

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – October 24, 2022
Report No. 22-42

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – October 10, 2022

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Marihugh, Ms. Sellers

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent
Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction
Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent
Ngoc Dinh, 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:

October 24, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

December 12, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS - None

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Ngoc Dinh, KHS 11th grader, was introduced as one of the new Student Board Representatives. In addition, DaMarreon Rodriguez, KHS 12th grader, will be returning as Student Board Representative.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Engle, representative on behalf of Governor Whitmer, was present to share special recognition to Mr. Skinner, Ms. Figueroa, and Mrs. Nickelson, for their heroic efforts in the immediate and safe return of a child by reuniting him to his parents after their car was stolen.

The Board also extended appreciation to Mr. Skinner, Ms. Figueroa, and Mrs. Nickelson, and commended them on their quick action and heroic efforts. Media outlets across the country have shared reports of this story and they have represented the entire Kelloggsville community with pride.

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

- Brittney Rocha – Community Member and KHS Graduate of 2009; shared that she will be running as a write-in candidate for the open four year partial-term at the November 8 election. She shared that she has family in the district and has recently moved back to the area. As a policy advisor for the State of Michigan, she has worked on the school aid budget and shared that it has opened her eyes on how important public education is, and that it starts at the local school board level. She shared that it is important to advocate for our students and to set them up for success, as she was, which brought her to the decision to sign up as a write-in candidate for the upcoming election.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-33, 22-34, 22-35, and 22-36.

- 22-33 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 09/26/22
- 22-34 Approval of Personnel Report
- 22-35 Approval of Teacher Tenure List
- 22-36 Approval of Security Camera/Secured Entrances

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

A. Approval: First Reading NEOLA Policy Updates

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the following policies as presented and amended:

<u>Bylaw/Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>New/Revision</u>
Bylaw 0144.1	Compensation	Revision
6108	Authorization to Use Electronic Transfer of Funds and Automated Clearing House Arrangements	New
6460	Vendor Relations	Revision
6700	Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)	Revision
9150	School Visitors	Revision

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL - None

Information & Reports

A. Student Count

Mr. Alston shared the results from the 2022 Fall Student Count which was on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. The district count was 2281 and 97% of those were captured as of 10/10/22. He compared those numbers to 2247 from the 2021 Fall Student Count; an increase of 34 students from last year. He highlighted that Central Elementary has an enrollment number of 482 students, an increase of 58 from the fall of 2021, attributing that to the new facility that opened last October. In addition, a total of 49 students, from various grade levels, are enrolled from residences within the new City

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Line apartment complex on Division Ave, adding that many of the complex's units are still not leased out.

B. Board Goal Committee – Section B

The Board of Education Goal – Section B Committee (E. Alcorn – Chair, Ward, Reidzans, Palmitier, Farkas, Gentile), shared an update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #2

Monitor the data of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs across all curriculum areas and buildings throughout the district to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students both academically and culturally.

Desired Results: Provide a district where students and adults are welcomed and supported; where their faces, voices and experiences are reflected in our curriculum and valued so the uniqueness of everyone is honored.

Human Resources Goal #1

Monitor current initiatives and expand an opportunities for staff development in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Desired Results: Continue to monitor and develop a comprehensive plan to meet staff and community needs.

Operations Goal #4

Evaluate the collection at Southeast media center.

Desired Results: Provide and enhance the grade-level collection of materials for the newly constructed media center at Southeast.

Mr. Alcorn shared that this committee, consisting of support staff, teachers and students, has not yet had the opportunity to meet but he reviewed some of the items that the committee hopes to accomplish. He stated that the committee will review and identify district data that tells our DEI story; curriculum, employment, staff development, and books for SE media center, to help us better serve the community. In addition, the committee will continue working on items that were began last year; building visuals, staff training, and hiring awareness. The committee will report on the progress of their goals, working with multiple other committees, later on in the school year.

