KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting February 8, 2021

Meeting held at the High School Library at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda -

Motion to: Approve agenda with addition of Consent Agenda 3. c. Joel Guy/Teacher Resignation effective June 30, 2021

Motion made by Max

2nd Kelly

Carried

Consent Agenda -

Motion to: Approve regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2021; approval for payment of the bills in the amount of \$279,042.02, acceptance of resignations: Hannah Olson/HS Counselor, Doug Kabbes/Transportation Director, Joel Guy/Teacher.

Motion made by Kelly

2nd Beth

Carried

Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity Learning Plan -

1. Public Comment -

None

2. ECOL Update – Dr. Keith Smith

At the request of the BOE Dr. Smith conducted a parent/student survey of online learning, students would like more teacher engagement and timeliness of assignment feedback, parents consistently said that they feel things are going well.

- Ending the online learning option at the end of the year could affect student count. Ending online at the completion of marking period 3 and transferring to a platform would take some work on our teacher's part, everyone needs to understand the work involved in making the transition and our teachers would still have to be involved in the online learning platform.
- While the BOE highly encourages ending the online program it would be a building decision.
- What effect could this have on our students?
- Would this create inconsistencies? Elementary teachers are certificated to teach all core subjects, the MS
 and HS are different, the vast majority of our MS teachers are teaching one subject while our HS teachers
 are teaching several different classes.
- Students are not transitioning between face-to-face and online like they were at the beginning of the year.
- Child accounting has been a nightmare this year, it would have been very beneficial had the ISD developed a plan for all 16 districts rather than each district coming up with their own plan.
- Our teachers are doing their best to teach both the face-to-face and online students and are doing a better
 job than a canned platform would provide.
- If a building were to make the switch from our teachers to a platform we would have to be flexible.
- Edgenuity courses can be personalized by our staff, our teachers would have to identify which topics to cover for the remainder of the year.
- After school tutoring would still be offered at the HS.
- Online students would still be allowed to take part in after school activities like athletics and marching band.

- It was requested by the BOE for administrators and teachers to look at how they would prefer to teach for the remainder of the year by building and report back to the BOE at the February 22, 2021 special BOE meeting.
- Consistent communication is important.

Administrator Input:

Mr. Moran -

• Mr. Moran would like to discuss this with his staff, Edgenuity is new to us this year, it would not be ideal to switch from our teachers to a platform mid-semester, it would involve training staff, staff would have to manage the platform, pick the topics to be covered and enter grades, it may not be less work for our teachers at this point in time. We have very few students transitioning to online at this point, more students are transitioning back to face-to-face, which is what we want, the HS has experienced very few COVID cases. We want to do what is best for our students.

Mr. Watson -

• Mr. Watson has several years' experience with the Edgenuity platform, while teachers would not have to develop lessons it would be a lot of work. What all of us really want is our students back in the building learning in person. The challenge of online students that are not working would not change. Mr. Watson would want to have in depth conversations with staff to make the best decision.

Mrs. Goethals -

• The elementary building is completely different, while we all want all of our students back in person it would be the elementary plan to continue as is and not use a platform.

No changes were made to the ECOL plan at this time.

Middle School Presentation - Mr. Watson

It was Ms. Lakin's plan to present in December about the holiday door decorating competition, homerooms and art collaborated, all decorations were drawn and created by our MS students. Doorways were judged in 4 categories and students were awarded candy canes. Ms. Lakin would like to present in person at a future meeting.

Administrators Reports -

Mr. Miggenburg -

- Today is the first day for winter sports contact practices, please refer to the athletic schedule, games will be starting at different times than they would normally.
- Spectators are limited to 100, 2 per student, most games will be broadcast.
- Congratulations to the Papanos student athletes.
- Please continue to refer to the athletic website for the most up-to-date information.

Mrs. Goethals -

- Preschool and Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021/2022 school year, registrations are rolling in.
- There has been a change in the GSRP slot appointments for the 2021/2022 year.
- February 15th is a teacher PD day.
- March is Reading Month.
- We will have Career Day in March.

Mr. Watson -

- February 15th is a PD day for our teachers, no students.
- The elementary and MS students are participating in a Kindness Challenge.
- Mrs. Jolie King has organized a MS water challenge, thank you to H&R Block for their generous donation of
 water bottles to our students. The challenge is to bring awareness to our students how important it is to drink
 water; prizes will go to top students.

