

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Hanson.

Board members present: Craig Staffin, Sue Miller, Mary Miller, Jay Fisher, Jim Leister, Mark Sette, Troy Hanson

Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by four of our 8th grade students who also shared highlights of their Kondex Corporation/Maysteel site visits.

Superintendent Smasal verified that the meeting had been posted pursuant to §19.84(1)(2)(3)(4).

Hanson/Staffin motion to approve the agenda with one small change; reversal of agenda item 18a & b. All aye.

Comments/Concerns: A constituent expressed concerns about why public comments are limited to current agenda items. He also expressed an interest in the financial resources of the January 13th Long Range Planning Committee meeting. A Board member expressed his concern at the lack of credibility this constituent has displayed at previous meetings during public comments.

Recognition: Teachers from our Spanish Department presented a slideshow highlighting the Fiesta Fun Night held last month. Over 400 people attended the event (during a snow storm!). Many volunteers from the community as well as business owners helped make it a success. The Pins & Magnets initiative began as an idea of how to make a difference in our community. Over \$6,000.00 was raised just this year and to date \$30,000.00 has been raised with proceeds donated to the Kewaskum Pantry. Congratulations to the **Kewaskum Lady Indians Bowling Team** who is at the top of the division with an outstanding 11-2 record. The final meet of the regular season is 1/18 at 3:30 at King Pin Bowl in West Bend. Sectional Team Tournament is 2/7 in Slinger. Update: The Lady Indians ended the day with an overall 2nd place finish at Team Sectionals and earned a spot to compete at the State Tournament in Wausau on March 4-6. The ladies showed exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship on Sunday and will represent Kewaskum well at State! Those moving on to State include: Abbey Hardy, Mindy Janesch, Terrah Phillips, Allison Thill, Breanna Mielkie, Mikayla Bigelow.

Congratulations to **Ben Watzig** (linebacker) who has been selected to participate in the WFCA All-Star Game this summer at UW Oshkosh. Ben, his teammates, and coaches will be seeking sponsorship donations for the WFCA's support of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Ben will represent Kewaskum as a member of the North squad in the game. KHS head coach Jason Piittmann will also be a member of the North coaching staff.

KHS KEY Club is collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to contribute please drop your pop tops off at the KHS office.

Kewaskum School District **students** scored above the state averages in the Wisconsin student assessments taken during the spring of 2015. See the January 14th Kewaskum Statesman for more information.

Mrs. Schuessler applied for and was awarded a \$700 grant from Target. The funds will be used for the 4th grade field trip to Madison later this spring.

KHS students receive awards in the Scholastic Art Competition. This competition is one of the toughest and most prestigious art competitions from high school students around the state. Gold Key winner pieces will move on to National competition with potential for display in New York. The artwork will be on display January 30 - March 13th at the Milwaukee Art Museum. **Rosa Rudzitis, Lexie Steiner, Tabitha Hansen, Maggie Metz (Gold Key), Erin Thisted-Klemp (Gold Key)**

KHS English Teacher, **Mrs. Garbisch** receives accolades from UW-Madison Engineering Department recognizing the part she played in developing a student's communication skills.

PLM (Property Loss Management of West Bend) donated 50 cases of bottled water to KSD staff in support of our 30 day Staff Water Challenge.

Congratulations to Pupil Services Director, **Jan Chapman** who was selected to serve on the DPI State Selection Committee for the 2016 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship & Student Excellence Scholarship reading process. Mrs. Chapman's task will be to read and evaluate applications for these awards and for the newly instituted Principal Fellowship.

Congratulations to KMS Phy Ed Teacher, **Mr. Grotenhuis** who was awarded a \$750 grant from Nike to implement the Nike Marathon Kids running/walking program at KMS. Students track their miles to earn incentives for each "marathon" they complete. Students interested in joining the program should contact Mr. Grotenhuis.

Congratulations to **Allison Thill** who placed 4th at the singles regional bowling tournament. She will advance to the state level on March 4th and 5th in Wausau.

Noteworthy Events:

WISN Meteorologist Jeremy Nelson visited 2nd grade students at FES today. The students will be featured in a "Shout Out" Tuesday, January 26th on WISN 12 News This Morning!

7th grade students enjoyed hearing from **guest speakers (from Pieper Electric, Michels Corp., Gruber Tool & Die and Nurse Educator)** who came to the school last week. Each speaker shared a short presentation and students were able to ask questions about the speaker's field of work.