C. 2022 M-STEP Update

Mr. Owen shared an update on how the district did on the 2022 M-STEP, adding that like many other school districts, the pandemic had an effect on the overall test scores. He shared scores, in comparison to other district in the Kent ISD region, which were disappointing when compared to other districts with similar socioeconomic demographics. He then shared an improvement plan with the Board on how the district will work to improve scores, but first stated that our teachers work hard and care about their students, improvement will take some time. He added that the goal is

to be in the middle third of the county and shared the following factors that will help with this goal; a.) new curricular materials added this year that included K-12 ELA, 3-8 Math, 6-12 Science, 6-8 Social Studies, K-5 Science and Social Studies Resources and additional resources at 54th Street, b.) Making sure that teachers have all of the resources necessary for their classrooms, c.) Effective training of staff in the areas of Bookworms for elementary staff and a school-wide reading focus at the secondary level, d.) The addition of staff that includes two (2) EL teachers and five (5) instructional supports, e.) Working with consultants from different groups such as EL coaching, PBIS/PSC, CHAMPS, School Improvement, data analysis, and Restorative Practices f.) School Improvement Plans with a focus on NWEA data, g.) Updating curriculum maps and assessments, h.) Use of grant funds that include math tutoring at the elementary level and additional tutoring opportunities at the secondary level, i.) Improving the testing culture.

D. Continuity of Learning Plan Update

Mr. Owen reported on the Continuity of Learning Plan that is required to indicate that the district will ensure continuous learning for all students as it relates to the response for COVID-19 and ESSER III Funds, as updated in September of 2022. He shared many of the requirements and the response of the district in providing continued alternative modes of instruction other than in-person learning through the district's virtual school, (KVS) for students wishing to continue with online learning.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – shared that this is Homecoming week at the high school, adding that students are currently participating in spirit week with the game on Friday and dance this weekend. She also encouraged support for the band, they will be participating in a competition on Tuesday at EK @ 6:15 p.m. The Board welcomed Ngoc and thanked her for serving as one of the Student Board Representatives.

OTHER MATTERS - None

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Groters – commended Mr. Skinner, Ms. Figueroa, and Mrs. Nickelson for acting so quickly in an emergency situation. Kelloggsville has been in the spotlight and on national news for a positive and wonderful thing and their concern for our community shows. She congratulated the volleyball team on their victory at Saturday's invitational and welcomed Ngoc as one of the Student Board Representatives;
- Mrs. Ward – welcomed Ngoc and extended appreciation to Mr. Skinner, Ms. Figueroa, and Mrs. Nickelson for how professional they handled themselves by representing the district in such a caring way – they have uplifted the entire country with this happy ending, in a story that shows that people care;

- Ms. Townsend – welcomed back the Student Board Representatives and extended a special thank you to the district’s three (3) heroes, sharing that it was such a heart-warming story and shows that regardless of the language barrier they acted very quickly and saved the little child. It was amazing to see a story like this about itty-bitty Kelloggsville on national television and it is such a great honor. She also congratulated the volleyball team on their win at the Saturday Invitational;
- Mrs. Reidzans – also welcomed Ngoc – it is good to have our Student Representatives back. She also saw all of the news clips and the overwhelming and wonderful responses. She shared appreciation of the efforts by staff and is grateful for the safe return of the child. She also is looking forward to addressing the test score deficit so it will help our kids to be competitive;
- Mrs. Tanis – welcomed Ngoc to the Board as the new Student Representative. She will be excited to hear from her how Homecoming went. She also extended appreciation to Mr. Skinner, Ms. Figueroa, and Mrs. Nickelson, adding that their efforts from such a small community stood out both at the state and the national levels;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Cassie Groters, Russ Hoorn, Terri Ricketson, Beth Taylor, Drew Lakatos, Kristin Nickelson, Dave Skinner, Sue Figueroa, Brittney Rocha, and Nathan Engle.