

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – October 26, 2020

Report No. 20-39

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Hybrid Virtual/In-Person Regular Meeting – October 12, 2020

ROLL CALL

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

Moment of Silence: Tim Pomorski

Also present: Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Auxiliary Services Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Ward called the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and Visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

TIMOTHY POMORSKI

President Ward read the following statement:

“Tonight we are missing one of our valuable members, Tim Pomorski. He passed away last Saturday after a courageous fight against cancer. Tim had great care and loyalty to Kelloggsville. Many of the 15 years that he served on this board were in leadership both here in the district and in our wider region on the KIASB board. Tim’s school board service was focused on improving the education of students in Kelloggsville schools and the county. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife, Renee, and his daughters, Krista and Haley, and grandson, Nolan, as well as his family and friends. We miss him very much.”

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held:

October 26, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. Location TBA (Goals)

November 09, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 23, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

December 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Ward welcomed visitors.

- *Holly Lofquist – High School Parent; shared her concern regarding children being required to wear masks all throughout the school day. She shared some of the side effects that her children are experiencing as a result of having to wear them all day at school and also reported on several incidents where one of her children has been reprimanded for not following mask guidelines. She also shared how her student has reported to her that staff are not complying with the mask requirements and there are no consequences when they are not following the guidelines. President Ward assured her that the issue will be addressed as all staff and students need to comply with the requirements and thanked her for her comments.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Mrs. Tanis, to approve Consent Agenda items 20-33, 20-34, 20-35, and 20-36.

- 20-33 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 09/28/20
- 20-34 Approval of Personnel Report
- 20-35 Approval of Teacher Tenure List
- 20-36 Approval of 10/26/20 Board Meeting Location

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

PROPOSAL - None

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. Athletic Program Update

Mr. Alcorn shared an update on the changes that have occurred with the newest rulings on spectator limitations for MHSAA events. As the fall athletic season winds down, he shared seating numbers for both indoor and outdoor events, ticket sale procedures, and the latest in social distancing mandates set forth by the MDHHS, which includes the requirement of masks and contact tracing information for all spectators.

B. PBIS Update

Mr. Owen reviewed the PBIS/PSC programs that are continuing for the 2020-21 school year. He shared a brief summary of how the program focuses on a proactive approach to student behaviors using a prevention vs. punishment method and a tiered system of support and interventions. He highlighted key components to the program including the implementation of a rewards system which was very successful last year and is currently being used in a more hybrid method this school year. He also shared how data is analyzed to improve the plans that are currently in place and noted that this program has shown success and is hopeful to share some of the results with the Board in the spring.

OTHER MATTERS

- Mr. Owen shared his experience in working with Mr. Pomorski when he was the Principal of West Kelloggsville. Tim and Renee Pomorski were prominent members of the PTG and very active in the school community, which continued far after his service at the elementary level. Tim's dedication will truly be missed.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Reidzans – shared her condolences to the Pomorski family. Tim was a tremendous asset to the school community and he will be greatly missed. She shared how his knowledge of cars and auto mechanics was beyond that of anyone else and he was always willing to help share that knowledge;
- Mr. Marihugh – also shared condolences to the Pomorski family. He shared that Tim's involvement with the KPS Board and KIASB Board showed his care about public education and he was a great advocate for all – a true hero. He will be greatly missed both at the district and county level and he was grateful to have known him;

- Mrs. Groters – shared that Tim was an amazing man and she was fortunate to work with him in the band program as well, adding that he made several friends and connections with parents and students. She shared that he was always willing to pitch in and has done so much for the school district – he will be greatly missed;
- Mrs. Tanis – shared that Tim had many talents and was the best mechanic ever. He loved Kelloggsville and was always willing to give back. She shared she is heartbroken for his family and our community and he will be deeply missed – prayers to his entire family;
- Ms. Sellers – shared that she will miss Tim’s friendship along with his guidance and dedication to Kelloggsville. Her heart goes out for his family – he will be truly missed;
- Mrs. Ward – shared that she appreciates the efforts of staff and the adjustments they are making during this very trying and stressful time. She encouraged staff to remain focused on the importance of following the expert’s advice on the necessity of wearing masks to prevent the spread of COVID;

ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Gary Marihugh, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

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Recorder

VISITORS: Terri Ricketson, Suzanne Schmier (Virtual), and Holly Lofquist (Virtual/Speaker Phone).