

# **Kingston Community Schools Board of Education**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Held Through Google Meets**

**May 18, 2020**

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

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

Admin Present – Drake, Seaman, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner

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

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Misener to approve the April 27, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes with correction of board members present (Add Misener). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a letter of recognition for Mr. Kiley from the American Heart Association. Drake shared a letter of retirement from K-12 Special Education Teacher Paula Salata. Drake also shared a text message of retirement from Bus Driver Joan Hull.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Drake read from Mr. Diegel's report. During the week of May 4th, we had families come pick registration packets up to get their children signed up for kindergarten. This was not the typical Kindergarten Round Up that we are used to, but it seemed to work. Mrs. DeLong and Mrs. Nicol split the week up and someone was in the office Monday-Friday from 10:00AM - 2:00PM to get students signed up. As of 5/13, we have 35 packets turned in. Mrs. Mossner, Ms. Green, and Mrs. Hahn are working on a plan to do a graduation for our 6th graders. It will be a digital presentation put together by a combination of staff and students. Our teachers are coming in this week and next to get things cleaned up for the summer. I had a meeting with teachers last Wednesday. They are evaluating how their remote learning plans went and figuring out ways to improve them in case we are teaching remotely in the fall. We also discussed some possible scenarios of what school might look like in the fall if we are in classes with students. This conversation will be ongoing as we get more guidance from the State. To show our appreciation for staff, each person received a \$10 gift certificate to either Beagio's or La Hacienda. Also, a sign was created for each teacher and delivered to their house. Thank you to all staff for what you do to make KES great and to Kingston Connection for your support.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. Mrs. VanAllen and Mrs. Bundschuh collected chromebooks from the seniors on May 4th and 5th. We still have a few chromebooks that are being used and will be turned in at a later date. Mrs. VanAllen was pleased with the conditions of the chromebooks and the participation by the seniors. Jostens will be at the school on May 20th to hand out caps and gowns. The senior signs that are displayed in front of the school will be given to the seniors this week. Carl Nicol put all of the class of 2020 up on the digital sign in front of the high school. We honored the high school staff by having the students make a short video thanking our

staff members. Today we had 7 students take the AP Biology Test. Mrs. Freeland has been meeting with these students online and preparing them for this test. On May 21st, I am going to release a video for Jr./Sr. High Awards. This will also include all of the scholarship recipients. I will release this video to Facebook or do a Facebook watch party. Mrs. Blatt is busy scheduling for next school year. Students either filled out an online scheduling form or called the school to select their electives.

In the Maintenance/Transportation report, Mr. Drake shared that we brought our maintenance team back to work. The bond project of the East side parking lot renovation at the high school has been started. We have had one bus driver Joan Hull retire.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Mr. Drake shared what he has heard from the State of Michigan on what the ongoing plans are for school district funding. They are looking at possible cuts to this year's and next year's funding. There has not been a final determination of exactly how this will play out. Shona Vennevy shared the State and the Michigan Department of Education is looking at no proration for this year. There is hope that some federal funding will come to aid. Due to our current fund balance we are positioned better than what most districts are. Drake shared an update of our plan to facilitate our drive up Graduation Ceremony. We are moving forward with a plan to schedule the ceremony on June 13th at 9:30PM in the West High School parking lot. Each graduate will be able to have two cars attend. We will be able to have students walk across the stage to pick up their diploma. We will be able to have student speakers, a guest speaker, and a slide show projected on an outdoor screen if all can go as planned.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Long, seconded by Rayl to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$441,552.46. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$12,119.44. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Rayl to acknowledge having paid the 2012 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$261,212.50. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Walker to acknowledge having paid the 2018 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$255,450. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Rayl to support and adopt the School Calendar for the 2020-21 School year resolution. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Neff to approve the Drive up Graduation Ceremony as proposed Saturday, June 13th, 2020 at 9:30PM. Pending approval from local law enforcement and Health Care Professionals at the time of the event. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to acknowledge the retirement of Paula Salata, K-12 Special Education Teacher effective June 30th, 2020. The board would like to thank Mrs. Salata for her service and wish her all the best in retirement. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Rayl to acknowledge the retirement of Joan Hull, Bus Driver, effective June 30th, 2020. The board would like to thank Mrs. Hull for her service and wish her all the best in retirement. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Board Member remarks, Shona Vennevy shared the Farmers to Families Food Box program. This will supply fresh produce and fresh fruit to our students' families. This will be an additional weekly benefit to go along with the meals that we are already able to provide as well as the PEBT cards.

In Board Member remarks, Misener wanted to acknowledge Mr. Kiley for going above and beyond with the Facebook posting that he has been doing to encourage kids to exercise and get moving. Neff wants to thank Seaman and Drake for the work they are putting in order to be able to recognize our 2020 graduates. Kolacz commented about the very nice presentation that was put together and posted on Facebook to honor our Elementary School Teachers. Thanks to Carter Goss for putting that together.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to adjourn at 8:00PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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