

- Welcome new 7th/8th grade special education teacher Margaret Rasberry, we are excited to have her on board.
- We are in the process of hiring a new MS guidance counselor; we are hoping to have a new counselor in time for the start of the 2021/2022 school year.
- We currently have 432 middle school students enrolled for the 2021/2022 school year.

Mr. Miggenburg –

- Welcome back, all fall sports started today, August 9, 2021.
- It appears that KHS will have 2 JV volleyball teams this year, Amanda Hessem will be coaching with Teri Hall as back-up.
- Family and individual athletic passes will be available for purchase soon.

Board Reports/Requests –

Mr. Max Anderson – Finance met; fundraising, the 21/22 foundation allowance, 21/22 preschool funding and the up-coming audit were all discussed.

Mrs. Beth Lajko – Thank you to Tony Temple for your leadership and years as president of the BOE.

Discussion Only –

1. Start of the School Year COVID plan – Dr. Keith Smith

There is not a required COVID plan this year, the only requirement at this time is from 1/29/21, the CDC ordered that masks must be worn on public transportation including school buses. COVID precautions will be reviewed with building principles, students may wear masks if they wish, the commons will be open for students, cleaning/sanitizing will continue. KAS will not offer an online option for our students at this time; plans will be in place for medical purposes. Variants will be monitored and adjustments can be made quickly, we will adjust as needed. We will be checking out Chromebooks again this year.

2. New KAS Website – Dr. Keith Smith

Chloe Marie Media LLC has been developing our new website, it is almost ready to go live and principles will be reviewing photos this week. Chloe Marie Media LLC will also be taking over the responsibility of the district newsletter. Thank you to Rick Heitmeyer for your dedication to our newsletter over the last 6 years.

3. Way-Finding Signs – Dr. Keith Smith

The Way Finding Signs are on the agenda due to a request by the Board at the June meeting.

The Village of Kingsley and the DDA have committed to split the cost of the project 3 ways at \$12,500 per entity, the Village will maintain the signs and the cost to maintain will be divided by the same 3 entities, the school district will appear on all signs, signs will be easy to update as needed. Discussion of whether signs are needed with the use of cell phones for directions, if right now is the right time to fund this project, the expectation of ongoing funding for upkeep and additional project requests that have been put on hold were all concerns. A design for the signs has not been finalized, a committee would be formed with members from all three entities. Studies show that signs have value and promote tourism.

4. Chartwell's Placement – Dr. Keith Smith

The Board discussed the placement of an employee in the high school kitchen.

5. KAS Board Vice President – Mrs. Beth Lajko

Beth received one letter of interest for the position of Board Vice President from Vivien Snyder.

6. Architect – Dr. Keith Smith

At the request of the Board at our June BOE meeting the Board has been supplied with diagrams of each building with the use of each room labeled, elementary hall assignments are not included. The MS gym has an assigned classroom that could be used for PT and there is space at central office. Teachers could be moved to carts or use classrooms during prep hours as a last case option. The elementary currently has 5 Title I aides that are working with students in hallways or storage closets. One classroom in the MS is being utilized by an ISD center based EI transition room. Schools of Choice is still a good option, if we

were to close SOC we would lose programing and staff due to decreased funding. We will continue to pursue future expansion on agendas.

Public Comment –

Lori Tulppo – Thank you Vivien Snyder for filling Vice President position. Discussed Max Anderson’s current and past community involvement.

Tina Rennault – Expressed appreciation of schools of choice for her children, her children have had wonderful experiences and have excelled as Kingsley students, she appreciates Kingsley’s COVID response, thank you.

Discussion and Action –

1. Way Finding Signs

Motion to: Approve \$12,000 one-time only toward the Way Finding Sign project.

Motion made by Tony 2nd Heather

Heather – The school will benefit from the way finding signs when hosting events, signs would show that we care about our visitors, GPS is sometimes confusing, and signs are a welcome to visitors.

Tony – Aye, Mike – No, Vivien – No, Kelly – No, Beth – No, Heather – Aye, Max – Aye Failed

2. KAS Board Vice President –

Motion to: Appoint Vivien Snyder as Vice President of the Kingsley Area Schools Board of Education.

Motion made by Tony 2nd Kelly Carried

3. Approval to Hire –

Motion to: Approval to hire Lori Heitmeyer/HS Counselor, Margaret Rasberry/MS Special Education Teacher, Mary Schlimmer/Kindergarten Teacher and Brittany Gervais/MS Cross Country Coach pending background checks.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Vivien Carried

4. Chartwell’s Placement –

Motion to: Approve the placement of Gail Parker in the high school kitchen.

Motion made by Heather 2nd Max

Tony – No, Mike – No, Vivien – Aye, Kelly – Aye, Beth – No, Heather – Aye, Max – Aye Carried

Board Round Table –

Mr. Tony Temple – Reminder that the Buckley Old Engine Show is August 19th-22nd, there are currently 60 empty volunteer shifts that need to be filled. This will be the final year that Mr. and Mrs. Temple will be overseeing this fundraising event.

Dr. Keith Smith – Mitch Miggenburg and Keith will temporarily be taking over this fundraising event until a permanent replacement is found.

Mrs. Vivien Snyder – Vivien enjoyed lunch with a retired KAS teacher recently, she was very appreciative of the football team who raked her yard for her.

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – Welcome to all new and returning staff.

Mr. Max Anderson – Welcome to all new staff. Thank you Nicole Darby for reviewing the school financials and budgets with him. Max appreciated the opportunity to attend the MASB institute.

Mrs. Beth Lajko – Please post a draft agenda for BOE meetings in the future and continue to forward committee meeting minutes. Thank you Tina Renault for your schools of choice comments.

Adjournment –

Motion to: Adjourn at 8:31 pm

Motion made by Tony 2nd Max Carried

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