

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – December 11, 2023
Report No. 23-59

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – November 27, 2023

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mrs. Reidzans, Mrs. Tanis, Ms. Townsend,
and Mrs. Ward

Absent: Ms. Rocha and Ms. Sellers

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent

Terri Ricketson, Chief Financial Officer

Ngoc Dinh, Student Board Representative

Myrece Moore, Student Board Representative

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and Visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held:

December 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. Kelloggsville High School (CLA)

January 08, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center (Organizational)

January 22, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

February 26, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of appreciation was shared from the family of Crystal Reidzans for the Board's expression of sympathy in the loss of her father, William Dumas.

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

- Kevin Scheid – Kville Parent/KSBL Representative – shared information with the Board on the Kentwood Softball/Baseball League (KSBL) and requested that as another option, the KSBL information/flyers are allowed to be distributed to Kelloggsville students so that parents have more program choices. He informed the Board that the flyers were approved for distribution last year, however this year the request was denied. He was asking the Board to reconsider his request on flyer distribution this year.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 23-50, 23-51, 23-52, 23-53 and 23-54.

23-50	Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/13/23		
23-51	Approval of Personnel Report		
23-52	Approval of Expenditure Report		
	General Fund: \$612,165.03	Food Service:	\$17,287.51
	Child Care: \$90.43	Building & Site:	\$273,977.78

Mr. Alston reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund

23-53	Approval of Summer Tax Resolution		
23-54	Approval of NEOLA Policy Update – 2 nd Reading		
Yeas: 5	Nays: 0		MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

PROPOSAL

A. CNA Program @ Kelloggsville High School

Mr. Linker presented an opportunity to the Board that would allow KPS to offer a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program through our high school for students ages 16 and above. Mr. Linker shared that if approved, the program could begin at the start of the 2nd semester and run through May 3, 2024, facilitated through the Center for Medical Training, located in Grandville, MI. Course content would include a combination of online training, clinical classroom training, and clinical nursing home training, concluding with a State Testing Certification. He estimated that the initial group of students would consist of 3-4 seniors, with future prospects of 4-6 students per semester consisting of juniors and seniors. The current tuition cost is \$1,500 per student pending possible grant funding and/or clinical partnerships. The goal of the program is to give students another opportunity, outside of courses available through KCTC, to successfully complete a CNA certification at the end of each semester and possibly earn employment within the medical field or be able to participate in the KHS School-to-Work Program with their clinical nursing home. Consideration is also being given to students having the opportunity to earn the CNA certification as part of a condensed summer school program. He introduced Ashley Bauer, one of the founders of the Center for Medical Training, and she shared that this program is being piloted to our students based on a need to help fill staffing needs in nursing homes, increase patient care quality, and to connect students with opportunities of earned employment in the medical field. This proposal will be placed on the 12/11/23 consent agenda.

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. KHS Junior Achievement Hall of Fame

Ms. Gardiner, KHS Business Teacher, shared highlights with the Board on the recent Junior Achievement Hall of Fame event that was held on October 23rd @ Frederick Meijer Gardens. Seven (7) KHS students helped host the event, as either award recipient escorts or emcees.

Two (2) students, Andrea Ronzon and Alex Zavala, were present to share with the Board their personal highlights as emcees. They both practiced and prepared a 2-hour long speech for the night and all of the students received countless glowing reviews for their participation, professionalism, and performance.

B. 54th Street Academy Ziibiwing Center Visit

Mr. Jackson, along with two (2) 54th Street students, shared highlights and their personal experiences from their visit to the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Fourteen students participated in the field trip on October 24 as part of their classroom study of Native American Boarding Schools. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe created the center to enlighten and educate visitors on the culture, heritage and history of the Anishinabek people of the Great Lakes. Mr. Jackson and the students shared that the hands-on experience at the center was very powerful and helped them connect and bond to cultures both similar and different from their own and they shared appreciation to the Board for their support.

C. Report: Operations Goals Committee

The Operations Goals Committee (Caterino – Chair, D. Skinner – Co-Chair, Nickelson, Dusendang, Hallo, Slater, Keena, Tanis, M. Groters, and Ricketson), shared an update on their goal progress:

Operations Goal #1

Improve school safety by investigating/implementing: safety film on exterior glass, improved parking lot lighting, improved lighting in MS lunchroom, and investigate Bogen upgrades to modernize.

Desired Results: Increased school safety.

Operations Goal #2

Monitor the KHS STEM addition and conclusion of Southeast Media Center.

