

**Kirtland Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Middle School Cafeteria on May 26, 2015. Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., with the following members answering the roll: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok. Superintendent Steve Barrett and Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson were also in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett gave an update on remodeling of the Media Center at KHS. The interior demolition is just about complete. Some of the work is being done at night to keep inconveniences to a minimum. Ed Bradac is coordinating and overseeing all facets of the construction, and he believes everything will be done by the start of the new school year.

Teachers from the Perry Schools visited our campus to observe strategies our teachers are using to teach 7th grade writing. They want to try the same approach. Our districts are collaborating on rubrics and continuums to place students at the proper levels. South Euclid Lyndhurst also sent representatives to KES related to math strategies.

There will be a great deal of professional development available this summer for our teachers, and they are embracing the offerings. We have even opened up the training to teachers of some other districts. This is the most comprehensive professional development plan we've ever undertaken during summer months.

Teachers of Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 are meeting with a specialist who will advise on behavioral strategies and intervention. We're hoping to be able to intervene as early as possible with students who display a need for additional help.

Mr. Cosgrove asked about the status of the testing waiver we've requested. Mr. Barrett reported that he met in Columbus with other districts and gave recommendations to the ODE. They are awaiting feedback from ODE, and are meeting again on June 10th. He is hoping we will be able to implement our plan for the 15-16 school year, but that may be too ambitious. A lot depends upon ODE. All of the districts involved have argued that actionable feedback is the key focus, but we have to find some common measure.

The concept of portfolios for each student has been accepted by teachers, and they are already doing this to some extent at KES with language arts, math and science. These portfolios will follow kids all the way through high school and allow kids to reflect upon their own progress through the years. They are studying how to digitize the portfolios at KMS and KHS, and Student Learning Objectives will be based on portfolio-building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Solnosky reported that the committee met on May 11th and was given a financial update by Treasurer Dan Wilson. He reviewed the last 5 years of tax collection and offered clarification of purchased services the committee had asked for. He explained that the food services loss is expected to be about \$70,000 and that the Committee discussed options to stem the loss. Mr. Wilson has made several attempts to contact the ODE regarding the various paths we might follow.

They discussed a property values report from the county auditor, and discussed the state budget, which should be final by June 30th. The state requires that we periodically update our 5 year forecast, and that will be addressed at the meeting this evening.

The Committee also reviewed with Josh Nau the capital expenditures plan and some proposed projects that will require competitive bids. They discussed the curb appeal of the grounds and the installation of some additional security cameras, as well as the replacement of some exterior doors.

Mr. Barrett gave the Committee an update on the Straight A Grant, and architect letters from the two successful bidders. Follow-up items included a reiteration of the need to maintain a balanced budget for 15-16 and the development of a custodial plan, which they would like to have in place by January. They also discussed options for the food service program.

STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Torok said that the Committee met on May 15th, at which time Becky Malinas gave an update on CHAMPS camp and the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee. We have 67 children registered at this time.

Jeanette Blankenship reported to the Committee about the parent group called "OPEN," which helps parents navigate the educational system, sponsors forums and seminars and fosters community involvement and communication.

Kelly Moran described the professional development offerings we will have over the summer months for our teachers, including Summer Academy which will feature 17 presenters.

Mr. Barrett explained the concept of "grit," which involves students having the right mindset and understanding the requisite time it takes to become an expert on a subject.

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

Resolution #25-2015

Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of Prior Meetings
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B. Superintendent Recommendations:

1. Approval of Subcontracts:

Christopher Sassano	Sub Custodian	As Needed	Per OAPSE contract
Joey Shirring	Sub Secretary	As Needed	Per OAPSE contract

2. Recommendation to Approve Membership in Ohio High School Athletics Association for 2015-2016
3. Resolution that all agreements with tutors will expire at the end of the school year
4. Resolution that all supplemental contracts will expire at the end of the school year

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

Mr. Cosgrove arrived at 7:35 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson spoke about the 5 year forecast revision which is required by the end of May. The current budget becomes our baseline for the 15-16 fiscal year.

We had a positive variance for taxes of \$126,000 due to higher than expected certified tax rates and collection of some delinquent accounts.

Catastrophic Costs are off cycle, and a 13-14 payment was received in this fiscal year, so two such payments were received in this year. Mr. Wilson has projected out costs based upon current spending levels and increases dictated by the new Kirtland Education Association collective bargaining agreement.

He noted that Mr. Barrett has been very active with the health insurance consortium, and he is factoring in the 21% increase we expect to see, net of a probable one month premium holiday. We continue to look for alternatives.

Related to the October vs. May forecast, it appears expenses are tracking closely to the October forecast. We now have 10 months of actual expenditures for review. The net unreserved balance is lower than we predicted due to a transfer to the reserve fund. Due to events subsequent to the October forecast, we see positive signs and indications that the deficit will disappear, but we should be wary.

Mr. Wilson felt it was wise that we created two reserve funds, one for unforeseen expenses and one for capital expenditures. We're now developing more structure about when funds go into those, and he is examining the parameters. To date there has never been a withdrawal from the budget reserve.

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

Resolution #26-2015

1. Recommendation to Approve the 5 Year Forecast:

ADOPTION OF MAY UPDATE TO THE 2014-2015 BUDGET ESTIMATE AND FISCAL PROJECTIONS FOR 2014-2015 THROUGH 2018-2019

WHEREAS, the Kirtland Local School District Board of Education has committed itself to long range fiscal planning; and

WHEREAS, the Forecast adopted on October 21, 2014 have been updated to include updated data for fiscal year 2014-2015;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with 5705.391 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education adopt the updated 2014-2015 Budget Estimate and Fiscal Projections for 2015-2016 through 2018-2019 fiscal years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to file this resolution, the May Update to the Forecast and the written assumptions with the Ohio Department of Education on or before the May 31, 2015 filing deadline.

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

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

Resolution #27-2015

2. Recommendation to Approve Kirtland Public Library Proposed Tax Budget for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016; Budget was approved by Library Board of Trustees May 13, 2015

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Barrett recommended that the contract of part-time teacher Donna Ross be non-renewed.

Mr. Barrett recommended elimination of the position of Curriculum Coordinator. He explained that our Shared Services Agreement with Wickliffe will end after this school year, due to Wickliffe's budget constraints. We will look at other options and may still need some help through the Lake County Educational Service Center.

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

Resolution #28-2015

1. Recommendation to non- renew Donna Ross teaching contract at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 contract year

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

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

Resolution #29-2015

2. Resolution to abolish the position of Elementary School Assistant Principal and the position of Curriculum Coordinator (including any shared position with Wickliffe City Schools) and Attendant Matters.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, 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 8:07 p.m.

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

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 22 Day of JUNE, 2015.



President



Treasurer