

Kirtland Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Middle School Cafeteria on July 27, 2015. Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. President Tom Meyer led the pledge of allegiance. The following members answered the roll: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic and. Superintendent Steve Barrett and Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson were also in attendance. Mrs. Torok and Mr. Cosgrove were absent.

At this time President Mr. Meyer reviewed the agenda. No changes were made.

At this time President Mr. Meyer opened the floor for any public comments regarding the agenda items. There were none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett reported that a lot is going on over the summer months, including Social and Emotional Learning training for our K-2 teachers. This is intended to impart strategies for less disruption in the classroom by allowing kids to express how they feel. We are partnering with Shaker Heights and Mentor teachers on this.

He said the construction of classrooms under the Straight A Grant is progressing, and they are nearing completion of the media center, cafeteria, and observation classroom.

Laptop guidelines went out last week with a questionnaire and letter to parents. There will be morning sessions on two days in August to distribute the laptops to students. We will have a late start on Thursdays this year, which will give teachers additional time to determine how best to support students.

Mr. Meyer asked if there are specific guidelines for the use of the laptops in class, and Mr. Barrett said that there are no requirements related to the amount of time the devices are used. He just wants to make sure they are used to make our classrooms cognitive organisms. Grant evaluators have come in to talk to students, and students indicated they want to make sure that they don't lose the personal connections to their teachers. They do want to use technology, but still want interaction.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Meyer reported that the group met on July 13th and received an update from Josh Nau on facilities and transportation. Many projects are on-going, including electrical work, camera installation, asphalt, bleachers and a bus purchase.

They discussed joining forces with Mentor for our food service operations and discussed the structure of a formal agreement.

Mr. Wilson reported that the financial statements are now on our website, as we want to be fully transparent, and he gave the Committee a financial update. He is preparing a summary of board office staff savings. He presented the fiscal year-end numbers and a comparison to the last 3 years of operations. They discussed the level of the capital reserve fund and the budget process timing. They want to be proactive and will start budget planning earlier. Mr. Wilson indicated that hopefully we will be able to adopt a budget by the end of August.

A discussion ensued about the staffing reduction in force related to food service, the effect of increases in health insurance costs and the effect of agreements with our unions in the coming school year. Mr. Wilson explained the impact of the newly-adopted state budget.

Mr. Barrett noted that the health insurance consortium sent out an RFP last week, and they expect up to 10 firms to offer proposals.

The Committee then adjourned to executive session to discuss compensation and personnel matters.

STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Stepanovic reported that the group discussed the Straight A Grant status and the necessity of an open house to familiarize parents with the new surroundings and technology. They discussed the cessation of PARCC related to Common Core testing as a new provider; American Institute of Research will take over, hopefully offering a streamlined system. The group discussed performance assessment and how it has changed over the last century. Mr. Barrett has been researching the Stanford SCALE project and the scope of its bank of assessments, which use various subjects all at once.

They discussed the hiring of our new Kindergarten teacher, Emily Longo, who was selected from a field of some 300 candidates.

Mrs. Blankenship asked about how the tests will change overall. Mr. Barrett explained that we will still have to do some of the large scale tests and external assessments, but we will continue to develop our own internal project-based learning. The new AIR tests will not be as time-consuming. This is required by law.

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

Resolution #35-2015

Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of Prior Meetings
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B. Superintendent Recommendations:
Approval of Contracts:

KHS Girls Varsity Soccer	YES	Bradac	Edward	\$ 6,414.81
KHS Varsity Boys Golf	YES	Cosimi	Greg	\$ 4,460.01
KHS Varsity Girls Soccer Volunteer Coach	YES	Eberhardt	Erika	\$ -
KHS Varsity Wrestling	YES	Francis	Scott	\$ 8,053.93
KHS JV Boys Golf	YES	Gabriel	Bruce	\$ 3,622.24
KMS 8th Grade Volleyball	YES	Gallo	Carly	\$ 3,889.36
7th Grade Girls Basketball	YES	Gallo	Carly	\$ 3,387.51
KMS Faculty Manager	YES	Greenlee	Scott	\$ 8,013.46
KMS Girls Soccer	YES	Lasecki	Robert	\$ 4,006.73
KHS Head Varsity Football	YES	LaVerde	Tiger	\$ 10,219.18
KHS Varsity Assistant Football	YES	Lipps	John	\$ 8,053.93
KHS Men's and Women's Head Cross Country	YES	Moran	J.P.	\$ 5,888.68
KMS Cross Country Coach	YES	Ragle	Kurt	\$ 3,258.00
8th Grade Boys Basketball	YES	Ridgeway	Matt	\$ 3,622.24
7th Grade Boys Basketball	YES	Russ	Al	\$ 3,622.24
KMS Boys Middle School Soccer	YES	Sayle	Greg	\$ 3,654.62
8th Grade Girls Basketball	YES	Sayle	Greg	\$ 3,270.14
KHS Head Varsity Boys Soccer	YES	Valentic	John	\$ 6,414.81
KHS Cheerleaders - Fall Season	NO	Adkins	Brittni	\$ 2,258.34

