

KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 9, 2020
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, Clay Skrzypczak, Kelly Saxton, Vivien Snyder, Mike Schueller

Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda –

Motion to: Approve agenda as presented

Motion made by Mike 2nd Clay Carried

Consent Agenda –

Motion to: Approve Special meeting minutes of November 4, 2020, approval for payment of the bills in the amount of \$272,209.42 and the acceptance of the resignation of Ron Hessem/JV Boys Basketball Coach and Jodi Couturier/Competitive Cheer Coach.

Motion made by Clay 2nd Kelly Carried

Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity Learning Plan –

1. Public Comment –

None

2. ECOL Update – Dr. Keith Smith

There are no changes to consider at this time, this is a monthly item that will appear on the agenda.

Motion to: Continue with the ECOL plan as is.

Motion made by Clay 2nd Mike Carried

Middle School Presentation – Mrs. Justine Rinehart

The Annual Pumpkin Carving 6th Grade Contest continued this year with some adjustments due to COVID, students carved the pumpkins in classrooms this year, prizes were awarded to everyone, thank you to Mr. Guy for continuing to donate all of the pumpkins needed again this year.

Administrators Reports –

Mrs. Goethals –

- Conferences are taking place this week either face-to-face or zoom, for most parents this is the first time they have seen their student's classroom.
- Teacher observations have been taking place, it is amazing to see the wonderful things our teachers are doing.
- Kristin reviewed grade level counts in person and online.

Mr. Watson –

- Middle school conferences are taking place this week, parents only, no students due to COVID.
- Fire drill/lock down drills have been completed at the elementary and middle school successfully.
- 8th grade students will take the PSAT practice test on November 11th.
- 1st round teacher observations are just about finished.
- Phase 4 – Our district has transitioned from phase 5 to phase 4 over the last week, with the change of phase 16 additional students have made the switch to online learning.

Mr. Miggenburg –

- Fall sports review: Football – JV 5-1, Varsity 8-0 D5 District scheduled for November 13, 2020, Volleyball 31-11, 7-0 NWC, regional semifinals November 10, 2020.
- Congratulations to the Papano's student athletes of the week.

- Congratulations to Lexie Coxon for signing her NLI with Mid-Michigan Community College.
- MHSAA ticket distribution reviewed.
- Winter sports have been bumped back 1 week.
- KAS is opting out of Competitive Cheer and Bowling for 2020/2021 due to lack of interest.
- Boys soccer finished the season 4-6 some games were forfeited due to lack of players.

Dr. Smith –

- Due to Reed City limiting the number of spectators for the November 13th game a smaller Pep-Band will be participating. The entire Gladwin team and coaching staff are under quarantine, the health department recommends that we closely monitor players for symptoms.

Board Reports/Requests –

Mr. Clay Skrzypczak - the finance committee met, facilities projects were discussed, lockers, carpet, fencing, lights and chiller were approved, the bus parking lot expansion is pending and HS kitchen countertops were also discussed.

Discussion –

1. Intermittent Building Closure Plans –

Mrs. Goethals – Teachers have been working with students and parents to prepare for a shutdown, students have been practicing at school, grade level teams break down of content, recorded and live lessons and teachers have prepared to fill in for each other in case of illness.

Dr. Keith Smith – Chromebook order update – the supplier of the chromebooks is ready to ship our order of 330, the screens are 14” which is larger than the original order and the price is an additional \$65 apiece. Teachers have been verifying parent phone numbers and emails. Currently we have 1-2 teachers in quarantine and we can cover up to 6 before we really look at closing, secretaries are harder to cover, preschool teacher quarantine could affect a whole classroom. If teachers are at home for quarantine due to close contact they will be expected to work from home, sick teachers will be covered.

Mr. Watson – MS and HS are simpler, teachers are already teaching content online, all students have been practicing google classroom. Students are prepared for the switch to online.

Dr. Keith Smith – Where connectivity is a struggle we will be mailing out or scheduling packet pick-ups. Mr. Dubay has been given the approval to purchase Smart Music.

2. Attorney Investigation Wrap-Up Report – provided by Eric Delaporte presented by Dr. Keith Smith

Mrs. Beth Lajko – We have taken this investigation very seriously and will continue to work diligently to keep our students safe.

3. MHSAA Mask Requirement – Dr. Keith Smith

MHSAA is currently requiring athletes to wear masks, no exceptions even for students with Dr. letters. Given MHSAA is not requiring officials to wear masks, MDE honoring Dr. notes for mask exemption in school, Americans with Disabilities Act and Michigan being the only state to require athletes to wear masks we have to decide which rules to follow. KAS is supporting the athletes with Dr. notes however some teams have canceled events due to this. The MS has purchased masks that may resolve the issue.

4. Food Service Fixture Update – Dr. Keith Smith

Food Service is proposing an update to equipment, once this is approved by the state this project will be put out to bid. Current equipment that has not reached its useful life will be donated.

5. KESPA Negotiations Update – Dr. Keith Smith

Negotiations met with KESPA last week, this year is going well, the state has a tiered hazard pay system of \$500 for teachers and \$250 for support staff, KAS will match the state \$250 to support staff that qualify so that all recipients receive \$500.

Public Comment –

Mr. Ian McKinley – MS Sports

Discussion and Action –

1. Facilities Projects –

Facilities is proposing to install fencing around the football field to aid with game supervision and traffic flow and a gate off the road by the softball field to eliminate vehicles from entering there.

Motion to: Proceed with the football fencing project.

Motion made by Clay 2nd Kelly Carried

2. KESPA Negotiations –

Motion to: Approve the proposed match of \$250 hazard pay to support staff that qualify.

Motion made by Beth 2nd Vivien Carried

3. Approval to Hire –

Motion to: Approval to hire Todd Kingsley and Larry Burkett Bus Drivers pending background checks.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Mike Carried

Board Round Table –

Mr. Clay Skrzypczak – This could be my last meeting; congratulations to the incoming Board members, it has been a pleasure to work with everyone, it's been a great 6 years.

Mrs. Kelly Saxton – Thank you to the teachers and staff for everything you have done to make this school year successful.

Mrs. Beth Lajko – Thank you to everyone who participated in negotiations. Clay, I have enjoyed working with you, you and Tracy will truly be missed; thank you for everything you brought to the Board.

Mr. Tony Temple – Clay, it has been a great 6 years, you and Tracy will both be missed. Condolences to Tracy and her family during their time of grief.

Closed Session –

Motion to: Go into Closed Session for Student Discipline Hearing at 8:35pm.

Motion made by Kelly 2nd Vivien Carried

Out of Closed Session at 8:54pm.

Motion to: Student 2021A – Uphold the 10-day suspension, 5 days lunch detention upon return with behavior plan, any future behavior issues will be brought back to the Board for full review for possible expulsion.

Motion made by Clay 2nd Kelly Carried

Adjournment –

Motion to: Adjourn at 8:55pm.

Motion made by Clay 2nd Mike Carried

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