

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – January 23, 2023
Report No. 22-82

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular/Organizational Meeting – January 09, 2023

ROLL CALL

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

January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
February 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
February 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
March 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Gladys Townsend and Mrs. Crystal Reidzans were given the Oath of Office by Mrs. Terri Ricketson. Both Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Reidzans were re-elected at the 11/08/22 election to fulfill six-year terms that will expire on 12/31/28.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LAURA TANIS / PRESIDENT

Mrs. Ward nominated Mrs. Laura Tanis for President, supported by Ms. Sellers. Mrs. Tanis accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

TANIS ELECTED

JANE WARD / VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Reidzans nominated Mrs. Jane Ward for Vice President, supported by Mrs. Groters. 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 / SECRETARY

Mrs. Tanis nominated Mrs. Marie Groters for Secretary, supported by Ms. Townsend. Mrs. Groters accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 GROTERS ELECTED

DEB SELLERS / TREASURER

Mrs. Tanis nominated Ms. Deb Sellers for Treasurer, supported by Mrs. Reidzans. Ms. Sellers accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote was held.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 SELLERS ELECTED

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Alcorn highlighted employees who were recognized as going above and beyond in their service and dedication to the students of Kelloggsville Public Schools. Each staff member will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card and Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education;

*Support Staff: Henry Warren – Bus Driver
Elementary: Kendra Whip - West Elementary Teacher
Secondary: Troy Ricketson - HS SPED Teacher*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-75 and 22-76.

22-75 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/12/22
22-76 Approval of Personnel Report
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval: Board of Education Recognition

It was moved by Ward, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve, as a matter of record, that the Kelloggsville Board of Education be honored and recognized for the vital contributions they make in the education of our children.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval: Non-Homestead Millage Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve the Non-Homestead Millage Resolution as presented.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

C. Approval: Building Renovations - Construction Bid Package #2

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Reidzans, to approve the construction bids for building renovations, in the amount of \$1,382,260 as presented.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. Proposal: KHS (Summa/Magna) Cum Laude

Historically, KHS has honored the Top Ten students through the school newsletter, class awards, and other special recognition events however, this only recognizes a small percentage of our seniors. Mr. Patin presented a proposal that would move towards a tiered approach that would allow the top students to be recognized, but also those other students who have excelled at KHS. The Summa Cum Laude students; with a 3.9+ GPA, would be recognized as the highest honor, followed by the Magna Cum Laude; 3.7-3.89 GPA, with great honor, and then the Cum Laude; 3.5-3.69 GPA with honor. All of which would receive a unique designation at graduation. The distinction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian would still be recognized as they traditionally have been. He referenced the past three (3) years of graduating classes by Top Ten only vs. how many students would be recognized under the new guidelines, indicating that there was a significant increase in the number of students that could have been honored. He added that there are other surrounding districts that also recognize their students in this format and that this will not have any impact on students' college applications. This proposal will be placed on the 01/23/23 agenda as a consent item.

Information & Reports

A. Report: Instructional Goals Committee

The Instructional Goals Committee (J. Owen – Chair, Ward, Reidzans, Schilthuis, Taylor, Farkas, Fountaine, Sherman, Morrow, Patin, Lathrop), shared an 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.

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Mr. Owen shared that for Goal #3, the K-5 Bookworms program is going very well. Staff are committed to implementing with fidelity, which includes (3) 45 minute blocks of instruction each day. Staff training has been incorporated in all professional development days and grade level meeting times have been devoted to ensure teachers are becoming efficient in the program. For 6-12 English, "Into Literature", teachers are getting used to the structure of the program and have been working to master the different components with several sessions of training opportunities provided to ensure a successful transition. For 9-12 Science, teachers are using the materials, which are both in print and digital formats but more time is needed to learn about the different aspects of the program. For Goal #4, achievement scores for state mandated assessments are in three parts; SAT, M-Step, and WIDA. Using NWEA data from the fall semester, he shared MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Student Achievement Distribution by Subgroups for all grade levels in the subject areas of Math, Reading, and Science. He reviewed areas where subgroups reflected a gap from other subgroups, scoring low/low average. Another piece of that data includes information from the Michigan School Index, which provides an overall index value ranging from 0-100 for each school based on several components; student growth, proficiency, graduation rates, English learner progress, attendance rates, advanced coursework completion, postsecondary enrollment, and staffing ratios. Schools with low index values may be identified as one of the three low-performing school types defined by the federal requirements specified in Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Mr. Owen shared that the high school's EL sub-group has been identified as an Additional Targeted Support (ATS), with an overall index that is in the bottom 5% of all schools in Michigan and also that the Black/African American sub-group has been ranked in the bottom 25% of all applicable components. What does this mean for Kelloggsville? The MDE will assign a liaison to support the school district and KHS will work with the MDE liaison to complete a needs assessment and develop and implement an improvement plan that addresses the ATS requirements. After six (6) years of supports, the MDE will evaluate the school (KHS) for possible exit from the ATS or escalation to Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) if the exit criteria has not been met. Mr. Owen shared systemic changes that are currently underway to start addressing the issue; increasing EL support, discuss best ways to incorporate EL support (co-teaching), scheduling EL students into classes differently, using curricular resources, professional development, support from EL coaches from Kent ISD, and improving the testing culture. Lastly, for Goal #6, most of the programs offered by KVS last year are continuing with some additional courses and supports implemented where needed for the 2022-23 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. He added that feedback from the first semester at KVS has been positive. The committee will present their next report on 03/13/23.

OTHER MATTERS

- Mr. Alston extended appreciation to the Board for their service to the community and the time they spend in leading the district. He congratulated Ms. Townsend

and Mrs. Reidzans for their re-election and congratulated the Rocket Recognition recipients.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – thanked the Board for their hard work and for everything they do for the school and students.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Townsend – shared appreciation for allowing her to serve on the board and thanked all of the district’s hard working staff for their efforts in helping our students to progress. She also congratulated those awarded with Rocket Recognition;
- Ms. Sellers – thanked the Rocket Recognition winners for their extra efforts and dedication. She shared appreciation for the School Board recognition and for everyone’s hard work to get our students where they need to be and getting our EL students up to speed;
- Mrs. Groters – echoed fellow board members’ comments;
- Ms. Rocha – shared appreciation for the KV blanket and for recognizing the school board. She congratulated the Rocket Recognition winners, thanking them for their service and all they do that is above and beyond, adding that she is excited for the changes coming in the future;
- Mrs. Reidzans – also shared appreciation for the KV blanket and thanked those receiving Rocket Recognition. She shared appreciation for being able to take the Oath of Office as board member again and for those who have stepped up as board officers;
- Mrs. Ward – thanked everyone for recognizing the school board and congratulated those awarded with Rocket Recognition, adding that she really appreciates hearing about them and knows there are many others like them. She welcomed staff back and is hopeful that the second semester goes well for everyone. She also shared appreciation to everyone for working very hard in dealing with our EL students – it is very much appreciated;
- Mrs. Tanis – shared appreciation for the information given on the EL students and thanked Mr. Owen for not sugar coating it, adding that if there are issues, she would rather have it brought up front to the Board. She congratulated the Rocket Recognition recipients and thanked the staff for their appreciation expressed for School Board Appreciation. She also shared appreciation to fellow board members for their re-election and service to the Board;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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VISITORS: Cassie Groters, Nick Patin, Eric Schilthuis, Terri Ricketson, Suzanne Schmier, Henry Warren, Kendra Whip, Sue Lathrop, Melissa Wilhelm, Kelly VanderWelle, and Amy Stratton.