

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
7:00 PM
KPS Central Office, 79 Westfield Avenue, Killingly, CT 06239
Conference Room A

MINUTES

Present: Laura Dombkowski, (absent) Meredith Giambattista, (absent with notification) Susan Lannon, Laura Lawrence, (absent) Kevin Marcoux, Kelly Martin, Misty Murdock, Kyle Napierata, Danny Rovero.
Student Board Member: Phillip Purcell

Others Present: Superintendent Susan Nash, Assistant Superintendent Jeff Guiot and Recording Secretary Keely Doyle.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairperson Susan Lannon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL-**See above.
3. **BOARD SHOUT-OUTS** Misty Murdock thanked teachers and staff for giving their time for parent/teacher conferences.
4. **REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**
Phillip Purcell shared news about events happening in the district. Some of those events are the following.

KHS: The Parent/Teacher Conferences was well attended. Ms. Lopez and Mrs. Knowlton are attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis with AgEd student leaders. Over 60,000 FFA students from all over the world will participate. School Counseling recently held a College Planning Night. The Celebrate Veterans Concert performance by the KHS Music Department will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 7:00pm. A reception with light refreshments will be in the cafeteria at 6PM.

KIS: Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer and the KIS Cross Country team all made it to the QVJC championship playoffs. Next week is Spirit Week.

KMS: Math & Literacy Night is taking place on October 24 from 5-6pm. Grade 3 students visited the Audubon Society in Pomfret.

KCS: Teachers, staff, and students held their fourth annual Trunk or Treat. Over 1,000 trick or treaters attended. The PTO organized this event.

Goodyear: The Lions Club completed vision screenings on preschoolers. The Williamsville Fire Department made their annual visit to Goodyear during Fire Prevention Week.

5. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-** October 2024 Employee of the Month, Jeanne Sisko
Jeanne currently serves as a full-time classroom paraeducator and joined the Goodyear team in September 2004. Jeanne is a true professional-her dedication to Goodyear is apparent in her eagerness to learn new things, her attendance, and her mentorship to fellow paraeducators beginning their careers with us.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Ben Kipp, 905 Upper Maple Street.
Mr. Kipp is a Territory Sales Representative at Sullivan Tire, Ellington, CT. He would like to speak to someone regarding replacement tires for our transportation department.
7. **BOARD CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES**
 - A. Curriculum Committee-No new report at this time.
 - B. Facilities Committee-
Mr. Jeff Guiot shared that the committee met earlier this evening. The committee discussed the KIS roof, the KHS access road to lower field and major repairs to the bathrooms at Westfield Ave. Significant repairs are needed on the KIS roof. The roof continues to leak. The Board could decide whether to continue to repair or replace the roof after estimates for both options are presented to the Board at a future meeting. Most of the design for the access road at KHS to the lower fields is complete.
Unsuspected repairs were needed and are completed on the bathrooms at 79 Westfield Ave., on the EASTCONN side. There was substantial damage in the walls and new plumbing was needed.
 - C. Fiscal Committee- No new report at this time.
 - D. Personnel Committee- No new report at this time.
 - E. Policy Committee
Ms. Misty Murdock shared that members of the policy committee reviewed the CAGE's suggested revised policies at their last meeting. Changes to the three policies are driven by new public acts and legislation. New language is needed to be compliant with State statutes. Board members were asked if they had any questions.
 - 7.E.1 Discussion and Possible Action of FIRST Reading of Policy #4000.1/5145.44 Person & Students Sexual Harassment/Title IX
 - 7.E.2 Discussion and Possible Action of FIRST Reading of Revised KPS Policy #5131 Student Conduct and Discipline
 - 7.E.3 Discussion and Possible Action of FIRST Reading of Policy #3542.43 Business/Non-Instructional Operation Food Service, Meal Charging
Ms. Kelly Martin asked if the readings are for just the board's benefit and suggested that the public should know about the changes to the policies. Ms. Lannon reminded Ms. Martin that all agenda items are available for the public to view on the KPS website.

MOTION: Mr. Danny Rovero, seconded by Mr. Kevin Marcoux to approve the the three policies as presented as FIRST readings.
Yes- 5
No -1
Motion Carries

AdHoc Mascot Committee- Ms. Misty Murdock shared that the committee discussed options of having the mascot retirement ceremony at a basketball game or having a mascot retirement ceremony on its own.