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KHS Cheerleaders - Winter Season	NO	Adkins	Brittni	\$ 2,258.34
KMS Cheerleaders - Winter Season	NO	Arcaro	Ashley	\$ 1,266.77
KHS JV Cheerleaders - Fall Season	NO	Arcaro	Ashley	\$ 1,266.77
KHS JV Cheerleaders - Winter Season	NO	Arcaro	Ashley	\$ 1,266.77
KHS Varsity Assistant Football	NO	Beeler	Ryan	\$ 8,053.93
KHS Head Girls Varsity Basketball	NO	Bell	Robert	\$ 8,053.93
9th Grade Boys Basketball	NO	DiFabio	Darrell	\$ 4,577.38
KHS Varsity Assistant Football	NO	Eckles	Jeff	\$ 8,053.93
KHS Boys Varsity Basketball	NO	Gallo	Nicholas	\$ 7,001.66
KMS Football	NO	Haladyna	Josh	\$ 3,889.36
KHS JV Girls Soccer	NO	Madden	Julie	\$ 4,694.75
JV Girls Basketball	NO	Madden	Julie	\$ 5,888.68
KHS Varsity Assistant Football	NO	Morrison	Dean	\$ 8,053.93
KHS JV Wrestling	NO	Pawlowski	James	\$ 5,427.30
KMS 7th Grade Football Coach	NO	Rascan	John	\$ 3,537.25
KHS Head Varsity Volleyball	NO	Schenosky	Bob	\$ 6,325.77
KHS JV Volleyball	NO	Schenosky	Kristine	\$ 4,401.33
KMS 7th Grade Volleyball	NO	Schilling	Lyda	\$ 3,654.62
KMS Football	NO	Seimon	Jerry	\$ 3,889.36
9th Grade Girls Volleyball	NO	Silders	Renee	\$ 4,694.75
9th Grade Girls Basketball	NO	Silders	Rene	\$ 4,694.75
Varsity Swimming	NO	Stipkovich	John	\$ -
Varsity Swimming	NO	Stipkovich	Alison	\$ -
KMS 7th Grade Football Coach	NO	Sullivan	Ray	\$ 3,537.25
Volunteer Varsity Football Coach	NO	Wilcox	Jeffrey	\$ -
KMS Wrestling	NO	Williamson	Zachary	\$ 3,152.77
JV Boys Basketball	NO	Willis	Greg	\$ 5,273.50
Volunteer Boys Soccer Assistant Coach	NO	Yarborough	Jim	\$ -
KHS JV Boys Soccer	NO	Zschuppe	Hans	\$ 4,460.01

Lisa Sutliff	EMIS Coordinator	Effect. 9-1-2015	\$6,000.00
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Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

Certain transfers of funds were necessary at year-end, and the Board was asked to ratify those. In preparation for the annual audit, Mr. Wilson needed approval to reclassify and register items in the general ledger to accommodate debt service, and the Straight A Fund expenditures. We received our "Does not Exceed" Certificate today, and that is a favorable outcome. Mr. Wilson also asked that the Board approve the District's entrance into the OSC Consortium at a cost of \$325, in order to be able to purchase a bus with the Consortium's buying power.

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

Resolution #36-2015

1. Ratify Fiscal Year Fund to Fund Transfers and Advances
2. Two Supplemental Appropriations in Preparation of Financial Audit
3. New bus purchase through OSC Consortium

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Barrett requested that the Board hire Kindergarten teacher Emily Longo

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

Resolution #37-2015

1. Recommendation to Hire: Emily Longo, New Kindergarten Teacher for 2015-2016. Effective 8/18/2015, Per KEA contract.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

Mr. Barrett asked that the Board approve our 15-16 agreement with the Lake County Educational Service Center, which provides us with specialized personnel, such as an Occupational Therapist, Family Liaison, and Pupil Aides. He explained that we don't yet know who will help us as Gifted Coordinator. He also clarified that all districts must align with one or another ESC, and because we have chosen to align with the ESC, we now have to approve their hire of staff who will work on our campus.

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

Resolution #38-2015

2. Recommendation to Approve Lake County Educational Service Center Agreements:
 - a. 3319.843 – 2 Year Alignment Agreement and Member Benefits Agreement
 - b. 3319.845 – Interdistrict Agreement

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

Several policies were read and reviewed for the first time, and Mr. Barrett requested that the Board acknowledge that this is the first public reading.

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

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Resolution #39-2015

Recommendation to Approve 1st Reading of the Following 5 Policies:

Policy#		TITLE
5114	Revised Policy	Nonimmigrant Students and Foreign Exchange Students
5340	Revised Policy	Student Accidents
5350	Revised Policy	Student Suicide
5330	Revised Policy	Use of Medications
5830	Revised Policy	Student Fund Raising

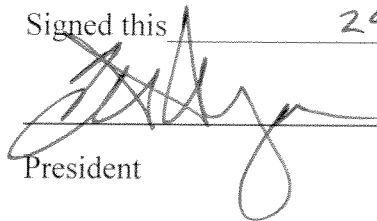
Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Stepanovic and seconded by Mr. Solnosky that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, and Mr. Stepanovic

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 24th Day of AUGUST, 2015.



President



Treasurer