KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting April 12, 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 – Beth Lajko, Kelly Saxton, Vivien Snyder, Mike Schueller, Heather Bartelmay, Max Anderson

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda -

Motion to: Approve agenda as presented.

Motion made by Max

2nd Mike

Carried

Consent Agenda -

Motion to: Approve regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2021; approval for payment of the bills in the amount of \$334,945.70, acceptance of resignation Kevin Cram/HS Boys Soccer Coach.

Motion made by Kelly

2nd Max

Carried

Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity Learning Plan -

1. Public Comment -

None

- 2. ECOL Update Dr. Keith Smith
 - a. Reinstating Use of Lockers
 - b. Cafeterias

Reinstating both the use of lockers and cafeterias were discussed prior to spring break, Kingsley Area Schools is one of the only area schools not presently using cafeterias. Dr. Smith would support amending the ECOL plan to allow the use of lockers and cafeterias at the building principal's discretion.

Motion to: Amend the ECOL plan to allow the use of lockers and cafeterias at the building principal's discretion.

Motion made by Kelly

2nd Vivien

Carried

Middle School Presentation - Mrs. DeMoulpied

Mrs. DeMoulpied teaches MS special education life skills, the MS life skills students operate a weekly coffee cart, they take part in community based instruction, shopping, cooking, clean-up, recreation and leisure, last year the life skills class adopted a family for Christmas, the students learned budgeting skills, shopped for gifts, wrapped packages and learned about the gift of giving.

Administrators Reports -

Mr. Moran -

- 85% of our high school students are in-person, we are currently at an all-time low for number of virtual learners.
- Thank you to the BOE for leniency with lockers and cafeteria.
- 3rd marking period report cards were distributed to students on 4/26/21.
- State testing is taking place this week, thank you to Tonya Roelofs for the tremendous job in coordinating this years testing.
- Future freshman will receive orientation packets on April 20th, there will also be a tutorial video and virtual
 orientation available for parents. KHS will host a freshman only open house in August to meet teachers and
 find lockers and classrooms.
- Spring conferences are scheduled for April 14th & 15th.

Mr. Watson -

- Thank you to the BOE for the support to make decisions regarding lockers and cafeterias.
- KMS has a handful of students who are in quarantine this week.
- Ms. Thomas has been working with grades 5-8 focusing on bullying.
- 5th graders will participate in the elementary career day on April 30th.
- 8th grade science day is May 14th, students will spend the day at the Hill property with Ms. Smith and HS science teachers.
- Report cards will be sent home April 6th for the 3rd marking period.
- PSAT for 8th grade is scheduled April 13th, 5th-8th grade MSTEP April 27th-the end of May.

Board Reports/Requests -

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – The finance committee met tonight, facilities will meet tomorrow.

Discussion -

1. End of Year Activities: Prom, Graduation, 8th Grade Promotion – Dr. Keith Smith

Prom is scheduled for May 1st at Greystone Mansion, the venue has outside tents and will limit the food area to 25 guests at a time. Prom will be for KAS juniors and seniors only, invited underclassmen with principal approval. Graduation is scheduled for June 11th, ideally inside adhering to capacity guidelines knowing that we may have to plan the venue outside. 8th grade promotion is an important passage for our students. All 3 of these events are in the planning stages at this time, we will have to remain flexible to current guidelines at the time of the event.

2. Self-Funding Insurance – Dr. Keith Smith

2020/2021 has been a rough year for high cost claims, we are expecting an approximate increase of 12% however that increase would have been 25% if not for switching to the self-funding, this increase puts us around the 2018 rates. Employees enrolled in the HSA plan are estimated to receive \$200 per month into their HSA accounts down from approximately \$300 previously. Stop loss will be set at approximately \$97,000.

3. Food Service Spend Down – Dr. Keith Smith

The food service spend down plan has been approved by the state, KAS was forced to spend \$18,000, planned upgrades should bring us down for a few years, we are also looking at procuring a food service vehicle.

4. State Testing Update – Dr. Keith Smith

The state testing blanket waiver was not approved but districts will be held harmless. State testing is starting this week, Dr. Smith is in support of state testing, virtual learning is not successful and the testing should reflect that. Virtual learners will not be forced to test so test scores will not be totally accurate due to the lack of virtual students who will participate.

