

**Kirtland Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Middle School Cafeteria on April 27, 2015. Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the following members answering the roll: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok. Superintendent Steve Barrett and Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson were also in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Steve Barrett praised the Middle School students for their achievements in recent academic competitions. He said that Kirtland has proven to be a formidable force in both History Day and Power of the Pen, and thanked Principal Scott Amstutz and the teachers. Mr. Amstutz said that he was amazed at the time and effort teachers contributed and asked the teachers to explain how the competitions developed this year.

Teacher Heidi Grunenberg said that preparations for History Day began the very first week of school. 29 students participated at the district level, and several received awards. They were particularly successful with production of videos in their documentaries. We had some top performers at the state level and one student who is a national finalist. She noted this is a particularly challenging event for the students, because they are required to perform in front of critical judges who really test the knowledge of the students.

Teacher Susan Summerhill agreed that Power of the Pen preparations also began early in the school year. She has particularly high admiration for her team this year, as they willingly stay after school twice per week to write. The competition is exceedingly difficult because it is a timed 40 minute event. 4 of our 12 participating students were state qualifiers.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Barrett reported on the status of Kirtland's request for a waiver from state assessments in conjunction with 15 other districts and STEM schools comprising The Innovative Lab Network. The goal of ILN is to create a testing framework that makes more sense than the current state assessments and incorporates creation of portfolios for students that would follow them throughout their academic lives. The state has given preliminary approval to us through ILN, but we have to await a final decision of the US Department of Education. Mr. Barrett was asked if the portfolios would constitute the full scope of criteria for college entrance. He said that it would probably entail a blend of large scale assessments and the portfolios.

The problem with current testing is that it is excessive and repetitive. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students this year had over 12 hours of tests. In addition, we will not receive the results until well into the next school year, and this contributes little to our efforts. The planned method will provide graduating students with a sense of where they've been and what they've accomplished, and they should know their strengths and weaknesses.

New Hampshire has had their waivers approved, and Mr. Barrett feels we have a good chance of doing the same. Mr. Stepanovic congratulated Mr. Barrett and thanked him for his efforts. He said Mr. Barrett has worked tirelessly for this cause.

He reported on the spectacular progress at KHS related to classroom renovation sponsored by the Straight A Grant, and greatly due to the talent and efforts of Ed Bradac. 20 rooms at the high school have been carpeted, painted, and newly furnished with flexible furniture that can be adapted to the various lessons being taught. Each room is unique, and Mr. Bradac is doing a great job of administering the whole process. The cafeteria and media rooms will be renovated over summer.

Mr. Barrett commended the Kirtland Education Counsel for creating its “Organized Parent Education Network,” or “OPEN,” which is designed to offer support and education to parents of children with special talents and abilities. The group has already set up meetings with teacher Sean Joseph to discuss exercise physiology and the use of supplements. Other meetings are planned to discuss poignant issues.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Solnosky reported that the committee met on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Dan Wilson reviewed the financial statements with the committee, and the preparation of financial statements was discussed. Straight A Grant details were noted, with a report on the cost of the wireless upgrade. Josh Nau presented a detailed district-wide maintenance plan, and the committee is doing an in-depth review. Mr. Nau will be compiling information about annual grounds maintenance costs, so that an analysis can be done related to possible outsourcing of the function.

Mr. Barrett reported on the status of health insurance costs through the Consortium, and explained the executive committee’s stance in putting pressure to bear on our broker. There is immense concern about not only proposed rate hikes but a high reserve and lack of stop-loss coverage.

The Committee discussed the imminent threat of deficit spending, and cost-cutting measures the District may take to avoid it. There will be a cafeteria pre-bid meeting, and information is being compiled related to the possibility of opting out of the federal subsidies program.

Mr. Solnosky was asked if the district is planning to outsource our custodial functions. Mr. Solnosky said that the matter was not specifically discussed, but we will review the operations, including the number of people needed and how they are utilized. Ideas are being sought from Mr. Barrett and Mr. Wilson as to how to optimize the custodial operations.

#### STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Torok reported that the Committee met briefly on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Barrett reported to the group that they are exploring many free resources and learning tools during the Wednesday morning late starts. We will be purchasing Schoology, which will enable us to keep digital portfolios for every student.

Dr. Campbell spoke to the group about block scheduling planned to begin next year, and he is holding a meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to further discuss the matter with parents. Three days per week will be the regular 8 period schedule, and two days per week will contain block scheduling.

