

Kingsley Area Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2026

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

6:00 P.M. Call to order the Regular Meeting of the Kingsley Area Schools Board of Education at Kingsley Area High School.

Meeting called to order by President Vivien Snyder.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Snyder, Saxton, Schelich, Guy, Green, Anderson

Members Absent: McKinley

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to request amending the item on Section X, item A, to “Renewal Purchase of Math Expressions (consumables & licenses) from Heinemann for a 3-year term for \$66,005.44.”

Motion by: Snyder, **Supported by:** Schelich **Carries 6-0**

Motion to request amending the item for Closed Session, to “enter into closed session under section 8(1) under of the Open Meeting Act for the Superintendent Evaluation Update.”

Motion by: Snyder, **Supported by:** Schelich **Carries 6-0**

Resolution to approve the agenda with aforementioned changes.

Motion by: Anderson, **Supported by:** Guy **Carries 6-0**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes 07/13/2026
2. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 08/05/2026
3. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 08/06/2026

B. Resignations/Hiring

1. Resignation of Theresa Alberts, Elementary Paraprofessional
2. Hiring of Amanda Manning, Elementary Teacher
3. Resignation of Nicole Wierman, Special Education Teacher
4. Resignation of Christopher Rapes, High School Principal
5. Hiring of Dana Witherspoon, Special Education Teacher
6. Resignation of Amanda Acosta, Elementary Teacher
7. Resignation of Kyle Wilson, MS Paraprofessional and Transportation Driver

- 8. Hiring of Mark King, Transportation Driver
- C. Payment of bills
 - 1. We ask the Board for a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$852,790.67.

Resolution to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion by: Guy, **Supported by:** Green

Carries 6-0

V. NON-ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Forestry Commission - Josh Green

The Commission worked with Daniel Schillinger on preparing a contract for managing the process of going out to bid for the pine thinning of the Sparling Road property.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum Committee - Kelly Saxton, Committee Chair

No meeting was held during the month.

B. Facilities Committee - Tina Schelich, Committee Chair

No meeting was held during the month.

C. Policy Committee - Josh Green, Committee Chair

The Committee met on 08/06/26. The committee reviewed the Thrun Policy Updates that will be recommended to the BOE on 08/10/26.

D. Finance Committee

The Committee met on 08/05/26. The committee discussed the staffing recommendations going before the BOE on 08/10/26. Superintendent Rothwell reviewed current open positions. The renewal of Math Expressions curriculum consumables and student licenses was reviewed with the 3-year agreement being more economical than the 1-year agreement. The recommendation for purchase will go to the BOE on 08/10/26 for \$66,005.44. Superintendent Rothwell presented the GTSD proposal for sharing an officer with two of the local townships. The Consulting Forester contract was reviewed.

E. Personnel Committee: Support Staff - Tina Schelich, Committee Chair

No meeting was held during the month.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Rothwell thanked the community for the Operating Millage passing. Mrs. McPherson has started in her new role as Payroll Coordinator this week. Superintendent Rothwell is in communication with the Village regarding the Safe Routes to Schools. Trane continues to work on the HVAC upgrades. The focus is to complete the items within the classrooms prior to the start of the school year. Trane will continue to work in the district on items outside of the classrooms as we head into the fall. Great work by the district maintenance, transportation and technology

departments to get everything ready for the return of staff and students in the upcoming weeks.

IX. DISCUSSION

- A. Grand Traverse League of Women Voters Candidate Forum
President Snyder has been in contact with Grand Traverse League of Women Voters regarding putting together a Board Candidate Forum for the district in the upcoming month(s). The board showed interest in having a forum. President Snyder will communicate back to them to get the planning in motion.

X. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. Motion to approve the renewal purchase of Math Expressions (consumables & licenses from Heinemann for a 3-year term for \$66,005.44.
Motion by: Saxton, **Supported by:** Guy **Carries 6-0**
- B. Motion to **adopt** the Thrun Policy Update including 2202, 2406, 2501, 3102, 3108, 3115, 3115A, 3115B, 3115C, 3115D, 3115E, 3115H, 3301A, 3306, 3402, 3407, 3410, 4101, 4104, 4113, 4201, 4205-AG-A, 4209, 4210, 4216, 4508, 4602, 5507, 5710, 5710A, 5714.
Motion by: Anderson, **Supported by:** Schelich **Carries 6-0**
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Member: Guy, Schelich, Saxton, Snyder, Anderson, Green
Nays: Member: N/A
- C. Motion to authorize Superintendent Rothwell to enter into negotiations with Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer contract for 2026-2027 .
Motion by: Guy, **Supported by:** Saxton **Carries 6-0**
- D. Motion to enter into contract with Schillinger Forestry LLC for Consulting Forester for the Sparling Road Pine Thinning.
Motion by: Schelich, **Supported by:** Saxton **Carries 6-0**

XI. RECOGNITIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thank you to the employees moving on for your service to the district. Welcome to the new employees.
- The band did a phenomenal job with their end of band camp performance on Friday. Looking forward to watching your performances this fall.
- Thank you Mrs. Goethals for your speedy communication with families throughout the summer. This is much appreciated.
- Appreciate all of the hard work by staff preparing the schools for the start of the school year.
- Thank you to Jason Roelofs for your service to the district as our SRO.
- Thank you to Mr. Rapes for your years of service to the district. We wish you well.
- Thank you to the individuals who are running for the school board in the November, 2026 election.

- Thank you to the voters for approving the operating millage.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Superintendent's Evaluation Update

Motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:37 P.M. for the Superintendent Evaluation Update under section 8(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by: Guy, **Supported by:** Green **Carries 6-0**

Ayes: **Member:** Guy, Schelich, Saxton, Snyder, Anderson, Green

Nays: **Member:** N/A

The board exited the closed session from the Superintendent Evaluation 6-month goal review update at 7:16 P.M.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M.

Motion by: Anderson, **Supported by:** Schelich **Carries 6-0**

Ayes: **Member:** Guy, Schelich, Saxton, Snyder, Anderson, Green

Nays: **Member:** N/A

Kingsley Area Schools Board of Education

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Kingsley Area Schools Vision Statement

“Kingsley Area Schools and the community share the responsibility of educating all students to become productive citizens and lifelong learners.”