

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – January 22, 2024  
Report No. 23-70

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular/Organizational Meeting – January 08, 2024

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Ms. Rocha

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 22, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center  
February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center  
February 28, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center  
March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

JANE WARD / PRESIDENT

Mrs. Groters nominated Mrs. Jane Ward for President, supported by Mrs. Reidzans. Mrs. Ward accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote was held.

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0

WARD ELECTED

LAURA TANIS / VICE PRESIDENT

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

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0

TANIS ELECTED

CRYSTAL REIDZANS / SECRETARY

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

Yeas: 6      Nays: 0

REIDZANS ELECTED

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MARIE GROTERS / TREASURER

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

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

GROTERS ELECTED

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

- Ms. Madison Kurtz, KHS Teacher, introduced members of the Kelloggsville's ESports Teams, highlighting the Blue Team, which won the State Championship in the video game Smash Bros. Ms. Kurtz and Ms. Le, both coach four (4) teams total. The Orange Team, represented tonight by Jacob Stanley-Cook, took 28<sup>th</sup> place in the State Championship. The Blue Team, represented by members Alberto Estrada, Kevin Nguyen and Kenny Nguyen, beat East GR in the title match and went the entire season without losing a single match, including the State Tournament. Their successful season is hopeful to continue into the spring season with similar results. The Board congratulated the teams for their outstanding performance and representing Kelloggsville Public Schools.
- Kevin Scheid – KPS Parent/KSBL Representative – as a follow up from his request at the 11/27/23 board meeting, he asked for an update to allow the Kentwood Softball/Baseball league (KSBL) information/flyers to be distributed to KPS students. Board President, Tanis explained that she would like to meet with the Southeast League's representative and our Athletic Director before making a decision. She will be in contact with Mr. Scheid as soon as she has more information.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve Consent Agenda items 23-64 and 23-65.

22-64 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 12/11/23

22-65 Approval of Personnel Report

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval: Board of Education Recognition

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Tanis, 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: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval: NEOLA Policy Update – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve the NEOLA Policy Updates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, as presented and amended:

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<u>Bylaw/Policy Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>New/Revision</u>
0122	Board Powers	Revision
1420	School Administrator Evaluation	Revision
3131	Staff Reductions/Recalls	Revision
3142	Probationary Teachers	Revision
3220	Professional Staff Evaluation	Revision
3120	Employment of Professional Staff	Reissued
3139	Staff Discipline	Reissued
3130	Assignment and Transfer	Reviewed
3132	Vacancies	Reviewed
3140	Termination and Resignation	Reviewed
Yeas: 6	Nays: 0	MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL - None

Information & Reports

A. Report: Goals Committee – Section D

The Goals Committee – Section D (J. Owen – Chair, Alcorn (Co-Chair), Reidzans, Sellers, Patin, Morrow, Lanser, Gentile, Sherman), shared an update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #4

*Create educational opportunities for all K-12 students with a focus on STEM activities to help grow the STEM curriculum district-wide to match or enhance the curriculum at the high school.*

*Desired Results: Provide Kelloggsville students enhanced educational opportunities with a focus on STEM curriculum and activities. Have organic growth district-wide that will raise awareness of our new STEM addition at the high school.*

Instructional Goal #6

*Enhance STEM programming at all levels.*

*Desired Results: Increase the number of students becoming involved in STEM opportunities before reaching Kelloggsville High School so the STEM addition will be fully utilized. There will be specific focus on the newly added Computer Science Courses at KHS and KMS.*

Operations Goal #2

*Monitor the KHS STEM addition and conclusion of Southeast Media Center.*

*Desired Results: Successful completion of both projects.*

For BOE Goal #4 and Instructional Goal #6, Mr. Owen shared current initiatives that involve STEM activities throughout the district. At Central, a 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lego Robotics Club will be starting, with a nice set of Lego materials purchased for students to use. He added that at this time, the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade levels are lacking any related programs, as it is a challenge to find staff that are comfortable in this type of instruction. Coding on Wheels, is an after-school program at the middle school level where students interact with an outside organization that provide a hands-on environment with activities in technology and STEM. In addition, Computer Science courses and Robotics have been added at all MS grade levels.

