominate Dave Kolacz as Board President. Motion Carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Misener to nominate Scott Neff as Board Vice-President. Motion Carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to nominate Jeff Long as Board Secretary. Motion Carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Long, seconded by Walker to nominate Jason Koehler as Board Treasurer. Motion Carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to approve the December 16, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a letter from MIBLSI recognizing Kingston Elementary School for earning Behavior Bronze recognition.

In Public Comments, Frank Licavoli shared that he and a few others are working on a potential project in hopes of being able to build a multipurpose practice facility for the use of our athletics department. He has presented an opportunity to purchase a building at a discounted rate that would be an ideal structure for this. His plan includes an attempt to rally parent/community and school support to pursue this opportunity. He has shared a number of potential resources to he believes could help make this possible. It was decided to schedule a community meeting to be held on Wednesday at 7:00PM in the high school cafeteria to discuss community support and brainstorm any potential plans to make this happen.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. Suzanne Cartier contacted me in the fall and wondered if we would be interested in her book collection. Sue is a retired media center teacher. She dropped her books off the week before break. At our January staff meeting, we had teachers go through them and pick out ones that they would like to add to their classroom libraries. Thank you Sue for your generous donation. Mr. Green and Mr. Peter visited our 6th grade classrooms to talk about a

time capsule project. They came up with a writing activity that each student will do. Once completed, the students' work will be included in the time capsule. Thank you to Mr. Green and Mr. Peter for allowing KES to be involved in the time capsule project. We are hosting a student teacher from SVSU this semester. Lindsey Burton will be in Mrs. Bussinger's 2nd grade classroom. She started the week after Christmas break and is doing a great job already. Katie Tobey started as the lead teacher in the Infant/Toddler Room shortly after Christmas Break. She is doing a great job working with our youngest Cardinals. Mandy Deering will be starting in the next couple of weeks as the lead teacher in the Preschool Room. She is excited to join our staff and start working with students.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. Ms. Dicks took an ice sculpting team to Zehnder Snow Fest. The members of the team were Isabel Hurd, Brooklyn Walker, Aden Cartner, and Andrew Schipinski. NHS will be hosting a blood drive on January 30th at the high school. On Friday January 24th our school leadership team met to review reading data from our SSRS screening. On Wednesday January 29th List Psychological Services will be giving a vaping presentation. We revealed the 2019 girls basketball final four and 2019 football semifinals banners during basketball games. We will be revealing the next banner on February 6th. We also had Evan Neff reach the 1000 point club and honored all of the 1000 point scores at basketball game on January 17th. On January 10th, representatives from the tech center came to Kingston to give a presentation to our 10th graders. On Wednesday January 22nd our 7th grades completed the practice 7th grade MSTEP writing passages.

In the maintenance/transportation report, Mr. Drake shared a photo for the proposed new east side parking lot and bus corral. He pointed out some of the significant improvements that have been made to this plan.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake made notice of January being Board Member Appreciation Month. He passed out Kingston Cardinal embroidered fleece blankets to all of the board members. He led a discussion about our swirling cardinal logo. Iowa State University legal department has contacted us regarding stopping the use of this current logo. We have been using this logo for twenty years. He thanked Carl Nicol for the for the 1,000 Point Club event that he planned to honor those that have made this achievement. Mr. Drake brought forward a discussion on our high school grades, exam scores, and how the final grade is tabulated. The staff will be polled for suggestions and a committee will be formed to discuss this topic. Mr. Drake shared some information on our long term tech plan. He also brought up the potential change to include our Club Sports/Activities earning Varsity jacket letters.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$596,252.53. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Koehler to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$25,514.78. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to designate the 4th Monday of each month to conduct Regular Board Meetings to be held in the High School Library at 7:00PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

Schedule of Regular Board Meetings 2020
February 24, 2020
March 16, 2020 (Third Monday Spring Break)
April 27, 2020
May 18, 2020 (Third Monday Memorial Day)
June 22, 2020
July 27, 2020
August 24, 2020
September 28, 2020
October 26, 2020
November 23, 2020
December 14, 2020 (Second Monday Christmas Break)

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 budget. Revenues are projected at \$6,152,058.00 and expenses at \$6,110,905.00. With a surplus of \$41,153.00 to make the fund balance \$1,491,197.00 as of June 30, 2020. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Long to designate Matt Drake and Jaime Pruett to post upcoming meeting notices. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to adopt this completed MASB evaluation of the Superintendent, Matt Drake. The Board collectively deems Mr. Drake's performance as Highly Effective having earned a final percentage of 87% Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to approve the continuation as a retainer client with the Thrun Law firm for the calendar year 2020 at a cost of \$2,400. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to hereby recognize Bill Skinner with the deserved honor of "Friend of Youth" to represent the Kingston Community and be recognized at the annual Meet of Champions. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to hereby recognize the following club sports with a Varsity Letter with club distinction, Equestrian Team, Robotics Team, and Powerlifting Team. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Long to approve the purchase of replacement computers for both the Elementary and High School tech labs and 23 staff computers at the High School for a purchase price of \$41,000, \$38,000 left over technology dollars from the bond and \$3000 from the 2019-20 tech budget. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Misener to confirm the hire of Megan Daniels as High School ParaPro.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to confirm the hire of Madisyn Spencer as part time Elementary School ParaPro.

In Board Member remarks, Neff thanked Carl Nicol for efforts with the 1,000 Point Club presentation.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to adjourn the meeting at 9:27PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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