

**Kirtland Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 30, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Middle School Cafeteria on March 30, 2015. Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., with the following members answering the roll: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok. Superintendent Steve Barrett was also in attendance. Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson was absent and Mr. Solnosky joined the meeting by phone.

Resolution #14-2015

Appoint Treasurer pro tempore:

Upon motion of Mr. Stepanovic and second by Mrs. Torok:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has been notified that the Treasurer is unable to attend this Board of Education meeting; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 3313.23 of the Ohio Revised Code the board members present shall choose one of their number to serve as Treasurer pro tempore;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints Mr. Cosgrove to serve as Treasurer pro tempore for the meeting held on March 30, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Campbell awarded KHS student Sam Skiljan with a certificate of accomplishment for his performance on the PSAT test. He ranked in the upper two percentile of students taking the test. Dr. Campbell also presented a certificate to James Keleman, who was awarded a National Merit Scholarship and participated in the Cleveland Clinic Expressions program, submitting artwork. Teacher Vickie Mitchell spoke of the performance of James in the recent statewide Japanese language competition in which James was awarded a top prize for his speech and understanding of Japanese culture.

Mr. Meyer noted the presence of Jane Carl and Amy Dawson in the audience, who are administrators of the Kirtland Public Library. It was noted that the schools have a strong bond to the library and will hope to expand upon this with future collaboration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Steve Barrett reported that it was a busy week last week on campus, despite being spring break. Two deliveries of furniture for the high school classrooms arrived and were removed from trucks by our custodians, helpful students and dedicated teachers. The furniture was assembled by our facilities staff and is being placed into use as quickly as possible. Most rooms have been painted and carpeted, though some are still awaiting window blinds.

He noted that we were able to dispose of all the old furniture through an online auction, which was more cost-effective than storing it.

Mentor's Mike Lynch and Kirtland's Ed Bradac and Greg Cosimi are continuing to train teachers on how to utilize blended learning in the classrooms. Our addition of Schoology will allow kids to keep portfolios of their work from 8<sup>th</sup> grade forward, and they will be able

to see their own growth from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to their senior year. Mr. Barrett believes we are creating a strong and systematic approach by using the same platform.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Cosgrove reported that the Committee met on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss a wide range of issues including health insurance issues. Kyle Anthony from Gallagher Consultants was at the meeting, and gave some insight into the recent documents presented to Mr. Barrett and the executive committee of the Lake County Schools Council consortium by our current broker. A 23% overall increase in premiums has been proposed, which many members deem unacceptable. Mr. Barrett said that we will be exploring several options through the Consortium, including sending out a Request for Proposals to other brokers, reviewing the cash reserves policy, and looking into wellness funding and stop-loss policies. The executive board will oppose the increase and ask for other alternatives. Mr. Barrett added that the Consortium is sending data to an independent actuary, who will review the Consortiums reserves of cash.

Mr. Cosgrove said that the district's year to date budget was reviewed, and revenue and expense are on target for the year. Treasurer Dan Wilson gave the Committee a report on real estate taxes and spoke of the necessity to recertify the tax rate, which will be an issue considered at tonight's board meeting. They discussed a pending tax complaint with the Board of Revision as well.

He noted that Mr. Wilson requested that the ODE, as a protective measure to the district, acknowledge that we may not be using all of our grant funds by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He had been given verbal confirmation previously.

Mr. Cosgrove said that an update was given on maintenance issues and the 5 year capital expenditure plan. We will proceed with the installation of new bleachers in the KHS gym, as well as repair of some of the parking lots that were damaged over the harsh winter months.

Mr. Barrett asked the Committee to consider adding a position for a Weight Room Supervisor, so that our student athletes can have access to the weight room evenings, weekends, and over the summer, and also to provide guidance and assurance that the students lift safely. There will be a recommendation on the April agenda to create this position.

Mr. Cosgrove repeated the Finance Committee's continual goal of finding cost savings throughout the district and its refusal to allow deficit spending.

#### STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Stepanovic said that the Committee met on March 17<sup>th</sup> and was given an update by Mr. Barrett on the Innovative Lab Networks. We originally thought a lot more schools would be granted testing waivers, but we now know that only ten districts will be granted a waiver. Our administrators are very concerned about the results because they firmly believe that individual assessment is a much better path to take. The standardized tests do not give students a chance to improve and adjust. Teachers and Principals are overburdened with duplicate testing, and all this takes valuable time away from the classroom. We will pursue this whether or not we get the approval this time.

Mr. Stepanovic noted that our board and administrators are anxious to bring in people to see our learning culture, and he noted that they are hopeful a new modified block schedule at KHS and KMS will help us focus on that goal. A meeting will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> by

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Principals and parents to discuss a schedule where classes meet 4 times per week, one of which is for an extended period of one hour and 25 minutes.

Mrs. Moran presented information to the Committee about her involvement in the professional development Writing Workshop, and Mr. Barrett gave the Committee an update on our goal of developing 75-80 wireless access points around campus to give optimum coverage for the myriad electronic devices that will be used by students and teachers alike.

It was moved by Mrs. Torok and seconded by Mr. Stepanovic that the following resolution be adopted

Resolution #15-2015

Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of Prior Meetings  
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B. Superintendent Recommendations:

1. Approval of Contracts:

Lambert, Kari	Additional 45 min. per day –driving contract	Picked up part of retirees run	Additional 898.17
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Supplemental Contracts:

Position	Name		Amount
Volunteer Varsity Softball Assistant	J. Paul	Kucsma	Per KEA Agreement
KMS Baseball Coach, Volunteer	Torok	Dave	Per KEA Agreement
KMS Baseball Coach, Volunteer	Cantini	Eric	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Nurse	Weitzel	Katherine	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Director	Poulson	Sarah	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Summerhill	Susan	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Nagy	Katie	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Powell	Jean	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Ragle	Kurt	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Vitaoe	Katie	Per KEA Agreement
7th Grade Philadelphia Tour Assistant	Gallo	Carly	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Nurse	Fortuna	Suzanne	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Mastrangelo	Michelle	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Reeves	Marie	Per KEA Agreement

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8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Camburako	Glorianne	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Joseph	Sean	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Bell	Greg	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Assistant	Schilling	Lyda	Per KEA Agreement
8th Grade Washington Tour Director	Grunenberg	Heidi	Per KEA Agreement
6th Grade Camp Assistant	Schilling	Lyda	Per KEA Agreement
6th Grade Camp Nurse	Crawford	Kim	Per KEA Agreement

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok

It was moved by Mr. Cosgrove and seconded by Mr. Stepanovic that the following resolution be adopted

Resolution #16-2015

Treasurer Recommendations

1. Recommendation to participate in the OSC bus purchase
2. Recommendation to participate in OSC advertising and receiving bids for waste and recycling services
3. Recommendation to Re-Certify tax rates for tax year 2014, collection year 2015

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok

It was moved by Mr. Cosgrove and seconded by Mrs. Torok that the following resolution be adopted

Resolution #17-2015

Superintendent Recommendations

1. Recommendation to Adopt 2015-2016 School Calendar

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok

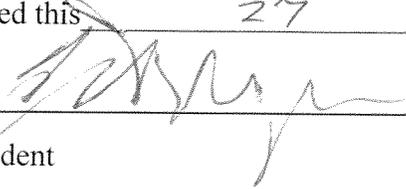
There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mrs. Torok and seconded by Mr. Stepanovic that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact copy of the proceedings that were held on the above aforementioned date.

Signed this 27 Day of APRIL, 2015.

  
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President

  
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Treasurer