Currently, Intro to Computer Science, Robotics 1 and a Robotics Team are available to students at the HS level and the district has applied to TEALS for additional section(s) of Intro to Computer Science and Robotics 2. Upcoming Professional Development will include planning and developing a cohesive and alignment of plans by all of the district's STEM teachers and representatives from KISD, GVSU and MiSTEM Network. For Operations Goal #2, he shared that the new Southeast Media Center is complete and operational for staff and students to use, the new STEM addition at KHS was completed as scheduled, and students are accessing the space as of 01/08/24, with minor items still needing to be completed. The committee will present their next report on 03/11/24.

**B. Report: Instructional Goals Committee – Goal #5**

The Instructional Goals #5 Committee (J. Owen – Chair, Schilthuis (Co-Chair), Taylor, Caterino, Hallo, Farkas, Fontaine, Sherman, Patin, Lathrop, Tanis, Sellers, Reidzans), shared an update on their goal progress:

*Instruction Goal #5*

*Monitor the Alternative Education Program (54<sup>th</sup> Street Academy) and Online (Kelloggville Virtual School) programming.*

*Desired Results: Look to see if there are opportunities to combine the programs while reducing the overall costs, but still provide students with a quality virtual education experience.*

Mr. Owen shared that the committee has met and been provided with the current structure and details of both programs by Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Taylor. A cost analysis on the KVS program has also taken place and it was determined that if the program were to continue as it is currently structured, it would run \$200,000 to the red. Further consideration will need to be researched if resources from both programs can efficiently be combined. The committee will break into subcommittees to look at considering different ways that the programs could be combined, in addition to sharing an administrator, adding that with Mrs. Taylors' retirement announcement that is effective 01/31/24 will result in Mrs. Sherman covering both programs. The committee will look at other staffing options in both programs and review how to best move forward by reducing costs but keep two (2) quality programs for next school year. The committee will present their next report on 03/11/24.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Mr. Alston thanked the Board for all of their many years of service and exceptional leadership that they provide to the Kelloggville District. It is not an easy task but their efforts are very much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.
- He extended congratulations to Mrs. Taylor on her retirement announcement and thanked her for her many years of service to the students at KPS. She will be missed but he wished her well in her future endeavors.
- He also shared that the new STEM addition at KHS is up and running and it is great to see students in that space and exciting to see what endless possibilities it will provide to our students and community.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – congratulated the ESports teams for winning the State Championship! She hoped that everyone had a good holiday break and returned ready to tackle the rest of the school year.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Townsend – congratulated Mrs. Taylor on her retirement announcement and thanked her for her many years of service, especially her leadership with the Virtual Program – she wished her the best. She is also excited to see the progress of the STEM addition and the many benefits that it will provide to our students. She also congratulated the ESports team for their State Championship!
- Mrs. Reidzans – expressed appreciation for the BOE gift, adding that it has been a pleasure to be under the leadership of Mrs. Tanis for the past two (2) years. She congratulated the ESports teams, not only for their State Championship title but also for not losing the entire season. She thanked Mrs. Taylor for her many years of service and her leadership with the KVS program;
- Ms. Sellers – shared that there are so many programs that give our students such great opportunities; ESports, STEM addition, etc. She congratulated Mrs. Taylor on her retirement and future endeavors and looks forward to all of the exciting things taking place for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at Kelloggsville;
- Mrs. Groters – congratulated the ESports teams and their accomplishments only after two (2) years in competition - she looks forward to their success in the future. She is excited for the opportunities that the STEM addition and programs will offer our students and how they will be able to try things out before leaving high school;
- Mrs. Ward – shared appreciation to all of the many programs and opportunities that are provided to our students. She shared appreciation to Mrs. Taylor – she has made so many great contributions to our students and the District, she will be missed;
- Mrs. Tanis – thanked her colleagues for their past service on the Board and for their continued commitment to our students and District in the future, thanking them for supporting her the past two (2) years as President. She hoped that everyone had a good holiday break and wished everyone a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, thanking staff for everything they do. Go Blue!!

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Marie Groters, Secretary  
Kelloggsville Board of Education

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Beth A. Postma  
Recorder

VISITORS: Keith Caterino, Drew Lakatos, Kevin Scheid, Madison Kurtz and ESports Team Students & Parents.