Public Comment -

Ron Spellman – COVID executive order concerns

Paul Postal – COVID & mental health concerns, 4/5/21-4/9/21 high school/middle school closure, did the health department give directive or suggestion?

Dr. Keith Smith – It was the belief of Dr. Smith that when the health department issued a directive to close that KAS was to follow that directive.

Lori Tulppo – Prom is more important than COVID, COVID testing of athletes is against student rights.

Brad Jewett - COVID/Prom

Wes Harrand – COVID/Prom/Graduation

Ron Spellman – COVID testing violation of rights

Mark Bancroft - COVID/Prom

Mrs. Beth Lajko – This is a reminder that the Board of Education does not reply to public comment during a public meeting.

Motion to: Amend the agenda - add Discussion and Action #3 Prom and Graduation

Motion made by Max 2nd Vivien Carried

Discussion and Action -

1. Finance Committee Recommendations - Mrs. Kelly Saxton

Finance is recommending that Kingsley Area Schools offer \$12,000.00 towards the DDA wayfinding sign project.

Motion to: Approve \$12,000.00 towards the DDA wayfinding sign project with final approval of sign design.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Vivien

Mr. Mike Schueller – while the wayfinding sign project is a great idea, I do not support the \$12,000.00 expenditure during COVID.

Mrs. Beth Lajko - \$12,000.00 is a compromise of the amount the DDA requested, this would be a one-time expenditure, the DDA would be responsible for up-keep.

Dr. Keith Smith – In support of the community project which directly benefits the school.

Heather – Aye, Mike – No, Kelly – Aye, Beth – Aye, Vivien – No, Max – Abstain

Motion did not meet minimum votes required

- 2. Approval to Hire Dr. Keith Smith
 - a. Tim Wooer/MS Boys Track & Field Coach
 - b. Jared Case/MS Track & Field Coach
 - c. Renee Thon/MS Special Education Aide

Motion to: Approval to hire Tim Wooer/MS Boys Track & Field Coach, Jared Case/MS Track & Field Coach and Renee Thon/MS Special Education Aide.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Heather Carried

3. Prom/Graduation – Dr. Keith Smith

Mr. Moran is requesting Board of Education support for Prom, the BOE does not need to make a decision about how many students can attend.

Dr. Keith Smith – we appreciate the public opinion, while we all want normal we have to be mindful that we could be shut back down.

Mr. Moran – not as concerned about outside guests attending prom as how we are going to control the numbers if KHS is the only school hosting prom. Mr. Moran will contact the venue to find out what current number restrictions are.

KHS student – consider only allowing students with a boyfriend/girlfriend from outside of KHS to bring an outside guest, keep a list of all attendees with phone numbers.

Mrs. Beth Lajko – Kingsley students are known for being respectable and making the right decisions. The decision made tonight is at this moment in time, due to COVID this could all change.

Motion to: Move forward with prom under Mike Moran's direction.

Motion made by Kelly

2nd Vivien

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

Carried

Board Round Table -

None

Closed Session -

Motion to: Go into Closed Session at 8:40pm for student discipline.

Motion made by Vivien

2nd Mike

Carried

Out of Closed Session at 9:30pm.

Motion to: Reinstate student 2020/2021B to return in-person starting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 with amended behavioral plan under strict supervision of Mr. Watson. Student will check-in with Mr. Watson daily prior to the start of school to turn in his phone and check-in at the end of the day and pick up his phone. Any violation of the behavioral contract will result in a Board hearing.

Motion made by Heather

2nd Vivien

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

Carried

Motion to: Go into Closed Session at 9:36pm for student discipline.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Heather Carried

Out of Closed Session at 10:15

Motion to: Permanently expel student 2020/2021C from Kingsley Area Schools.

Motion made by Heather 2nd Mike

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

Carried

Motion to: Go into Closed Session for negotiations update at 10:17pm.

Motion made by Vivien 2nd Kelly Carried

Out of Closed Session at 10:23pm.

Adjournment -

Motion to: Adjourn at 10:24pm.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Max Carried

Mary Bogart Administrative Assistant Kingsley Area Schools