## KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS Board of Education Regular Meeting September 12, 2022 Meeting held at the High School Library at 7:00 P.M.

#### Regular Meeting Called to Order – at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present** – Beth Lajko, Vivien Snyder, Kelly Saxton, Heather Bartelmay, Mike Schueller, Tony Temple, Max Anderson

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### Consent Agenda -

Motion to: Approve the agenda as presented. Motion made by Max 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony

## Consent Agenda -

Motion to: Approval of Regular Meeting minutes August 8, 2022, Special Meeting minutes August 25, 2022, approval of payment of bills in the amount of \$331,846.15, acceptance of resignations with regrets Ben Summerfield/Elementary teacher and Joel Guy/MS Boys Basketball. Motion made by Heather 2<sup>nd</sup> Vivien Carried

Carried

# Administrators Reports –

#### Mr. Rapes -

- The HS still has a math teacher and a couple of support staff openings, thank you to Lynda Donner and Larry Burket for your support staff flexibility, thank you to Keith, Nicole and the Board of Education for your presence at interviews.
- HS fall assessments will be 8/9 & 10 PSAT testing in the HS on 10/12/22 with an alternate date of 10/25/22.
- Current HS enrollment 466 of which 453 have actually attended, the HS office will attempt contact with the families of no-show students.
- The annual open house was well attended, modifications will be made for future years.
- First day of school assembly emphasis on expectations of dress code, cell phone use, closed campus and closed and locked exterior building doors.

# Ms. Miller –

- The start of the 2022/2023 school year has been smooth, teachers rolled out school wide expectations to students. Thank you to everyone for working as a team
- ISD implementation of new technology has delayed fall NWEA assessments, ongoing conversations are happening with the ISD to resolve the issues.
- Middle school enrollment as of September 12, 2022 is a total of 465 students.
- The open house was very successful, approximately 60% of students were able to complete Chromebook check-out.
- District PD took place August 31<sup>st</sup>, staff team trained with Terry Morgan.
- Welcome new MS staff, Mrs. Birt, Mrs. Roelofs, Mr. Buniewicz and Ms. Lown.

#### Mrs. Goethals -

- Thank you Jim Moen, Todd VanSlembrouck, Josh Stepke, teachers, staff, Mrs. Lefler for a smooth start to 2022/2023.
- All K-4 students will complete reading assessments in September.

- Total enrollment K-4 is currently at 577 students.
- Welcome new staff, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Blythe and Mrs. Winowiecki, Mrs. Bielas has made the move to elementary physical education.

#### **Board Reports/Requests -**

Mr. Mike Schueller – Requested the investigation criteria.

Mrs. Beth Lajko – The investigation is still ongoing, details cannot be released at this time due to FERPA. Mrs. Kelly Saxton – Requested additional communication and Board updates.

Mr. Tony Temple – Request weekly between the lines Board updates. Finance met, a bus purchase for the 2023/2024 school year was discussed. Current enrollment is approx. 1520 students, revenue is up, we will have an audit presentation on the October agenda, the safety committee met.

Mrs. Vivien Snyder – Vivien attended the MASB Summer Institute, she encourages all Board members to attend and would like to plan a board workshop. Vivien is working on organizing community forum meetings, meetings would have a set topic and would involve a facilitator or presenter. If you have specific meeting topics you would like to recommend please reach out to Vivien.

Mrs. Heather Bartelmay – The safety committee met, it was a good start and will continue to meet. Mr. Max Anderson – Max has reached out to MASB to schedule a board workshop. We have local facilitators that could be contacted for community forums.

## Continuity of Learning Plan -

As a requirement of ESSER funds we reviewed the continuity of learning plan.

