

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Virtual-Regular Meeting – January 25, 2021
Report No. 20-71

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Virtual-Regular Meeting – January 11, 2021

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mr. Marihugh, Mrs. Reidzans Mrs. Tanis, Ms. Sellers, Ms. Townsend, and Mrs. Ward
Also present: Samuel L. Wright, Superintendent
Eric Alcorn, Auxiliary Services Director
Christian Martinez Ramos, HS Student/Board Representative
Makayla Nesbitt, HS Student/Board Representative

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Ward called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 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:

January 25, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Virtual
February 08, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Virtual
February 22, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Virtual
March 08, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Virtual
March 22, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Virtual

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

JANE WARD / PRESIDENT

Mrs. Groters nominated Mrs. Jane Ward, for president, supported by Ms. Sellers. Mrs. Ward accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

WARD ELECTED

MARIE GROTERS / VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Marihugh, nominated Mrs. Marie Groters for vice president, supported by Mrs. Tanis. Mrs. Groters accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

GROTTERS ELECTED

GARY MARIHUGH / SECRETARY

Mrs. Tanis nominated Mr. Gary Marihugh for secretary, supported by Mrs. Groters. Mr. Marihugh accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MARIHUGH ELECTED

CRYSTAL REIDZANS / TREASURER

Mrs. Groters, nominated Mrs. Crystal Reidzans for treasurer, supported by Ms. Sellers. Mrs. Reidzans accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll Call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

REIDZANS ELECTED

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Ward welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Reidzans, seconded by Mrs. Tanis, to approve Consent Agenda items 20-67, 20-68 and 20-69.

20-67 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/14/20

20-68 Approval of Personnel Report

20-69 Approval of Non-Homestead Millage Election Resolution

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval of Board of Education Recognition

It was moved by Mr. Marihugh, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve and recognize, as a matter of record, the Kelloggsville Board of Education for the vital contributions they play in the education of our children.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL – None

INFORMATION & REPORTS - None

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Makayla Nesbitt – shared that she is excited to return to in-person instruction next week, understanding the need for students to have been all online these past few months but added that it was rough. She also thanked the teachers, staff, and students for their patience throughout this time.
- Christian Martinez Ramos – hoped that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday and is excited to return back to school and the future, adding that students may not be so excited to return but they will manage. He also shared that he hopes all goes well with the COVID vaccines.

OTHER MATTERS - None

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Sellers – welcomed everyone back and wished them a happy new year. She shared that she is looking forward to returning to in-person instruction and the students coming back, thanking everyone for their hard work and efforts during this time;

- Ms. Townsend – also hoped everyone had a great holiday and welcomed everyone back. She shared appreciation for the certificate of recognition and gift card for school board recognition month, adding that she is hopeful in becoming a great asset to the Board. She also shared that she enjoys watching the Rocket News and the interaction between with staff/students is nice to see;
- Mr. Marihugh – shared that he is excited and looking forward to starting another successful year. He shared appreciation to Mr. Wright for his kind words which recognized the work and efforts of the board and also thanked the administrators for their hard work adding that he is very proud to be a part of the Kelloggsville district. He inquired on possible face-to-face instruction and what options the Governor may allow in the spring, adding that contacting legislatures with feedback is always a good idea. Mr. Wright added that the district’s option to allow parents to select in-person or virtual learning will stay in place through the end of this school year;
- Mrs. Tanis – also shared that she enjoys and is very impressed with the Rocket News, especially the special edition which highlighted a memorial for the passing of loved ones throughout our school community over the past year;
- Mrs. Groters – shared appreciate to staff for keeping students interested and enticed during virtual instruction over the past several months, adding that she is glad students will be returning to in-person instruction next week. She also referenced the consideration of having board meetings held in person again, since students are returning that the Board could also consider returning to in-person meetings, which she feels are more beneficial. The future of board meeting formats will be based on the discretion of the governor’s next mandate;
- Mrs. Reidzans – welcomed everyone back to a new year and shared that she enjoys the opportunity to serve with each of the other members on the board. She also shared that she is very impressed with the online instruction her son has been receiving and how the teacher took time to explain the recent events that took place at the capital, checking in on the students and their reactions to it. She will keep this situation in her prayers;
- Mrs. Ward – shared a suggestion that it may be nice to send a short email to staff, on behalf of the board, to let them know that the board is very thankful for the work they do every day in serving our students and community and that they have the support of the Board of Education and their efforts are noticed and appreciated. Board members felt this email would be a nice way to share appreciation.

The following other items were also discussed;

- The Kent ISD School Board is requesting feedback from local school board members regarding the skills and attributes desired in the search for the next KISD Superintendent. An invitation was extended to local board members from each district to participate in a virtual stakeholders session to share that input in which they will in turn use to build a comprehensive candidate profile to assist with identifying the best candidates. The board held discussion on the list that they would like to send and Mrs. Ward shared that she would be willing to compile the list and present it at the virtual session on 01/20/21.
- Board goals for the 2020-21:

- Goal #1) Review the Michigan Return to School Mental Health Took Kit and utilize the tool kit in coordination with the Be Nice program to support student, staff, and families' mental health.

Discussion took place and it was recommended that due to the broadness of this goal, a subcommittee will be formed of various stakeholders that would include Mr. Owen, Mrs. Groters, Ms. Sellers, Mr. Marihugh, additional administrators, counselors, nurse, and staff from various grade levels, to gather information on what is currently taking place and the resources available that best fit KPS. How those resources are being communicated to our staff, students, and community is also a vital component that will be analyzed.

- Goal #2) Audit the diversity, equity and inclusion programs being offered across curriculum and building visuals throughout the district.

As with goal #1, a subcommittee will be formed that would include Mr. Alcorn, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Reidzans, Ms. Townsend, the board/student representatives and other various stakeholders that may include representation from the instructional policy council, city advisory committee, and the art department. Mrs. Ward also referenced that this goal fits in with Board Policy #2131 – Instructional Program Goals.

She also references the upcoming NSBA Online Equity Symposium which is scheduled for 02/10/21. This symposium will focus on the importance of dismantling institutional racism in education to ensure the support that equalizes and improves the educational experience for every student. In addition, MASB will also be hosting upcoming workshops on similar topics in the future.

- Goal #3) Monitor the use of the KDL Media Center by Kelloggsville students and staff while encouraging community use.

Discussion took place and since this goal has a narrower focus, the Board would like to have Mr. Caterino share data and information on the functions, participation rates, programs, and other aspects that KDL provides to the school community. Mrs. Tanis, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Groters will also gather information and report back to the Board on additional components and opportunities it provides.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Gary Marihugh, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: (Virtual) – Susan Faulk and Suzanne Schmier.