

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – November 28, 2022  
Report No. 22-62

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF  
MEETING

Regular Meeting – November 14, 2022

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Townsend

Ngoc Dinh, Student Board Representative

DeMarreon Rodriguez, Student Board Representative

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:01 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:

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

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

January 09, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center (Organizational)

January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

February 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS – None

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Tanis congratulated Mrs. Reidzans and Ms. Townsend on their re-election for six-year terms on the KPS Board of Education. Once the Kent County Clerk issues the Official Board of Canvassers Report, the district will be notified who was elected for the four-year partial term. That new board member will be given the oath of office within the timelines, per election laws. Mrs. Reidzans and Ms. Townsend will take their oaths of office at the organizational meeting on 01/09/23.

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Reidzans, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-53, 22-54 and 22-55.

22-53 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/24/22

22-54 Approval of Personnel Report

22-55 Approval of 2024 Travel Club Trip

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

A. Approval: 2021-22 Audit

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve the 2021-2022 audit as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. Kelloggsville Public Schools Diplomas

Mr. Patin, Mrs. Sherman, and Mrs. Taylor shared a proposal to change the school name on all diplomas. Currently, with three (3) high schools in the district; KHS, KVS, and 54<sup>th</sup> Street Academy, the diplomas read "Kelloggsville High School". This proposal would update them to read "Kelloggsville Public Schools". This change will provide consistency for all of our graduates and show that they are products of our district, rather than a specific secondary building. It would also then allow the transcripts to correctly identify which program/building they graduate from and reduce confusion for colleges and universities. It was noted that many other districts in the area, that offer multiple graduation options, have updated their diplomas to represent their district name. This proposal will be placed on the 11/28/22 agenda as a consent item.

B. Entrepreneurship Field Trip

Tyler Eberts, a student in Mr. Zuiderveen's Entrepreneurship Class, presented details on a proposal for the 3rd hour class of seniors to travel to Chicago, IL in March 2023. He shared that the trip would allow students the opportunity to experience hands-on learning and provide a unique educational experience that is on a level of business difficult to learn in the classroom. The trip would consist of a two (2)-night stay, with students fundraising for the cost of lodging, food, and entertainment with transportation provided by district vans. While there, the students would visit the Chicago Stock Exchange, visit local businesses and connect with the Junior Achievement Chicago President, along with other hands-on learning opportunities and visits to local attractions. Following the trip, the students would like to make a presentation to the Board to share their experiences and the information they learned. This proposal will be placed on the 11/28/22 agenda as a consent item.

Information & Reports

A. Junior Achievement – West Michigan Business Hall of Fame

KHS students, Amyah Hodges and Demarreon Rodriguez, shared highlights of the JA West Michigan Business Hall of Fame that they served as student ambassadors to assist guests throughout the event and serve as emcees for the program. This event honors prominent business leaders who possess a record of outstanding business achievements

and have earned the respect of the local community and serve as a role model for students. Amyah and Demarreon shared that this event provides them an opportunity to network with business professionals to help them develop skills and inspire them to be future business leaders themselves. Mr. Zuiderveen noted that Kelloggsville students began participating in this event three (3) years ago and JA specifically requested the return of KHS students because they do such an outstanding job and represent the District by having a great reputation within the business community.

**B. State of the Student**

Earlier this year, Kent ISD created a Student Leadership Community comprised of two (2) students from each school in Kent County. The group was designed to raise student voices and provide them the opportunity to share their thoughts about their K-12 experience, as well as provide input for the future of education in the county. KHS students, Moneek Pharms and Alex Aguilar-Lopez, represented KPS and shared with the Board their experience on serving on the panel with other students and superintendents at a State of the Student luncheon, titled Listen. Learn. Lead. They shared what a great opportunity it was to have their voices shared with other students and school leaders on the challenges they face, specifically returning to school following COVID. The Board thanked them for representing Kelloggsville and participating in this valuable opportunity.

**C. Professional Development Day 11/11/22**

Mr. Owen shared the details of the professional development activities that staff took part in on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Part of the day consisted of all staff attending a DEI Staff/Student Panel that included topics on cultural insights, micro aggressions, and the impact they have within the classroom. Additional PD included department and grade level meetings, Restorative Circles, various curriculum work and trainings, and special education/itinerant specific trainings. Feedback on the DEI Staff/Student Panels was extremely positive, especially hearing from students, having a significant impact on how teachers feel about their classrooms. The next Professional Develop Day is scheduled for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Mr. Alston shared appreciation to the students that presented tonight. He thanked them for their leadership and representing Kelloggsville in such a positive way.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

- Ngoc Dinh – nothing;
- DeMarreon Rodriguez – thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve as Student Board Representative and for allowing the students the opportunity to share their presentations tonight;

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Reidzans – congratulated Ms. Townsend on her re-election and shared that she enjoys hearing the presentations from students and all of the wonderful opportunities they are able to take part in such as Junior Achievement, Entrepreneurship Class, etc.;
- Mr. Marihugh – also congratulated Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Reidzans for being re-elected. He shared that it is exciting to see all of the students’ presentations tonight, especially the Entrepreneurship Class Trip to Chicago;
- Ms. Sellers – extended congratulations to Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Reidzans and shared that she is so proud of our students and the different experiences and opportunities that we offer to them;
- Mrs. Groters – congratulated Mrs. Reidzans and Ms. Townsend for serving another six (6) years on the Board. She also shared that she has always heard from various groups that our students represent Kelloggsville very well, adding that they should be commended for this and their presentations tonight were wonderful and greatly appreciated;
- Mrs. Ward – congratulated Mrs. Reidzans and Ms. Townsend for their re-election and is looking forward to who our newest board member will be. She thanked Mrs. Ricketson for all of the work done on the budget. In addition, she thanked the students for their representation of the District and that it is always good to hear student voices;
- Mrs. Tanis – encouraged fellow board members to review the 2022-23 Entry Plan Checklist shared by Mr. Alston, adding that he will continue to update the list as we progress through the school year and it can be used as a great tool to evaluate his first year. She thanked the students, noting that she is amazed every day as she continues to hear their accomplishments - - the Board is very proud of them and she thanked the staff for their efforts in creating these opportunities for them. She extended appreciation to Mrs. Ricketson on her work with the audit and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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Marie Groters, Secretary  
Kelloggsville Board of Education

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Beth A. Postma  
Recorder

VISITORS: Russ Hoorn, Nick Patin, Jen Sherman, Beth Taylor, Brittney Rocha, Drew Lakatos, Shannon Dahlquist, Ryan Zuiderveen, Moneek Pharms, Alex Aguilar, and Amyah Hodges.