

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – November 11, 2024
Report No. 24-53

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – October 28, 2024

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent

Holly Kleyn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance

Myrece Moore, Student Board Representative

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:

November 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

November 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

December 9, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. HS – CLA

January 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

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: Dawnn Barnes – Student Services Coordinator, 54th St. Academy

Elementary: Ashley McKeeby, Southeast Elementary Teacher

Secondary: Erin McKay, KMS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Townsend, to approve Consent Agenda items 24-44, 24-45, 24-46.

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- 24-44 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/14/24
- 24-45 Approval of Personnel Report
- 24-46 Approval of Expenditure Report

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval: KEA Insurance

It was moved by Ms. Rocha, seconded by Mrs. Groters, to approve the KEA Insurance as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain 1

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Ward abstained due to a conflict of interest.

ACTION

B. Approval: Close-Up Trip / Funds

It was moved by Mrs. Groters, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve the Close-Up Trip and Funding as presented.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL

A. Passenger Van Purchase

Mrs. Nickelson shared the necessity of purchasing an additional 10-passenger van in order to effectively transport our smaller sports teams and homeless students. It is recommended that we go with Hoekstra Transportation for this purchase. In accordance with legal requirements, the vans must be updated for use as school vehicles, which Hoekstra has already fulfilled. They are currently the only dealership offering a 10-passenger van. We anticipate that the new van will be ready for use in about out 30 days. We previously received approval for two additional vans a couple of years ago; however, that order was canceled by Ford. Therefore, we may need to consider requesting another van next year. This proposal will be placed on the 11/11/24 agenda as a consent item.

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. German Class Field Trip to Frankenmuth

Mrs. Ludeman provided an overview of the recent field trip taken by 34 students from her German Class to Frankenmuth. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and expressed interest in making this an annual event. Activities included, pretzel making, shopping, a scavenger hunt, candle making and lunch at the Bavarian Inn where servers noted the students' politeness and positive demeanor. Throughout the trip, students documented their experiences with photographs, which they later used for a project in class. The trip ended with a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. Mrs. Ludeman extended her gratitude to the Board for their financial support, emphasizing the impact the trip had on the students. She also recognized Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Kleyn for all of their hard work in handling all of the necessary paperwork.

Mr. Alston commended Mrs. Ludeman for her teaching this class, highlighting the valuable experience she provides to her students.

B. Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mrs. Lanser, Mr. Patin and Mrs. Sherman provided an overview of parent participation at the secondary level during this fall's parent-teacher conferences held on September 17 & 25. A breakdown of parent participation for this year is as follows: 43.33% attended at the MS, 29.03% at the HS and 100% engagement was achieved at 54th St. Academy through a combination of in-person attendance, phone calls, emails and one on one meetings with the students we were unable to connect with their parents. We will look at finding a way to see what parents accessed their student's grades in Synergy beforehand which may have contributed to them not attending in-person. Appreciation was also extended to Mrs. Ward and Ms. Townsend for attending conferences, which they received positive parent feedback.

C. Secondary School Improvement Plans

Secondary administrators from each building presented overviews on their School Improvement Plan, focusing on the areas of Reading, Math, and the Whole Child (Social-Emotional Learning). The goals outlined in each plan aim to enhance student achievement for all learners. At the middle school, 55% of students should meet or exceed in both reading and math. Mrs. Miheve, the literacy coach, is exploring various rewards to motivate students, while Mrs. Richards, the math coach, has established strong rapport with both staff and students. She actively engages by pushing into classrooms and collaborating with teachers. At the high school level, Mr. Patin reported that 60% of students should meet or exceed expectations in reading, an increase from 50% last year. For math, it should be around 80% due to all the math support initiatives. The school successfully exited a significant number of English Learner (EL) students last year and is focused on supporting the remaining students to achieve grade-level proficiency. At 54th Street Academy, Mrs. Sherman indicated that 50% of students should meet or exceed expectations in reading and approximately 60% in math. They are also interested in developing its own School Improvement Plan and establishing a leadership team.

OTHER MATTERS –

Mr. Alston reported a successful turnout at the recent Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, which was all positive feedback. During the meeting, we discussed various committee ideas and had the opportunity to give them a tour of the STEM room. It was a good start to getting more parent involvement. Looking ahead, we plan to host two additional dinner events during the second semester and encourage each parent to invite another parent to join them.

Mr. Alston also shared that he and Mrs. Ward attended the KIASB Grassroots Celebration Dinner at Watermark Country Club on October 17th. They highlighted Jim Ward's significant contributions to Kelloggsville and his successful efforts in getting

Previous millages passed. It was nice to learn that his work was recognized beyond the Kelloggsville community.

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Myrece Moore – thanked everyone for all of their reports and their time spent with the community. He is excited that the football team is going to be attending a football game at Western soon. The senior class also won spirit week and they beat the teachers at tug-of-war. The homecoming dance was a lot of fun and they all had a great time.

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Sellers – congratulated the Rocket Recognition winners and thanked everyone of providing all of the wonderful opportunities to our students, she also appreciates everyone’s hard work on the School Improvement Plans;
- Mrs. Groters – also congratulated the Rocket Recognition winners, she shared that she attended a conference with Benton Harbor Public Schools and she is going to look into the new board member orientation they are doing and will share it with everyone once she’s reviewed it;
- Mrs. Tanis – nothing;
- Mrs. Reidzans – appreciates the wonderful contributions the Rocket Recognition winners make to Kelloggsville. She is also encouraged that we have higher goals in our School Improvement Plans;
- Ms. Rocha – echoed congratulations to the Rocket Recognition winners and thanked all of the staff for their time and reports;
- Ms. Townsend – she also congratulated the Rocket Recognition winners and thinks that all of our staff deserves an award. She has seen all of our growth and likes where we are heading;
- Mrs. Ward – it’s great to see our staff going above and beyond, she’s sure there is a long list of employees deserving of this award.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Crystal Reidzans, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Tammy S. Skinner
Recorder

VISITORS: Ericka Scott, Jen Sherman, Dawnn Barnes, Sue Lathrop, Ashley McKeeby, Dave Skinner, Kristin Nickelson, Nick Patin, Gretchen Ludeman, Kathy Ludeman, Erin McKay.