#### **Discussion Only** –

## 1. Safety Committee – Mr. Tony Temple

The safety committee met, draft minutes were forwarded to the full Board, several community members attended the meeting, the first meeting was mainly fact gathering. Keith has reached out to TCAPS to inquire what firm completed their safety assessment, the committee would like a non-biased assessment of the school properties, procedures and policies. The facilities director, building principals, teacher and support staff building representatives including preschool, coaches and a local deputy will be invited to future meetings. Tony would like a motion to continue the committee and look into hiring an entity for a safety assessment. The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022 at 6pm in the HS library.

#### 2. Bus Purchase – Dr. Keith Smith

Transportation is requesting to order a bus for 2023/2024 to take receipt after July 1, 2023.

# 3. MSTEP Scores – Dr. Keith Smith

As presented by Dr. Keith Smith, Kingsley Area Schools for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row is ranked number 1 in our ISD, our teachers have a lot to be proud of, we are very proud of our teachers. Hats off to our teachers for another fantastic year, congratulations to our students.

# • At this time, Mrs. Beth Lajko was called out of the meeting to attend to an emergency.

# 4. Schools of Choice – Dr. Keith Smith

Ms. Heather Miller is not asking for an additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at this time however, she is requesting that we close the 5<sup>th</sup> grade schools of choice window. We have 60 students in one period of band, we are unable to open an additional section of band due to the band director splitting time between the middle school and high school.

The Board tabled this item and is requesting that it be reviewed at the October BOE meeting.

#### Public Comment -

Tina Schelich – Continuity of learning plan, safety committee, high school assembly Kortney Hawkins – Exit interviews Jason Hillier – Read letter from Ben Summerfield Leon Hulett – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading law Lori Heitmeyer – Positive start to 2022/2023, working together

#### **Continuity of Learning Plan Public Comment –**

None

#### **Discussion and Action –** 1. Safety Committee – Motion to: Implement the safety committee, include the following individuals: facilities director, building principals, athletic director, transportation director, teacher and support staff building representatives including preschool, coaches and a local deputy, permission to move forward with a property assessment. 2<sup>nd</sup> Max Motion made by Tony Carried 2. Bus Purchase – Motion to: Purchase a bus to take receipt after July 1, 2023 not to exceed \$110,000. Motion made by Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Carried 3. Reaffirmation Continuity of Learning Plan -Table until October BOE meeting. 4. Approval to Hire Motion to: Approval to hire Kalee Lown/MS Aide Motion made by Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Max Tony abstain Carried Motion to: Approval to hire Madison Boyd/Elementary Teacher Motion made by Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Tony opposed Carried **Board Round Table –**

Mr. Mike Schueller – Mike was in the HS office on the morning of September 6th, everyone was working together and did a great job helping students and each other. Mike spoke with Chris Rapes, some of the HS teachers on Friday and Heather Miller, great job to everyone, we appreciate all of you and we are with you. Thank you to all of our staff.

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – Thank you to all of our summer staff, the facilities look amazing and the middle school cafeteria is beautiful.

Mr. Tony Temple – We are off to a good year, I will visit the buildings this fall and encourage other board members to do the same, it's a great experience. Tony was not opposed to Madison Boyd, he was not included in the interview.

Mrs. Vivien Snyder – Vivien apologized to the personnel committee. Vivien was invited to attend Madison's interview due to already being present at the school for a previously scheduled meeting in the district.

#### **Closed Session** -

Motion to: go into Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation at 8:11pm. Motion made by Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly

Carried

Out of Closed Session at 9:25pm

Discussion on possible separation of Dr. Keith Smith and Kingsley Area School District. Motion to: Buy out superintendents remaining 5-year contract wages and continue family insurance plan through June 30, 2023 in exchange for irrevocable letter of resignation. Superintendent's last day will be September 16, 2022.

Motion made by Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Beth – Absent Mike – Aye, Kelly – Aye, Tony – Aye, Heather – Aye, Max – Aye, Vivien – Aye Carried  

Motion to: Accept Dr. Keith Smith's resignation with regrets from the Board members. Motion made by Kelly
2nd Mike

Beth - Absent
Image: Carried and Car

Mary Bogart Administrative Assistant Kingsley Area Schools