Desired Results: Successful completion of both projects.

Operations Goal #3

Monitor the implementation of Synergy.

Desired Results: Successful transition to the new student information system.

Operations Goal #4

Monitor HVAC installation at KECLC kitchen.

Desired Results: Improved working conditions within the kitchen.

Operations Goal #5

Evaluate the options for a district-wide ID policy for students.

Desired Results: Determine the feasibility of implementing such a policy, the benefits and whether or not this is sustainable (consequences).

Operations Goal #6

Evaluate the transportation fleet.

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Desired Results: Determine status of all transportation options and create a plan for improvement/upgrades.

Operations Goal #7

Investigate 54th Street Academy/Administration Office/KECLC fire detection system.

Desired Results: Improve fire detection and modernize the system.

Operations Goal #8

Place the entire district on the same secure entrance monitoring system (HS and Bus Garage).

Desired Results: Standardize the system and consolidate from two systems to one

Operations Goal #9

Evaluate food service equipment.

Desired Results: Investigate the status of food service equipment and modernize for energy efficiency and improved service.

For Goal #1, Mr. Caterino shared that in November, both the middle school lunchroom and parking lot lights were upgraded/replaced with brighter and more energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. A quote has been received on an updated Bogan system at Southeast in which discussion and review still needs to take place and Mr. Alcorn is currently soliciting quotes for exterior window safety film. In completion of Goal #2, the Southeast Media Center was successfully completed in late September and a new collection of books are on the shelves and students have resumed weekly visits. Construction at the HS STEM addition is still on schedule with a completion date of late December. Staff and students have made the transition to Synergy for Goal #3, with the expected hiccups of learning a new system. As the year progresses, the tech department will plan to implement more functions and continue supports. For Goal #4, quotes are in hand for HVAC upgrades at the KECLC kitchen and a decision will be made soon. Evaluation of options for a district-wide ID policy for students is still under review, as identified in Goal #5, and discussion with building administrators will need to include monitoring/consequences. For Goal #6, evaluation of the district transportation fleet is continually being monitored and currently there is at least one (1) bus that is showing a lot of rust and one (1) model that is older - - funding sources are also being explored. Fire detection systems for 54th Street Academy/Administration/KECLC, as referenced in Goal #7, have been approved and should be installed by the end of the year. For Goal #8, a quote has been received for the HS and funding sources are being reviewed. Lastly, for Goal #9, the status of food service equipment is ongoing and discussion will transition due to administration shifts in that department. The committee will provide another update on their goals at the 02/26/24 meeting.

OTHER MATTERS - None

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – shared appreciation to Junior Achievement for allowing our students to host their recent event and to the students that presented their personal highlights

and experiences both at the JA Hall of Fame and at the Ziibiwing Center. She also thanked Mr. Linker for his efforts in putting together the CNA program for the high school students;

- Myrece Moore – hoped that everyone had a good Thanksgiving break and to stay safe on the roads tonight. He also thanked his fellow students for sharing their experiences at JA and the Ziibiwing Center and for everyone’s hard work;

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Groters – shared that she was really impressed with the JA student speakers – they are always respectful and do such a great job and makes the district very proud, she added that she is happy that JA comes to our students first. She also enjoyed hearing from the students on their visit to the Ziibiwing Center and what a great opportunity it is for our students to see other cultures;
- Mrs. Ward – shared that it is always wonderful to hear from our students and their points of view and thanked them for sharing their experiences;
- Mrs. Reidzans – thanked Mr. Scheid for coming to tonight’s meeting to share information on the KSBL. She is also grateful for all of the wonderful opportunities provided to our students that helps to prepare them for their future;
- Ms. Townsend – shared that she has a new grandson is Germany and will be going to visit in December. She is very grateful for all of the opportunities available to our students, especially the CNA program. She thanked the students that came tonight to share their personal highlights from the JA Hall of Fame event and the Ziibiwing Center and remembers the same students from when they attended KMS and commended them on how they have grown and the confidence that they have. This is a credit to all those working together at Kelloggsville;
- Mrs. Tanis – shared that it is such a pleasure hearing from the students and their perspectives and shared appreciation to the staff for providing them with a variety of opportunities to take part in. She reminded her fellow board members of the Holiday Gathering this Saturday and wished everyone a good week;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Keith Caterino, Nick Patin, John Linker, Rick Jackson, Sue Lathrop, Kevin Scheid, Taylor Gardiner and Ashley Bauer.