Mrs. Moran gave the Committee an overview of portfolios related to Kindergarten as well as an update on teacher professional development.

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

#### Resolution #18-2015

Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Contracts:

Tonya White	Sub Latchkey Aide	As needed	Per OAPSE contract
Julie Dicillo	Sub Secretary	As needed	Per OAPSE contract
Gail Ribelli	Tutor (Extra Duty)	As needed	Per KEA contract
Jacquelin Strumbly	Sub Custodian	As needed	Per OAPSE contract
Becky Malinas	Extra duty stipend	3,000.00	(Paid by federal grants)

We need to request that the Board change the title of a previously-approved supplemental contract.

Heidi Grunenberg was, earlier in the school year, approved as KMS Academic Activity Multimedia/Video Club Advisor.

It was later decided at KMS that the school would participate in History Day instead of Multimedia Club.

The pay is the same for either position, and thus there are no financial ramifications.

These certified staff members will be granted new one-year contracts for the 2015-2016 school year:

Lyda Schilling	1.0 FTE	Marina Ergun	1.0 FTE
Thomas Dingeldein	1.0 FTE	Sarah Poulson	1.0 FTE
Jill Bangerter	.125 FTE	Michael Nalepka	1.0 FTE
Alice Monihan	1.0 FTE	Katy Morris	.125 FTE

This certified staff member will be granted new two-year contracts for the 2015-2016 school year:

Suzanna Adkins 1.0 FTE

- C. Band/Choir Overnight trip to NYC to work with actors and/or stage crew from a Broadway show and to see two Broadway performances. Thursday April 30, 2015 to Sunday May 2, 2015; with Suzanna Adkins, Choral Director and Tom Dingledein, Band Director

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

BLEACHER BID REJECTION

Mr. Barrett explained that the original company gave a slightly lower quote, but was late in responding to requests for detailed information. We are able to accept a different bid because of this.

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

Resolution #19-2015

1. Recommendation to Reject Bleacher Replacement bid by Farnham Equipment Co. based on Architects recommendation, the bid was unresponsive.

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

**BLEACHER BID ACCEPTANCE**

Mr. Barrett indicated that this project will provide versatile seating that is very durable. There will be railings, making the bleachers ADA compliant, and the end caps will have our Hornet Logo. He was asked if the cost was within the original estimate provided on the capital expenditure plan, and he said that the final cost would be slightly below the original estimate. They should be done just in time for the start of the school year.

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

Resolution #20-2015

2. Recommendation to Approve Bleacher Replacement Bid submitted by Shiffler Equipment Sales Base Bid A - \$79,998.00

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

**CONTINUING CONTRACT, TEACHERS**

Principal Scott Amstutz described the dedication and talent of KMS Math teacher Erika Eberhardt, and indicated he was pleased to recommend her for a continuing contract. He said that in addition to exemplary teaching methods, she has an outstanding way of connecting with and engaging her students and making them want to learn. She is also involved in extra-curricular activities and spends countless hours voluntarily working on projects around the District.

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

Resolution #21-2015

3. Recommendation for Approve Continuing Contracts:  
Erika Eberhardt

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

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

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Dr. Campbell had glowing praise for KHS Language Arts teacher Eric Eye. Mr. Eye has been with the district for two years and brought with him a wealth of teaching experience at both the high school level and college. Dr. Campbell is continually astounded at the depth and expanse of knowledge Mr. Eye brings to his classroom, and the leadership qualities he demonstrates are outstanding.

Resolution #22-2015

4. Recommendation for Approve Continuing Contracts:  
Eric Eye

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 XXX

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 26<sup>th</sup> Day of MAY, 2015.

  
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President

  
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Treasurer

KIRTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KIRTLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Kirtland, Ohio

RESOLUTION 24-2015

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;

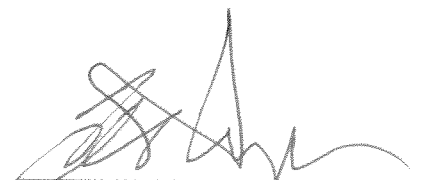
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with 5705.391 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Education adopt the updated 2014-2015 Budget Estimate and Fiscal Projections for 2015-2016 through 2018-2019 fiscal years;

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.

ADOPTED: May 26, 2015

ATTEST:

  
Treasurer

  
President