

Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 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, Diegel, Vennev

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Carey Henderson, Jim Ulewicz, Meg Daniels, Tori Stokes

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

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to approve the September 28, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a letter of resignation from Head Varsity Softball Coach Tip McGuire.

There were no Public Comments.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. Our Virtual Test Run Day went well and we did learn a few things from the trial. I would like to welcome Ms. Tori Stokes to the KES team as our third kindergarten teacher. Tori observed routines and got to know the students the week of October 12th. We split our kindergarten into three classes on Monday, October 19th. The first week went great and the students are transitioning well. A big thank you to Roy and Blaine for getting that room cleaned up and looking like a nice classroom again. It had been used as a storage area until a couple of weeks ago. For Halloween we will not be doing our annual parade through town this year due to the large crowd the event draws. We will still be having classroom celebrations. For our Fall Data Review we met last Friday to go through our beginning of the year data. As expected, we did not see the growth that we normally see between testing windows. We have made an intervention plan that we feel will put our students in the best position to get caught up. I would like to give a big thank you to our School Leadership Team - Mrs. Calahan, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Zorlak, Rikkii Clarent, Karen Demoray, and Rhonda Dennis.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. We had a virtual test run day on Friday October 23rd. Teachers went over their expectations and had students complete or participate in an assignment. We provided access to some families with hot spots. National Honor Society inductions will be on November 9th in the High School cafeteria. On October 14th our seniors took the SAT and 9th-11th graders took the PSAT. Our school leadership team met on October 20th to discuss our SAT meeting procedures. We will also have a data review on November 3rd. November 12th will be parent teacher conferences. We will be hosting district volleyball on the week of November 2nd.

In the Transportation /Maintenance Report, Drake gave a report on current bus lease offers. We have multiple companies competing for our bus leasing. Drake also discussed that we need to seek other snow removal plans as we currently do not have anyone to provide this service. The option of buying a 1 ton truck with a v-blade snow plow was discussed. This along with our tractor should allow us to be able to take care of our own snow removal as needed.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Drake shared the following.

- We are the proud owners of a state TM Trademark for the new logo.
- We may need to consider our current Senior Class Graduation date as it falls on Memorial Day Weekend.
- COVID Plan revisions
 - Added K-5 student will wear masks at all times except while eating
 - Edited the daily health screener
 - Added some MIOSHA expectations at the end of our plan
 - Report on District Wide Attendance week of 9/21-97%, 9/28-98%, 10/5-98%, 10/12-96%
 - NEOLA Resolution for Virtual attendance at School board meetings

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Walker to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 7:42PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to come out of executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:47PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Long to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$739,985.36. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to pay the Hot Lunch Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$26,144.27. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to pay the 2012 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$27,606.25. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Koehler to pay the 2018 Debt Retirement in the amount of \$89,475.00. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to approve the extension of the Administrative Contracts for Shona Venney, Justin Diegel, Mike Seaman, and Matt Drake through June 2022. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No.

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Neff to approve the Non-Affiliated employee pay increases for the 2020-21 school year based on a 3% wage increase. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to recognize this date and time as the first Read of NEOLA 2020 Fall Updates 35-1. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to select June 6, 2021 as the date for the class of 2021 graduation ceremony. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to accept with regret the resignation of Tip McGuire as the Head Varsity Softball Coach. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to approve the Cheerleading program to move to a "Competitive Cheer" squad and participate in Competitive Cheer events. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Misener to approve the purchase of a One-Ton F-350 Truck and Boss V-Plow for the purpose of snow plowing, trailer hauling, and other utility needs from 50% General Funds and 50% Capital Funds. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Koehler to approve paying a \$500.00 COVID Stipend to each employee. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Public Remarks, Cory Skinner commented that the Village does not currently have a clerk. All questions regarding the position can be forwarded to him at this time.

In Board Member remarks, Neff commented that the school district is very fortunate to have Shona Vennevy. Walker also commented that he appreciates Shona Vennevy. Walker also commented that he hopes that if we have to miss any school due to COVID that it would be for a short period of time. Kolacz reminded all to get out and vote in the upcoming elections especially because we have board member seats to fill.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to adjourn at 8:56PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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