

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing – June 12, 2023
Report No. 22-170

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting – May 22, 2023

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Ms. Rocha, Mr. Alston, Mr. Alcorn

Also present: Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:02 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:

June 12, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. KHS Common Learning Area (Budget Hearing)

June 26, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. KHS Common Learning Area

July 24, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. KHS Common Learning Area

August 14, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. Location TBD

August 28, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. Location TBD (Goals Session)

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

SEAL OF BILITERACY RECOGNITION

Mr. Owen shared that the Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to high school students that show proficiency in two languages, passing the KHS ELA courses, which satisfies the English requirement, and then they must receive a score of “*High Intermediate*” on a MDE approved language assessment. He credited KHS teacher, Ms. Berlanga, for her efforts and encouragement in helping the students attain this goal. The following students were recognized and congratulated by the Board:

*Samir Garcia Joseph
Jimena Soto*

*Rochelle Vidal
Nicaela Cervantes*

*Joseph Guerra-Sandoval
Domingo Martin Mendoz*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Sellers, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-157, 22-158, 22-159, 22-160, 22-161, 22-162 and 22-163.

22-157 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/08/23

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22-158 Approval of Personnel Report
22-159 Approval of Expenditure Report
General Fund: \$1,105,319.26 Food Service: \$16,910.35
Child Care: \$0.00 Capital Projects: \$227,829.26

Mrs. Ericka Scott reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund

22-160 Approval of Band Trip to St. Ignace
22-161 Approval of NEOLA Policy Update – Miscellaneous: 2nd Reading
22-162 Approval of NEOLA Policy Update – Technology: 2nd Reading
22-163 Approval of Revised list – 54th Street Graduates

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. KISD School Board Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Mrs. Reidzans to approve the KISD School Board Election Resolution and list the following two (2) candidates; Andrea Haidle and Anne Hamming as well as designate a representative; Groters and alternate; Ward.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL - None

Information & Reports

A. Report: Senior Activities

Mr. Patin shared a list of senior activities that students were able to participate in as part of their final weeks prior to graduation. Activities included Prom on April 24th at the Goei Center where 140+ students enjoyed a Red Carpet themed evening that included blackjack and roulette tables, followed by prizes and the crowning of the Prom King and Queen. On May 5th, approximate 60 students were able to participate in a senior game night at KHS that takes the place of the senior all-night party. Students were able to play a number of games, inflatables were provided and prizes given away. Awards night was held on May 11, with 72 seniors recognized by department and/or scholarship achievement awards. On their last day of school, students watched their senior movie, had pictures taken for the senior composite and completed their final walk through the high school and elementary buildings, followed by a food truck and picnic at Veterans Park. He finalized his report by sharing appreciation to everyone for their hard work and efforts that helped to make graduation such a huge success. He extended special recognition to Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Bergsma, the grounds crew, and everyone else who assisted, including the Board of Education for all of their support. The Board in turn also thanked everyone for their hard work in making the evening such a great success.

B. Report: BOE Goals Committee – Section A

The BOE Goals – Section A (J. Owen – Chair, Townsend, Ward, Sellers, Hand, Morrow, Fountaine), shared a final update on their goal progress:

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Board Goal #1

Monitor the mental health supports and initiatives (SEL Curriculum, PBIS/PSC, Restorative Practices, School Counselors, Mental Health Clinicians) by using data gathered from these groups, teams, or programs.

Desired Results: Ensure resources are available to support the school community in cultivating a safe and positive learning environment, developing healthy relationships, and addressing mental health concerns.

Instruction Goal #2

Each building will create a school improvement plan that will have measurable academic goals, as well as goals that address the non-academic aspects of student growth and development; DEI, CHAMPS, PBIS, SEL, Restorative Practices, etc.

Desired Results: Improve student achievement as well as create a positive student experience in our schools.

Instruction Goal #5

Review available resources to implement SEL practices at our high school.

Desired Results: Students at this level will have access to regular, aligned instruction to maintain mental health.

Community Goal #6

Focus on sharing the mental health programs that exist in the district and programs that are available for our community members.

Desired Results: Share with our community the mental health opportunities for students and community members.