Congratulations to senior, **Meghan Luedtke** who will be honored at an upcoming Youth Frontiers luncheon. She was selected as the Youth Frontiers' Ethical Leadership Character Award recipient. She receives a \$500 college scholarship for being an exceptional leader who lives out the values of kindness, courage and respect. The 2nd Annual **Driven to Better Health Night** is Thursday, March 10th from 5:30 - 8:30 at the Kewaskum High School Fieldhouse and Cafeteria. Join us for an evening of Health & Wellness, and even get some ideas on how to create some great recipes using Spinach during our cooking competition. The evening starts with our Health & Wellness Fair starting at 5:30, the Spinach Cook Off Judging at 6:30, and then, the evening wraps up with a half-court shot and some great raffle prizes - of which already include a FitBit Charge HR, an Overnight Stay at Wilderness Lodge at WI Dells, 3 Raised Garden Beds, NutriBullet, and much, much more!

Public Relations:

- 2/19 - 2/21 - KMS Play "Peter Pan" KHS Theatre
- 2/22 - KHS Wind Ensemble/Bel Canto concert
- 2/23 - KHS Concert Band/Concert Choir Concert
- 2/27 - Super Soup Social - KHS Cafeteria

M. Miller/S. Miller motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. January 11, 2016 regular open session
 - ii. January 11, 2016 closed session
- b. Instructional Resignations
 - i. Brenda Schommer – KHS Math Teacher
- c. Instructional Hires
- d. Extra-Curricular Resignations
 - i. Joe Moser – KMS Boys Track & Field Coach
 - ii. Jim Korth – Freshman Football Coach
 - iii. Casey Sheel – JV Football Coach
- e. Extra-Curricular Hires
 - i. Jessica Liniewski – KHS Assistant Track & Field Coach (part time to full time)
 - ii. Anthony (TJ) Schlice – KHS Assistant Track & Field Coach (part time to full time)

Motion passed all aye.

Food Service Report: Mrs. Terri Miller shared the Food Service Report. Breakfast sales have tripled this year. Ala carte sales have also increased. Staffing continues to be a challenge; the possibility of internships is currently being researched. Kewaskum Elementary School will be holding a Health Fair for students in February. Our partnership continues with Piggly Wiggly and includes the Veggie of the Month. The second annual **Driven to Better Health** event will be held March 10th, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Thoreson provided an overview of the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of a portion of the Districts General Obligation Refunding Bonds dated May 1, 2006. This will result in a savings of over \$38,000.00 for the district. Hanson/S. Miller motion to approve the Resolution. Motion passed 7-0.

Fisher/Sette motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$1,259,469.72 Motion passed 7-0

Fisher/Leister motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$355,237.91. Motion passed 7-0.

Mary Miller provided an overview of the recommendations from Neola.

Hanson/M. Miller motion to approve Technical Corrections to Policies per Neola Update of Dec 2015. All aye. The second reading/approval of new Policy 1400.01 will take place at the March School Board meeting.

M. Miller/Staffin motion to approve Carl Perkins Consortium agreement for next three years. Motion passed 7-0.

Student Learning report: Mr. Bazata presented the 2014-15 Wisconsin Student Assessment System results. The overall performance in our district has improved greatly thanks to the hard work of all of our teachers. The results conclude our district is in the top 25th percentile in math and the top 29th percentile in language as compared with 24 other districts in the CESA 6 region.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Smasal shared the Leadership Retreat/Board calendar. The Board decided to move the June 13th Board meeting up to June 6th. The 2015-16 Strategic Plan mid-year update was also shared by Mr. Smasal. The January 2016 Membership Count report resulted in one additional student enrolled since September 2015. The Long Range Planning Committee will meet next Tuesday (2/16); Bill Foster will be in attendance. The committee will hopefully make a recommendation to the Board in May.

Guiding Principles for Meeting the Needs of Students: Craig Staffin shared thoughts on helping to define what our success will look like. These Guiding Principles will be introduced at the next LRPC meeting. Mr. Hanson suggests we bring this to Bill Foster. Tracie will share with committee members inviting feedback which will be shared at next week's meeting. Feedback will be sent to Mr. Staffin by Thursday.

WASB Delegation Voting: 320 delegates met on January 20th. 16 resolutions were proposed; 15 of the 16 passed overwhelmingly. The 16th Resolution which deals with prevailing wage did not pass.

Business Manager's Report: Mrs. Thoreson shared the budget report which was quite favorable. The IT department further cut their 2016-17 budget by \$45,000. Our goal is to have the budget balanced by next month.

Policy Report: Mary Miller shared the results of the Policy committee meeting. Next month will be the second reading/vote on the one new policy #1400.01.

M. Miller/S. Miller motion to adjourn to Closed Session as per §19.85(1)(c) and 118.22 to discuss 2016-17 Staffing. All aye. Open session ended at 7:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:29 p.m.

M. Miller/Leister motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Tracie Sette, Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____ Board President: _____
Date Troy Hanson

§120.15(5) School Board President shall act as chairperson of school board meetings and see that minutes of the meetings are properly recorded, approved and signed.