

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – June 10, 2024  
Report No. 23-149

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF  
MEETING

Regular Meeting – May 20, 2024

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Ms. Rocha

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent  
Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction  
Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent  
Terri Ricketson, Chief Financial Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Ward 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:

June 10, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

June 24, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

July 22, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

August 12, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center

August 26, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Center – Goals Session

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Ward 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: Joshua Barnes – MS Instructional Support*

*Elementary: Austin Jackson, Central Elementary Teacher*

*Secondary: Carlos Amoros-Gutierrez, KMS Teacher*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 23-140, 23-141 and 23-142.

23-140 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 05/06/24  
22-141 Approval of Personnel Report  
23-142 Approval of Expenditure Report  
General Fund: \$764,953.56 Food Service: \$10,528.66  
Child Care: \$0.00 Capital Projects: \$101,288.66  
Mrs. Scott reviewed the expenditures from the General Fund  
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval of Secured Storage Board Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Reidzans, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve the Secured Storage Resolution as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval of Bus Bids (3 Buses)

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Mrs. Tanis, to approve the bid from Midwest Transit to purchase three (3) new buses in the amount of \$149,653 per bus, as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL - None

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. Information: Kent City and Kelloggsville Student Swap

Mr. Patin and three KHS students shared highlights, opportunities, and takeaways that took place as a result of 18 students from both Kent City High School and Kelloggsville High School when they “swapped student” experiences between high schools. Students Emily Ojeda, Mario Garcia, and Andrea Ronzon were part of the group of students from Kelloggsville that partnered up with students from Kent City, each group visiting each other’s high schools to experience differences and similarities between rural and urban school settings. They shared that most students became instantly engaged and many became friends as they experienced how much they had in common and the differences each had, developing appreciation for both. The students were very appreciative to experience different environments, enhance their cultural awareness, staff/student interactions, connections and relations. They also shared some downsides of their experiences that included cultural insensitivity, disrespect for cultural difference, microaggression and felt that the experience of the swap was rushed. Most importantly and overall, the swap experience was extremely beneficial and enjoyed by both groups of students and it is hopeful that this event may continue in the future.

B. Report: Community Goals Committee

The Community Goals Committee (C. Groters – Chair, Scott (Co-Chair), Linker, Roscoe, Mallett, Muhammad, Hand, Lanser, M. Groters, Townsend, Ward) shared their final update on their goal progress:

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Community Goal #1

*Grow the Community Coalition and re-establish the Division Avenue Business Association during the 2023-24 school year.*

*Desired Results: Enhance and showcase community involvement with those organizations.*

Community Goal #2

*Research new platforms for the district and tools to analyze and share marketing data.*

*Desired Results: Continue to effectively engage community members through our current marketing platforms.*

Community Goal #4

*Promote the new construction from the summer of 2023 (secure entrances, KHS STEM addition and Southeast Media Center).*

*Desired Results: Share the new capabilities of the facilities and what they provide the community.*

Community Goal #5

*Re-establish the community appreciation day for our local businesses and community organizations.*

*Desired Results: Create an event to showcase our local business and community organizations to show the importance they have in our district.*

Community Goal #6

*Evaluate the Rocket Registration event needs due to Synergy.*

*Desired Results: Create a seamless registration process for families to enroll and re-enroll their students using the online portal system.*

Community Goal #7

*Investigate establishing a district phone app with the current website provider and the differences between the application and the website.*

*Desired Results: Provide our families with additional information and ways to communicate with our staff.*

Ms. Groters shared that for Goal #1, contact has been made with the Division Avenue Business Association and minutes from their most recent meeting on 03/07/24 have been received. Representation from Kelloggsville will be present at their next meeting. For Goal #2, Facebook and Instagram have been continuing to grow, with Facebook at 3,838 followers and Instagram with 1,145 followers, adding that there is a lot of student interaction within both platforms. The district continues to successfully use Handshake to share out certified job postings, which has allowed us to share our open positions with new/recent graduates. Ms. Groters also shared that the district has created a profile on Threads, a new social media platform that was created in 2023 to compete with X (formally Twitter), for sharing text updates and joining public conversations. Currently, the new platform is not being utilized, but is rather being monitored to see what capabilities it can provide.

For Community Goal #4, promotion of the new construction from the summer of 2023 (secure entrances, KHS STEM addition, and SE Media Center) have been featured in articles from the School News Network and on the district's social media platforms. For Goal #5, two public events were hosted in the new STEM addition; an Open House took place on 04/16/24, that highlighted both STEM and AP opportunities, and a community appreciation day was held on 04/17/24, bringing together a mixture of guests from the community coalition to celebrate their support of Kelloggsville throughout the year. At both events, gifts made by the STEM students on the new equipment were a huge hit. For Goal #6, plans for Rocket Registration continue to progress with the newly implemented Synergy student information system and the ability for parents to access the parentvue portal to update their students' registration information. In-person/online registration is scheduled for July 31; 8-12 p.m. and August 1; 1-7 p.m. Lastly, for Goal #7, she shared that the investigation of establishing a new district phone app is still taking place with considerations taken into account of the capabilities of the products while also comparing to apps that are already being used in the district. It was recommended that the committee continue this goal for the 2024-25 school year.

