

# Kingston Community Schools Board of Education

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 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, Vennevy

Guest in Attendance – Cory Skinner, Carey Henderson

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 Koehler to approve the August 24, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Correspondence, Mr. Drake shared a letter of resignation from Elementary Para Pro Misty Roberts.

There were no Public Comments.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Mr. Diegel read from his report. We have had a great start to the school year. I would like to commend all of our staff for having a great attitude and being so flexible with all of the changes.

- Virtual School
  - Attendance: Percentage of students who had 2, 2-way communication during the week.
  - K-2:
    - Week of 8/31 - 90.5%
    - Week of 9/7 - 95.5%
    - Week of 9/14 - 100%
  - 3-6
    - Week of 8/31 - 63.6%
    - Week of 9/7 - 100%
    - Week of 9/14 - 100%
  - We started the school year with 47 virtual students and we currently have 36.

We currently have 335 students enrolled. At the fall count day in 2019, we had 280 students. We have completed our Acadience assessments for all of our students. There has been some delay with our NWEA testing but we will be completing that in the next week. I would like to thank Jakob and Tina for all of the hard work getting Chromebooks setup for our students. This was not an easy task this year due to some of our students turning their Chromebooks in late and the influx of students toward the end of summer. Thanks to Lesha, Taylor, and Josie Long for the fall decorations and landscaping cleanup in the front of the school. We are currently doing interviews to fill a Kindergarten teacher position. We are in the process of hiring our new Behavior Intervention specialist.

In the High School Principals Report, Mr. Seaman read from his report. We currently have 60 7th-12th graders who have selected the online option. These students are taking Michigan Virtual and/or Edgenuity classes. I have staff making two-way communication with each student.

- Virtual School
  - Attendance: Percentage of students who had 2, 2-way communication during the week.
    - Week of 8/31 - 100%
    - Week of 9/7 - 36%
    - Week of 9/14 - 80%
    - Week of 9/21 - 86%

We did our C4S Screening on September 22nd and September 24th. This is a mental health screener. Students had the right to opt out of the screening. We met on September 10th to set our district goals for the extended COVID 19 Learning Plan. Then Justin and I completed the district plan on September 23rd. The school year is off to a great start. We are currently up 25 students from last year in our high school. Our new counselor is scheduled to start on October 1st. October 9th will be homecoming verses New Haven Merritt. We are currently up 25 students from last year in our high school. October 5th progress reports will be mailed out. After school tutoring started up the week of September 14th. It is offered every Monday-Thursday from 3:00PM-4:00PM for all face to face and virtual students.

In the Maintenance/Transportation report, Mr. Drake shared that he has talked to Hoekstra and they are offering a rate of \$10,000 less per year from what we are currently paying to extend our bus leases with them. We have not made a decision and are looking into options. We have bought three atomizer foggers to assist with sanitizing in our buildings and buses.

In the Superintendent's Updates/Remarks, Drake shared that the bond work is officially done. We are planning a virtual test run day where students will not report to school but will be attending Google meets and completing online assignments from home. This will help check the infrastructure of our internet connectivity of our students, and see if we are prepared if we are forced to go virtual. We will no longer be charging Chromebook deposits as the costs of replacements/repairs have been relatively low. We are planning to have face to face parent teacher conferences while practicing social distancing.

In the Superintendent's Report,

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Long to pay the General Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$523,419.53. 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 \$22,639.42. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Misener, seconded by Long to confirm the hire of Susan Hinmon-Johnson as Teacher for the High School. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to confirm the hire of Caleb Goss as Jr. High Football Assistant Coach upon the completion of a successful background check. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Rayl, seconded by Walker to confirm the hire of Bill Harrington as Jr. High Football Head Coach. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Neff to approve the letter of agreement between the KEA and Kingston Community School Board of Education (per attachment F). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to approve the extended return to learn plan as presented. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Neff, seconded by Long to acknowledge this date and time as the second read and adoption of the updated Title 9, NEOLA Board Policy as presented. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Long, seconded by Misener to grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent during the 2020-21 school year (per attached resolution I). Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Koehler to accept with regret the resignation of elementary Para Pro Misty Roberts. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to approve the purchase of a 3rd Kindergarten classroom set of the McGraw Hill Reading Wonders materials at a cost of \$3,818.40. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

It was moved by Koehler, seconded by Walker to approve the purchase of buying a new batwing mower from Weiss Equipment at a cost of \$10,500 after a \$5,000 trade in value of the old batwing mower. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

In Public Remarks, Cory Skinner gave his thanks and praise to all of our staff members for doing everything that they are to make things work in the current circumstances.

In Board Member remarks, Misener shared that she thinks our staff are doing a great job. Walker commented that we must be prepared for if/when we have any students or staff test positive for COVID in any of our buildings. Walker stressed the importance of sticking to policy and protocols working with the health department. Walker advised that things can become chaotic especially with social media.

It was moved by Walker, seconded by Rayl to adjourn at 7:53PM. Motion carried 7 Yes 0 No

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