Mr. Moran -

- Congratulations to the January Subway Student of the Month recipients, thank you to Subway for your continuous donation of gift cards.
- Congratulations to 170 KHS 1st semester all A-B honor roll recipients.

- Spirit Week at KHS will run February 8-12, dress up days, class wars and a food drive competition will round out the week.
- A HS social/emotional survey will be conducted this Wednesday.

Board Reports/Requests -

Mr. Max Anderson – The Finance committee met, the budget amendment, technology and the food service bid were all discussed.

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – The Curriculum/Technology committee met, Kevin presented the committee with a 5-year technology plan. 8th grade language arts is requesting to add a new text book to their assigned reading. The committee requested that Mr. Watson report back to them with additional information.

Dr. Keith Smith – The requested book has one concerning sentence that could be a potential red flag, the committee discussed several options, Rich is doing some research for the committee.

Discussion -

1. Budget Amendment – Ms. Nicole Darby

As presented by Nicole Darby.

2. COVID Vaccine Clinic - Dr. Keith Smith

The second vaccine clinic is scheduled for Friday, February 19th, due to the number of teachers and staff who are scheduled to receive the 2nd vaccine on February 19th we will be closing school for the day, parents will be notified on February 9th. Thank you to Munson and Nate Alger for your efforts with the clinic. The 2nd round of the vaccine side effects could cause us to close Monday, February 22nd, we are asking teachers and staff to communicate to us on Sunday, February 21st if they are experiencing side effects so that a decision can be made if need be. Side effects seem to be lasting around 40 hours so we should be fine. There has been a recent COVID flare at the elementary building, staffing has been tight.

3. Way Finding Signs - Dr. Keith Smith

The Kingsley DDA has been working on a way finding sign project, every sign is school related, the estimated cost of the project was \$8,000 and the DDA requested that the school fund the project but the true cost has come in much higher. This project would be a huge benefit to the school, the school does not have the authority to put up the signs that the DDA has. Mr. Max Anderson will forward the project information to the BOE, facilities and finance would need to approve the project.

4. Winter Sports – Mr. Miggenburg

There is an athletic conference 2/10/21, Mitch will post any changes, at this time spectators are limited to 100 in the gym, masks for players, officials and spectators, no concessions. Wrestling is unique with mandatory testing. Mitch will be trained and receiving test kits this week.

Dr. Keith Smith – MHSAA changed the spectator limit?

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – Do we still need to pass a resolution in case athletics are put on hold again?

Dr. Keith Smith – The BOE was prepared to make a stand, if athletics get shut down again then we can consider a resolution, at this time we should wait and see.

5. Technology Plan – Dr. Keith Smith

Kevin has developed a 5-year technology plan that was discussed at the curriculum/technology meeting, at the request of the committee Kevin made some tweaks to the plan to even out the yearly expense. Finance has approved the expense, \$265,000 for this year, the next 4 years are estimated at \$200,000, it is a good plan with good input from the committee.

6. Child Accounting Update - Dr. Keith Smith

The fall student count day was October 7th, spring count will take place on February 10th, all 16 districts in the ISD are doing something different. There are students that we could have dropped due to the lack of any participation online but it would not have been the right thing to do for our students, we could see a drop of student FTE's. This audit is likely to be a higher deduct than we are used to.

7. Parent/Student Survey - Dr. Keith Smith

No additional comments at this time.

Public Comment -

Mrs. Karen Middleton – Has 3 students all doing some form of Edgenuity online this year, transitioning students to Edgenuity at this point would be challenging for the students.

Discussion and Action -

1. Budget Amendment -

Motion to: Approve the Budget Amendment as presented by Ms. Nicole Darby

Motion made by Max 2nd Kelly Carried

2. Technology Purchase –

Motion to: Approve the technology purchase of \$265,200.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Max Carried

3. Approval to Hire –

Motion to: Approval to hire Joel Guy/Varsity Golf Coach and Linda Strang/JV Softball Coach pending background check.

Motion made by Mike 2nd Vivien Carried

Closed Session -

Motion to: Go into Closed Session at 9:03 for Superintendent Evaluation

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Beth

Heather – Aye, Max – Aye, Beth – Aye, Kelly – Aye, Vivien – Aye, Mike – Aye, Tony – Aye

Carried

Out of Closed Session at 10:10pm.

Adjournment -

Motion to: Adjourn at 10:11pm

Motion made by Heather 2nd Mike Carried

Mary Bogart Administrative Assistant Kingsley Area Schools