

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
KEWAUNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD ROOM AT HILLCREST  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016  
7:00 P.M. Regular Session

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Dan Kassner  
Mr. Dennis Shimanek  
Mr. Brian Vogeltanz  
Ms. Robin Kinn  
Mr. Paul Jirtle  
Mr. John Pagel

ADMINISTRATION

Karen Treml, Supt. /Sp. Ed. Dir.  
Mark Dax, Prin.  
Kim Dax, Bus. & Human Serv. Dir.  
Jason Karnopp, Bldgs/Grounds Dir.  
Kacy Rohr, Prin  
Tracy Ledvina, Prin

VISITORS

List available  
in the School  
District Office

President Brian Vogeltanz called the Regular School Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Meeting notices were posted according to WI State Statutes 19.84(1)(b). A Quorum was verified as six Board members were in attendance.

Robin Kinn motioned, Dennis Shimanek seconded, to adjourn to Closed Session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

At 7:01 p.m., Paul Jirtle motioned, John Pagel seconded to return to Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

John Pagel motioned, Paul Jirtle seconded to approve the agenda as organized. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments for Public Forum, or concerns for the Board.

Major topics were discussed next.

Superintendent Karen Treml explained to the Board the benefits of utilizing Neola for digital publishing services. Neola would post and maintain all policies on our website to ensure compliance. John Pagel motioned to approve utilizing Neola for digital publishing services at a one time cost of \$4900. Dennis Shimanek seconded, the motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

The next topic discussed was KHS curriculum name changes. A proposal was presented by Mark Dax to implement for the 2018-19 school year to benefit students in their college readiness. Proposed name changes were: Introduction to Foods to be changed to Introduction to Culinary, and Introduction to Clothing to Introduction to Sewing. A motion was made by Robin Kinn to approve the KHS curriculum name changes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dan Kassner and passed unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds Director Jason Karnopp then spoke to the board regarding the abatement process at Hillcrest. Jason presented 3 bids, and recommended utilizing the lowest bid made by Balestrieri Environmental. Dan Kassner made a motion to approve utilizing Balestrieri Environmental for the abatement project at Hillcrest at a cost of \$39,860. The motion was seconded by Dennis Shimanek and passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Mark Dax, Kacy Rohr and Tracy Ledvina then presented their suggestion on staffing changes to the board. They recapped to the board the existing staffing structure, and changes that have been made in the last 3 years.

They made the recommendation of hiring a .5 FTE school counselor beginning as soon as a qualified candidate was sought. Robin Kinn made a motion to approve the staffing changes as presented. John Pagel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The last major topic discussed was hiring an intern to assist with the growing 7<sup>th</sup> grade class which currently has 92 students enrolled. Paul Jirtle made a motion to approve hiring an intern for Trimesters 2 and 3 of the 2016-17 school year, at a stipend of \$4000. Dennis Shimanek seconded the motion which then passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

At this time, President Vogeltanz read the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

1. Minutes of October 24, 2016
2. Payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,803,186.66
3. Approve new hires of Amanda Kudick as 7<sup>th</sup> grade intern

A motion was made to approve the consent items as read by Dan Kassner and was seconded by Robin Kinn. The motion passed 6-0.

Karen Treml then provided the Superintendent Report. First she presented a facilities update; she informed the board that both the District Office as well as Ag/Maintenance Building remain on schedule. The anticipated move date is over Christmas Break. Mrs. Treml spoke to the board explaining the current balance in the contingency account, and provided a handout for further clarity.

Mrs. Treml continued reporting to the board, ALICE was the next topic discussed. Karen shared with the board the community involvement Principal Rohr and Jason Karnopp have been included in. Both Kacy and Jason have been speaking to multiple locations on the importance of ALICE. A few of the locations they have worked with are Holy Rosary School, the Fire Station and Vollrath. They are currently planning an informational community night.

Superintendent Treml then shared very exciting news next. The Kewaunee School District's report card was officially released and earned an accountability rating of "Exceeds Expectations." Mrs. Treml also shared with the board that the High School earned a rating of "Meets Expectations," the Middle School earned "Exceeds Expectations" and the Elementary School earned "Significantly Exceeds Expectations." Karen praised the staff of the Kewaunee School District for all their hard work and their true passion for children.

The last topic Mrs. Treml covered was an update on the progression of reviewing policies with Neola. She reported that the process is moving along well, and they will continue to meet monthly until complete.

The next person to speak to the Board was Business and Human Services Director Kim Dax. Mrs. Dax reported that our funds remain on track for the 2016-17 school year. Kim told the board that she recently attended a Baird Forecasting Workshop where 45 other districts were present. She shared with the board how beneficial the workshop was, and that it will be very helpful with budgeting for the 2017-18 school year.

Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds, Security and Transportation Director Jason Karnopp spoke next. He provided the board with a general update. Mr. Karnopp reported that preparations continue for the move to both the District Office and Ag/Maintenance Building. He also provided the Board a quick recap on the flooring issue, and shared with them that he and Mrs. Treml continue working with EUA, Miron, and all vendors to find a solution.

Jason then reported that he is currently investigating the cost of switching out the lights in one of the wings of the grade school to LED lighting. He reiterated the cost savings annually as well as the long term benefits to energy upgrades.

To end his report, Jason shared that the electronic sign outside the High School will be arriving on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The last report of the evening was provided by the Principals. Mark Dax, Kacy Rohr and Tracy Ledvina reported on attendance. They explained the policies in place for those students with attendance issues and their philosophy of "Attendance Leads to Achievement."

President Vogeltanz then announced future dates:

- Policy Meeting: December 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm
- December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Regular School Board Meeting

Superintendent Trembl requested a meeting date for the Finance Committee as the City of Kewaunee has requested financial assistance of \$250,000 to raze Marquette School. A date of December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 was decided on.

**At 8:00 p.m. Robin Kinn motioned, Paul Jirtle seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Cara Delebreau  
Administrative Assistant