C. Board Goal Committee – Section B

The Board of Education Goal – Section B Committee (Owen – Chair, C. Groters, Roscoe, Mallett, Fountaine, Gentile, Lanser, Muhammad, Rocha, and Ward), shared their final update on their goal progress:

Board Goal #2

*Monitor the data of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs across all curriculum areas and buildings throughout the district to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students both academically and culturally.*

*Desired Results: Provide a district where students and adults are welcomed and supported; where their faces, voices and experiences are reflected in our curriculum and valued so the uniqueness of everyone is honored.*

Instruction Goal #2

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

*Desired Results: Reduce the achievement gaps that currently exist with our African-American, Multilingual Learners and students with I.E.P.s.*

Instruction Goal #7

*Evaluate the effectiveness of the service delivery model used by the resource rooms in the district.*

*Desired Results: Improve the academic performance of special education students at all levels.*

Community Goal #8

*Establish ways to share the accomplishments of our senior class with our community through the website and social media.*

*Desired Results: Showcase the capabilities of our students beyond the classroom and what they can achieve.*

Mr. Owen highlighted previous work that committees have accomplished for BOE Goal #2 that include; 2021-22 - Overview of DEI, Implicit Bias, Culturally Appropriate Schools, Staff/Student Panels and in 2022-23 – Staff/Student Panels, Equitably Support Students for Academic Success PD and DEI Committees. For the 2023-24 school year, the DEI Committee has worked to place pictures representing diversity in our student population and flags that represent the many countries that our students have come from have been placed throughout all district buildings. In addition, student focus groups were formed at KHS from the MI Student Voice and Perception Survey that was given to students last year and a new DEI survey has been sent to staff and students at the end of this school year. For Instruction Goal #2, the committee has focused on working with Leading Educators to help build culturally responsive instructional practices throughout the district. This two (2) year commitment included the following; 2 professional development days - 1 of which was canceled due to inclement weather, a focus on Literacy and Justice for All, 10 principal professional learning community meetings, The Knowledge Gap book study by administrators and several teachers, classroom observations, and a School Conditions Survey, with results used to plan for next year. For Instruction Goal #7, the Special Education Department has received training from Kent ISD to help them write more effective IEPs for their students, including how to incorporate supplementary aids and services for each student, depending on their individual needs. With that training completed, the plan next year is to intentionally focus on LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) in deciding how much resource room support is needed for students. Lastly, for Community Goal #8, the committee brainstormed many ways to add an emphasis of including more highlights on our social media accounts, an increase in School News Network publications, athletic achievement recognition and school signs that promoted student success of our senior class to the entire school community.

**D. 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 STEM activities that took place throughout the district during the 2023-24 school year. At Central, students could participate in a 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lego Robotics Club, Coding on Wheels after-school program for middle school students, and at the high school level, Intro to Computer Science, Robotics 1 and a Robotics Team. In addition, opportunities for AP Computer Science and additional sections of Intro to Computer Science courses will be available for students beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The district was also selected to receive a \$350,000 SME PRIME (Partnership Response in Manufacturing Education) grant, joining 110 PRIME schools across 23 states – 50 of which are located in Michigan. Three (3) teachers will be trained over the summer in this custom manufacturing and engineering program and a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will begin for the 2024-25 school year. For Operations Goal #2, he shared that the new Southeast Media Center was completed on schedule and is fully operational for staff and students to use. The new STEM addition at KHS was completed as scheduled and fully operational, with students accessing the space and getting to learn the new machines and equipment.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Alston shared that during a recent tennis match, a visiting team athlete collapsed to the ground. Fortunately, three of our own athletes; Ngoc Dinh, Martha Emmanuel Morogo and Genesis Lizardo Reyes, rushed to her aid and took control of the situation. They were very quick and precise with what needed to be done, so much so that the parents from the visiting team thought they were athletic trainers. Our girls did a phenomenal job administering the necessary aid until our trainer showed up. The athlete turned out to be fine, thanks to the efforts of our students, and all ended well.

STUDENT COMMENTS - None

#### INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Townsend – enjoyed the students’ presentation on the Kent City/Kville student swap – it is great to hear their perspective. She also congratulated the staff who received Rocket Recognition;
- Mrs. Reidzans – shared that it is great to hear all of the different opportunities we provide to our students. She was very impressed to hear about the student swap and the benefits that were shared by the students on how it broadened their awareness. She congratulated the Rocket Recognition recipients and all staff for all of their hard work. She also thanked those on Goal Committees and all of the hard work they put into accomplishing their goals;
- Mrs. Tanis – was thankful for the live-streamed graduation ceremony and enjoyed watching it while being under the weather - - everyone did such a great job. She thanked Ms. Benavidez and the Be Smart team and looks forward to working with them in collaborating for student safety;

- Mrs. Groters – congratulate those awarded Rocket Recognition and is looking forward to a partnership with the Be Smart campaign and sharing information to our families. She also enjoyed hearing about the student swap and what a great opportunity it is for our students to be part of;
- Ms. Sellers – welcomed Holly Kleyn to Kelloggsville. She congratulated those that received Rocket Recognition and to all of the staff for all of their hard work and for creating so many great opportunities for our students, like the student swap. She shared that she enjoyed listening to our student’s accounts of their experiences. She also shared appreciation to those that worked on this year’s goal committees and the hard work by everyone to accomplish those goals. She shared that she is so impressed with all of the things we do for our students and families, including the Be Smart campaign. She also wished everyone a good end to the school year;
- Mrs. Ward – enjoyed hearing about the student swap and would encourage administration to look at their list of take-aways to consider for implementation. She congratulated those awarded Rocket Recognition and thanked all staff for their hard work. She thanked the Be Smart team and looks forward to helping parents and families comply with the new laws and making our students safe;

ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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Crystal Reidzans, Secretary  
Kelloggsville Board of Education

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Beth A. Postma  
Recorder

VISITORS: Dave Skinner, Nick Patin, Carlos Amoros-Gutierrez, Cassie Groters, Eunice Benavidez, Holly Kleyn, Ericka Scott, Josh Barnes, Austin Jackson, KHS students Emily Ojeda, Mario Garcia, and Andrea Ronzon.