Ideas for a retirement ceremony would be at an Alumni game, having a slide show, hanging the banner in the cafeteria, giving opportunity to those who would like to take pictures, selling jerseys.

AdHoc Bullying Committee- No report at this time.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

A. Athletics Update

District-wide Athletic Director Mr. Jim Lackner gave an update regarding athletic events and achievements happening in Killingly.

Killingly was awarded the Michael's Cup, on October 7 at the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference. This is the first time since 2016 and only the 2nd time Killingly has been awarded this.

Currently there are 22 members of the Varsity Athletic Leadership Team. The mission is for students to take ownership in their athletic experience and share ideas on how to improve the athletic programs and promote sportsmanship. Students also do volunteer work.

Football is halfway through the season and Killingly is undefeated and ranked #2 in class SS.

There are 201 students participating in a Fall sport at KHS. At KIS there are 73 students participating in a Fall sport. Killingly will be hosting the Wrestling State Championships.

B. Attendance Update

Mr. Jeffrey Guiot shared that overall things are looking more positive for attendance. Student incentives for each of the schools includes raffles. Tardies have also gone down. Communications to parents has increased.

C. Discussion and Possible Action of Consolidated Title 1-A & Title II-A Grant

Title I provides assistance to "schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families." Academic support and learning opportunities are offered to enable children to master the curriculum and to meet state standards in core subjects. Funding totals \$605,921.00.

Title IIA- Improving Instruction is designed to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality and ensure that all teachers are highly qualified. Funding totals \$76,242.00,

MOTION: by Mr. Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Ms. Misty Murdock to approve the application

for Consolidated Title 1-A & Title II-A Grant.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

D. Discussion and Possible Action of Consolidated Title III EL Grant

Title III, English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement is for our non-English native speaking students. A partnership consortium with EASTCONN will provide tutoring services to multilingual learners. The Title III grant amount is \$6,797.00.

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Ms. Misty Murdock to approve application process for Consolidated Title III EL Grant.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

E. Discussion and Possible Action of Title IV, Part A Grant

This grant is being used to train teachers to provide support for students with adverse childhood experiences. Funding will support stipends and services for the new CNA pathway at the high school, security equipment, community engagement and attendance initiatives. Private school funding totals \$3,761.56 for St. James and Natchaug. The total grant is \$44,056.

MOTION: by Mr. Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Mr. Danny Rovero to approve application process for Title IV, Part A Grant

Yes-6

Motion Carries

F. Discussion and Possible Action for Board of Education to Establish Non-lapsing Fund

Dr. Nash read the new legislation regarding Non-lapsing accounts.

Under prior law, the town appropriating authority for a school district was authorized to deposit unexpended education funds into a nonlapsing account, provided that (1) such deposited amount did not exceed 2% of the budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year, and (2) expenditures were authorized by the local board of education and made only for educational purposes.

Section 7 of Public Act 24-45 now authorizes a local board of education, rather than the town, to make deposits of unexpended funds into a nonlapsing account provided the same conditions are met.

New legislation supercedes the current agreement between Town Council and the Board of Education of a 2M cap. Under new legislation the Board no longer needs to ask permission to deposit funds into a non-lapsing including capping it at 2M.

Dr. Nash conveyed that the Board could consider creating a new fund but it would be a Board decision. If a new account were to come to fruition, it would be managed as the current fund is. It would be separate from the non-lapsing account we have right now. Dr. Nash would like to share this new legislation with Town Council at the Nov. 12 Town Council meeting. Dr. Nash would report back to the Board after her meeting with Town Council.

Ms. Kelly Martin suggested that because 3 Board members are not present tonight, that no action be taken on this agenda item. **No action was taken.**

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. October 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

B. KHS Ski Club Trip Request starting Jan 2025 through March 2025.

MOTION: by Mr. Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Mr. Kyle Napierata to approve consent items as presented.

Yes- 6

Motion Carries

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Ms. Misty Murdock, seconded by Mr. Kevin Marcoux to adjourn at 8:07pm.

Yes- 6

Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle

Killingly Board of Education Recording Secretary