Mr. Owen shared that for BOE Goal #1, buildings continue to use PBIS/PSC and Restorative Practices strategies and a Parent Climate Survey was released last week, followed by a staff and student Climate Survey being released this week. Results will be compared to the 2022 results to evaluate the effectiveness of the programming. He shared that a meeting is scheduled for 05/31/23 with MSU researchers on the Restorative Practices study. Universal Screeners at the elementary level are in progress and results from Fall to Spring will be compared as well as the specific progress of students that were seen in either small groups or individual sessions by building counselors. Second Step SEL programs were implemented for K-8 students and mental health clinicians continue to work with Tier III students. In addition, he reminded the Board that two (2) additional Mental Health Clinicians have been hired for the elementary levels and one (1) additional Social Worker is scheduled to be added for the 2023-24 school year. Secondary staff attended training on 01/16/23 at Kent ISD on the topic of Human Trafficking and a virtual training will be available to all staff through the ISD this summer, providing reimbursement to the district for staff stipends. The BE NICE program will continue next year along with the Blue Envelope Suicide Awareness Training that staff received to add awareness on how to respond to a student who may express thoughts of suicide. For Instruction Goal #2, all buildings are planning to update their School Improvement Plans to reflect student achievement from the 2022-23 school year. Final data will be available after the NWEA window closes on May 26th and revisions to the plans will take place before the beginning of next school year.

Instruction Goal #5 has progressed at the secondary level with KVS implementing TRAILS lessons during their PRIDE Time and training is set for staff at 54th Street and KHS on August 8th. Lastly, Mr. Owen concluded his committee report for Goal #6, sharing that the KV Community Health & Wellness final edition will be released before the end of the school year.

C. Report: BOE Goals Committee – Section E

The Board Goals – Section E (L. Tanis – Chair, Ward, Groters, Townsend, Rocha, Reidzans, Sellers), shared a final update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #3

Attend more training opportunities for board members such as conferences and workshops that will help diversify the board member's skill levels and outlooks.

Desired Results: Ensure resources are available to support the school community in cultivating a safe and positive learning environment, developing healthy relationships, and addressing mental health concerns.

Mrs. Tanis shared that the Board continues to attend training opportunities and events as much as possible and newer members will be encouraged to complete the New Board Member CBA Certification Program to help develop new skills and stay up-to-date on educational issues. She referenced the MASB award that Mrs. Groters recently received for completing an individual board development course – Data Skills Specialty. She concluded her report by adding that this will be an ongoing goal for the Board during the 2023-24 school year.

D. BOE Goals Committee – Section D

The BOE Goals Committee – Section D (J. Owen – Chair, Schilthuis (Co-Chair), M. Groters, Rocha, Lanser, Patin, Taylor), shared a final update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #4

Review data associated with curriculum, demographics, attendance, behavior, grades and test scores to help identify areas of need that will increase student achievement in school courses and grades, local assessments, and state testing for all students.

Desired Results: Raise student achievement in the classroom, on local assessments (NWEA) and state testing (PSAT, SAT, M-STEP) with a focus on raising our scores district-wide.

Instruction Goal #1

Provide all students with equitable access to grade level content, with a specific focus on reading skills.

Desired Results: All students will have opportunities to work with grade level content regardless of current achievement level, resulting in higher achievement scores.

Instruction Goal #8

Update curriculum maps for all subjects and classes taught in the district.

Desired Results: 1.) Make sure that relevant information is easily accessible to building administrators. 2.) Ensure that new teachers have all the resources they need to effectively teach the subject or class.

For BOE Goal #4, Mr. Owen shared preliminary state assessment data with the Board, indicating that the testing window remains open for specific students to complete but that the data should be very close to the preliminary preview. Data indicates an increase in scores in many of the core areas which shows that the district is moving in the right direction but still not to where we want to be. Most areas that did not show an increase are new programs that staff are still getting used to, adding that it usually takes 3-4 years for teachers to become experts but training will continue to be available to assist. He credited the increases to the hard work and efforts of teachers but added that the data will be closely monitored and shared with staff in an effort to show them that their hard work is paying off. He also shared preliminary NWEA results and how they correlate with goals identified on School Improvement Plans, adding that the good news is that students are making a year's worth of growth. Administrators will set new goals based on this data. He also shared that before and after school tutoring services were available for students to participate in and the NWEA results will be disaggregated to determine what effect this had on the programs. For Instruction Goal #1, professional development for the next two (2) years is currently being planned with the organization, Leading Educators. This comprehensive plan will grow teachers' knowledge of research-based, culturally responsive instructional practices and support district leaders in bridging the learning into practices at the district, building, and classroom levels. This initiative will tie in with the District's DEI focus, give teachers the knowledge to intentionally select and scaffold grade-level texts and tasks for all students while helping them build critical content knowledge in all subjects. Lastly, for Instruction Goal #8, all current curriculum maps will be submitted before staff leave for the summer. The district will be working through the Synergy platform to help assist with aligning curriculum maps and efforts will be made to have them in a similar format. This project will continue into next year by adding more specific details as the year progresses.

