

**Kingsley Area Schools**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**January 9, 2023**

**\*\*Meeting will be held in the High School Library at 7:15 P.M.\*\***

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

**7:15 P.M. Call to order the Regular Meeting of the Kingsley Area Schools Board of Education.**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Members Present – Ian McKinley, Kelly Saxton, Heather Bartelmay, Tony Temple, Tina Schelich, Vivien Snyder, Max Anderson

Members Absent – None

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda for January 9, 2023 meeting as presented.

Superintendent Jason Stowe requests to change the agenda as presented to accept the resignation of staff person Elizabeth Lakin.

Motion made by: Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tina Carried 7-0

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to: approve Regular Board Meeting minutes from December 12, 2022 and Special Board Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2022 and December 21, 2022. Approval of payment in the amount of \$357,015.61. Acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Lakin.

Motion made by: Vivian 2<sup>nd</sup>: Max Carried 7-0

**IV. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS**

-No Comments

**Administration Reports –**

**Kristin Goethals –**

- The elementary school will be starting after school tutoring and interventions for third graders, which will be run by Ms. Jennifer Hoffman.
- End of semester coming up on January 20, 2023. All K-5 students are being tested on reading and math. Report cards will be sent home on January 27, 2023.
- Literacy night for the elementary children and their families is coming up on February 7, 2023.

- A literacy grant was awarded to the elementary school for approximately \$24,000.
- Preschool enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in February 2023.

**Heather Miller –**

- Enrollment is down 6 from last semester.
- On behalf of the Middle School, we would like to thank Elizabeth Lakin for her years of service and wish her the best of luck in her new job in Cadillac.
- Middle School Spelling Bee is coming up and the finalists have already been decided.
- National Testing is taking place before the end of the semester and should be completed in the couple of following weeks.

**Christopher Rapes –**

- Plumbing in the high school is officially fixed. Thank you to everyone who was patient with us while we repaired the plumping. Thank you to Jim, Todd and Jason for always being right on top of it when there were issues.
- A pipe burst over Winter Break in Room 6. Ms. Lewis has been moved to Room 4 in the meantime. No loss of materials due to quick action from Jim and the staff people.
- Enrollment is up 2.
- Special education interviews have been completed and a new person is being hired and we are looking forward to having the new person on.
- There is one remaining math teacher vacancy.
- Next week on Sunday is the start of a five-week SAT prep for juniors in the commons. This will include one week of practice testing.
- A student received a “Voice of Democracy Award” for an essay written at the Kingsley VFW.
- A new QR code poster was added around the building which reads “bullying stops here.” If someone scans the QR code because they are witnessing or experiencing bullying, a message will go directly to Mr. Rapes and no one else because “bullying stops here, with me.”

**Mitch Miggenburg –**

- Winter athletics are in full swing.
- New staff being hired for Middle School girls’ basketball coach. We are excited to bring her on.

**V. DISCUSSION ONLY**

1. Guided Reading Bookroom (Elementary Principal)

Kristin Goethals requests permission to purchase an elementary reading library using funds from a grant for at-risk students. The books provided would be for ages K-5 and accessible for students to “check out” and take home, especially if they did not have access to age-appropriate reading materials at home. Books purchased would also replace aged books in the classrooms.

2. January Updates (Superintendent)

- Central Office in transition and changing. New staff have been added and new Superintendent Brad Reyburn will be starting soon.

- Safety planning is continuing schoolwide. Mapping was recently received for the emergency preparedness plans and the school is waiting to receive determination of the threat levels to determine safety needs. This will be an all-encompassing safety plan which will be implemented across all schools.
- Buzz-in system has been successful and continues to ensure the safety of students and faculty.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Jena VanWagoner: Band Update. Solo and Ensemble concert is coming up on the first Saturday in February 2023, with overwhelming support from the community. Kingsley Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) did a fund raiser which raised approximately \$1000. Band Festival is coming up, date and location is yet to be determined but will be in either Grayling or Gaylord.

No additional public comment.

**VII. ACTION**

1. Approval to hire Treasa Merchant for 8th Grade MS Girls Basketball Coach  
Motion made by: Tina                      2nd: Ian                      Carried 7-0
2. Approval to hire Leah Kitchin for Special Education Teacher position  
Motion made by: Heather                      2nd: Max                      Carried 7-0
3. Approval of Guided Reading Bookroom set not to exceed \$39,000.  
Motion made by: Max                      2nd: Vivian                      Carried 7-0

**VIII. BOARD ROUND TABLE**

Tina Schelich – looking forward to new things in 2023. Thank you, Jason, for everything you have done for the school in the last few months and is looking forward working alongside Brad. Welcomes Leah Kitchin.  
 Ian McKinley – Is excited to be on board. Looking forward to supporting the schools.  
 Max Anderson – Thank you, Jason, for everything you have done for the district. Welcome Ian and new central office staff and teachers.  
 Heather Bartelmay – Thank you to food service for the snacks for the board meeting and ditto!  
 Vivian Snyder – Excited and looking forward to moving in a positive direction in 2023. Thank you, Jason.  
 Kelly Saxton – Thank you Jason, welcome Brad. Excited and proud to hear about student achievements so far this year and well done to the kids and staff.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn by: Tony                      Seconded: Vivian                      Carried 7-0

Adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Brittany Moen

Executive Secretary

**Kingsley Area Schools Board of Education:**

Tony Temple – President   Vivien Snyder Vice-President   Max Anderson Treasurer   Kelly Saxton Secretary  
Heather Bartelmay Trustee   Tina Schelich Trustee   Ian McKinley Trustee

**Mission Statement**

"Kingsley Area Schools, together with family and community, share the responsibility to educate all students to become productive responsible citizens and lifelong learners."