

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – May 08, 2023
Report No. 22-142

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting – April 24, 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

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:

May 08, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

May 22, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

June 12, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. KHS Common Learning Area (Budget Hearing)

June 26, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. KHS Common Learning Area

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-133, 22-134, 22-135, 22-136 and 22-137.

22-133 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 03/27/23

22-134 Approval of Personnel Report

22-135 Approval of Expenditure Report

General Fund: \$713,010.22 Food Service: \$15,238.82

Child Care: \$0.00 Capital Projects: \$67,640.87

Mrs. Ericka Scott reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund

22-136 Approval of Budget Hearing – 12 June 2023

22-137 Approval of Staff Appreciation Day – 02 May 2023

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. 2022-23 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Ms. Sellers, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. Summer School Program

Mr. Owen presented highlights and details on the summer school program for students in K-12th grade this upcoming summer. The elementary program will be held at Central Elementary from June 5 – June 29 (Monday-Thursday) with an emphasis on Reading and Math instruction. The program will go from 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. which includes on-site breakfast and lunch opportunities and transportation for qualifying students. Due to continuing construction upgrades taking place throughout the summer, KMS will host its program at the High School from June 5 – June 29 (Monday-Thursday), providing teacher led instruction in Math, English, Science and Social Studies with an invitation/recommendation based enrollment format. Details on the high school and 54th Street's program also includes instruction in four (4) core areas, using the APEX program. Students may make-up up to one credit (2 classes), for a \$50 tuition charge, refundable upon class completion. Students will attend June 5 – June 29 (Monday-Thursday) from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at KHS, with the opportunity to participate in both on-site breakfast and lunch services. KVS will provide virtual instruction for their students, following the same dates and times, with instruction provided in the four (4) core areas, using the APEX program at the same cost of \$50, refundable upon completed of one class. A Session 2 will be offered from July 10 – August 4 at no additional cost, opened to KVS, 54th Street and KHS students, by recommendation of program administrators. This proposal will be placed on the 05/09/23 agenda as a consent item.

Information & Reports

A. Report: BOE Goals Committee – Section D

The BOE Goals Committee – Section D (J. Owen – Chair, Schilthuis (Co-Chair), M. Groters, Rocha, Lanser, Patin, Taylor), shared an update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #4

Review data associated with curriculum, demographics, attendance, behavior, grades and test scores to help identify areas of need that will increase student achievement in school courses and grades, local assessments, and state testing for all students.

Desired Results: Raise student achievement in the classroom, on local assessments (NWEA) and stat testing (PSAT, SAT, M-STEP) with a focus on raising our scores district-wide.

Instruction Goal #1

Provide all students with equitable access to grade level content, with a specific focus on reading skills.

Desired Results: All students will have opportunities to work with grade level content regardless of current achievement level, resulting in higher achievement scores.

Instruction Goal #8

Update curriculum maps for all subjects and classes taught in the district.

Desired Results: 1.) Make sure that relevant information is easily accessible to building administrators. 2.) Ensure that new teachers have all the resources they need to effectively teach the subject or class.

For BOE Goal #4, Mr. Owen shared that students are in the middle of taking state assessments and preliminary reviews are optimistic, adding that scores will be available soon. He shared that significant updates are being implemented, as identified areas of growth are needed for EL students next year. There will be an increase of EL staffing, new curricular materials added, and EL teachers will have a different focus. To help increase student achievement, attendance will continue to be closely monitored at the MS and HS levels by Mr. Mallett and there will be an increased focus on the conditions and preparing students to take all state mandated assessments.

For Instruction Goal #1, professional development for the next two (2) years is currently being planned with the organization, Leading Educators. This comprehensive plan will grow teachers' knowledge of research-based, culturally responsive instructional practices and support district leaders in bridging the learning into practices at the district, building, and classroom levels. This initiative will tie in with the District's DEI focus while helping students build critical content knowledge in all subjects. Lastly, for Instruction Goal #8, all current curriculum maps will be submitted before staff leave for the summer. The district will be working through the Synergy platform to help assist with aligning curriculum maps and efforts will be made to have them in a similar format. This project will continue into next year by adding more specific details as the year progresses. The committee will present their final update on 05/22/23.

B. Report: 2023-24 Staffing Overview

Mr. Alston shared an overview on the 2023-24 staffing plan. Areas of focus included additional mental health supports, increased EL supports, increased math support at the elementary level, limited building assignment changes, and limited layoffs. His presentation showed an increase in counseling; from 6 to 7, expected to grow in the coming year. Mental health clinicians have been increased from 3 to 5, allowing for dedicated coverage throughout the district. EL supports will be increased from 7.4 FTE to 10.9 FTE, which includes the addition of EL Coaches and EL teachers. In addition, K-5 math intervention will be built into the schedule at the elementary level. Filling positions due to resignations/retirements occurred with the least amount of movements possible and/or will be filled internally or by new hire. Support staffs' hours were reduced in an effort to keep them for the 2023-24 school year while providing flexibility for placement in schedules once the need has been determined. Lastly, and most importantly, there were zero layoffs.

OTHER MATTERS - None

STUDENT COMMENTS - None

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Ward – clarified that the June board meetings will be held at the KHS Common Learning Area. She also shared that she is excited for tomorrow’s grand opening of the new athletic complex and is hoping for good weather;
- Mrs. Groters – noted that the House has approved the Bill addressing the approval to use sinking funds to purchase buses – it will now move to the Senate;
- Ms. Sellers – shared that she is happy to see the added supports for next year and shared appreciation for all those who are involved with the committees and the hard work they put into their reports. She also shared that she would not be in attendance at the 05/08/23 board meeting;
- Ms. Townsend – nothing;
- Mrs. Reidzans – as mentioned in the expenditure/financial report, she is happy that our students had the opportunity to experience GVSU’s (AWRI) Annis Water Resources Institute program to experience hands-on scientific research of water quality in the Great Lakes;
- Ms. Rocha – extended appreciation for the reports and time invested to put together all of the exciting opportunities for our students and the upcoming plans for the district. She also shared that she may be absent at the 05/22/24 board meeting;
- Mrs. Tanis – thanked Mrs. Ricketson for her hard work on the budget, helping us to be right where we should be at this time of the year. She also thanked all of the staff for everything they do;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Keith Caterino, Terri Ricketson, and Ericka Scott.