E. Report: Instructional Goals Committee

The Instructional Goals Committee (J. Owen – Chair, Ward, Reidzans, Schilthuis, Taylor, Farkas, Fountaine, Sherman, Morrow, Patin, Lathrop), shared a final update on their goal progress:

Instructional Goal #3

Monitor the implementation of new curricular materials in all core subjects.

Desired Results: All new curriculum, in both print and digital formats, will be used effectively by classroom teachers to increase student achievement.

Instructional Goal #4

Improve achievement scores in all state-mandated, district benchmark assessments and local assessments.

Desired Results: 1.) State mandated test scores (SAT, M-Step, WIDA) will be on par or higher than surrounding districts with similar demographics. 2.) Using NWEA data, 50% of all students will make the expected growth from the Fall and Winter to Spring testing periods. 3.) Close achievement gaps that currently exist among demographic groups.

Instructional Goal #6

Monitor the programming offered by Kelloggville Virtual School.

Desired Results: Provide the best possible virtual learning environment for our students as well as attract additional students to the program.

Mr. Owen shared that for Goal #3, 6-12 English, “Into Literature”, teachers have been working hard to master the different components with several sessions of training opportunities provided to ensure a successful transition. Additional trainings will be scheduled for this summer and specific grade-level coaching arrangements will be provided for the 2023-24 school year. For 6-8 Science, teachers are using the newly added OpenSciEd resource materials, and TCI Social Studies is currently in its second year of implementation, along with Envision Math for grades 3-5. A K-8 Math committee will meet on 08/10/23 to look at data and work on a plan to improve student achievement using these materials. Next year, Chemistry will be added at the high school level and a new EL curriculum will be implemented for students K-8. For Goal #4, Mr. Owen will update the Board once assessment scores are finalized. Lastly, for Goal #6, he shared at an earlier report that most of the programs offered by KVS last year are continuing with some additional courses and supports implemented this school year. Envision Math and Khan Academy were incorporated for additional support in math, Libby for online library resources, and new courses in art education, band, computer science electives and college/career prep were also implemented. In addition to those, a 7th grade Health class will be added in 2023-24 to focus on mental and emotional health, fitness and nutrition, drugs and disease, and sexual health. A Creative Writing 12 Class will also be added to give seniors the option to take this class or English 12.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Owen shared an update with the Board on the Title I Summer Kick-Off event that was held at KMS on May 17th. He explained that all of the elementary buildings, plus KMS, are required to host a parent involvement activity. The event held by KMS was extremely successful with approximately 200 people in attendance. They were able to take part in many activities wrapped around literacy and were shown how to help their students be successful in school.

STUDENT COMMENTS - None

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Ward – thanked everyone involved with the goal committees for all of their hard work and how encouraging it is to see such great ideas, strategies, and possibilities for our students. She shared that she is appreciative of the additional supports available to our students in the areas of mental health, SEI, and EL. She shared appreciation for the successful Title I event at KMS and for the HS graduation ceremony – many great things happening;
- Mrs. Groters – shared that she was very pleased how well graduation went and is looking forward to KVS and 54th Street ceremonies. She congratulated all of the graduates for their hard work;

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- Ms. Sellers – thanked everyone for their hard work and the successful outcome of the goal committees. She enjoyed the High School’s graduation ceremony and wished everyone a great rest of the school year – good job!;
- Mrs. Reidzans – shared that she is glad the preliminary assessment scores are showing improvement and likes that the students are having the opportunity to receive before and after school tutoring services. She is encouraged that math interventions are being added next year and how important early interventions are. She also shared she enjoyed the HS graduation ceremony and the wonderful weather that we had;
- Ms. Townsend – shared an extra special thank you to everyone that helped to make the KHS graduation so successful, adding that it was a wonderful night and she especially enjoyed being spoiled by the golf carts. She shared that her granddaughter was the 5th family member graduating from Kelloggsville and she is very proud of that. She shared appreciation to her fellow board members for the respect and way that they treat each other and get along so well – some districts do not have the same outcome, adding that kindness goes a long way;
- Mrs. Tanis – wished everyone a strong couple of weeks to finish out the school year. She shared appreciation to the staff for all they do and is looking forward to the KVS and 54th Street graduations;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Nick Patin, Terri Ricketson, Ericka Scott, Sean Bradley (SNN), and Diana Berlanga.