

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF KEYSTONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2024

The Board receives a full agenda several days prior to the Board meeting. The agenda may deal with curriculum, budget, hiring of personnel, facilities, school transportation or long-range planning. The agenda usually includes written supporting material that helps with decision-making. If it appears that quick action has been taken on an item, it may be because the topic has been studied for several weeks or that questions have been answered in advance of the meeting.

Patricia Wakefield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Carrie O'Boyle, Devin Stang, Kimberly Sturgill, Patricia Wakefield

Public Persons in Attendance:

Daniel White, Adam Hines, Amanda Goran, James Kohler, Kristen Campbell, Albert Trego, Jennifer Hoops, Dominique Mason, Denise Piwinski, Tom Moran, Denise Moran, Erin Holzauer, Joshua Moran, Tammy Figula, Bill Robson, Rhonda Smith, Amanda Accavallo, Kristi Taraschke-Bell, Dennis Walter, Deborah Melda, Jennifer Maiden, Kelly Stiner, Jean Paris

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA #24-03-01

Moved by Sturgill, second by Stang to approve agenda as presented.

Ayes: Sturgill, Stang, O'Boyle, Wakefield
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES #24-03-02

Moved by O'Boyle, second by Sturgill to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2024 and the Work Session Meeting on February 21, 2024. The minutes were distributed as required by law, and shall be approved as presented.

Ayes: O'Boyle, Sturgill, Stang, Wakefield
Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS:

Deborah Melda - Wanted to speak regarding the process for appointment of a Board Member upon Jennifer Maiden's resignation. This has happened in the past during 1994 with myself being appointed when the Board accepted applications. Deborah Melda also mentioned that if the Board doesn't have a policy, OSBA does state they can choose to appoint the person who received the 3rd highest vote of a recent election.

Tammy Figula – Tammy Figula does not support the idea of Mr. Hoops being on a board that manages millions of our tax dollars when Mr. Hoops does not manage his personal finances. Since building and moving to a \$767,000 home on Indian Hollow Rd, The Lorain County Auditor's site shows that Mr. Hoops has never paid property taxes and owes \$89,279. Mr. Hoops has filed bankruptcy multiple times. Once in 2019 and again in 2020 when he filed chapter 13. Mr. Hoops has been sued by Campopiano Roofing, which began in 2018 and the courts finally awarded a judgment against Mr. Hoops on 6-6-2022 owing money to the plaintiff. The plaintiff began the garnishment process on 12-14-2023. Mr. Hoops home is part of foreclosure case 19cv198339 at Lorain County common pleas that has gone all the way to sheriff's sale and is currently under appeal. Mr. Hoops attended the last Board meeting seeking the punishment of a KLSB employee before their court date and constitutional right to due process. How are we to trust Mr. Hoops to follow and fairly uphold the KLSB policies, federal and state educational laws when he pays no taxes and is out to get the employees of this district? Would like to see the Board do their due diligence to find their next Board member.

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Jennifer Maiden - Mentioned that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Keystone community and schools. Thank you for the support for those who voted for me. I am stepping down to accept the Head Lacrosse coaching position

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Kelly Stiner - Can the agenda be made public and readily available using social media like other events? Understands that it's sent out to the staff the day prior but would like to see it posted in other places.

Adam Hines commented that the district sends out the agenda more than 24 hrs. prior to the meeting to the staff, to three news publishers and to the website.

INPUT FROM STAFF: NONE

KHS UPDATES PRESENTATION BY JAMES KOHLER

DISCUSSION ON VACANT BOARD SEAT

Kimberly Sturgill - Would like to applaud Jennifer Maiden for her willingness to do what's best for kids by not letting the sport of Lacrosse dissolve. She embodied by doing what is best for kids which is what should be on all of our minds at all times.

Devin Stang - Thank you for serving the district and the students as a Board member and the district is lucky to have you as a coach.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Amanda Goran, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Changing Needs in the District

**APPROVE TREASURER/CFO FINANCIAL REPORTS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS #24-03-03**

Moved by Sturgill, second by O'Boyle that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

A. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Treasurer/CFO recommends approval of the financial reports, including investments for February 2024, as presented.

B. FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRANSFERS

The Treasurer CFO recommends the following Transfers:

Transfers

From:	To:	Amount:
General Fund (001)	Employee Benefits-FSA Program Fund (024)	\$4,799.66
General Fund (001)	MS Roof Replacement (003)	\$227,635.50

Ayes: Sturgill, O'Boyle, Stang, Wakefield

Motion carried.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS #24-03-04

Moved by Stang, second by Sturgill that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

A. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

1. APPROVE CLASSIFIED CONTINUING CONTRACT

The Superintendent recommends granting a continuing contract to the following individual as they have successfully completed an eighteen-month probationary period:

- a. Emily Nagy – KES Special Needs Paraprofessional – effective 3/19/2024

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2. SALARY RECLASSIFICATION – CERTIFIED

The Superintendent recommends the following change in salary schedule placement for the 2024-2025 school year due to continuing education.

- a. Adam Crabtree from MA to MA+15 – Step 15
- b. Kelly Marxen from MA to MA+15 – Step 9
- c. Brittany Shaw from BA+15 to MA – Step 12
- d. Adam Shipley from BA+15 to MA – Step 7
- e. Alex Stanley from BA to BA+15 – Step 4
- f. Ashley Trenchard from BA+15 to MA – Step 8

3. APPROVE 2024–2025 JOB SHARE CERTIFIED/LICENSED STAFF

The Superintendent recommends approving the 2024-2025 job share for the following individuals:

- a. Kimberly Tafa – 4th Grade Teacher – Step 12 MA+15 at 50%
- b. Ashley Trenchard – 4th Grade Teacher – Step 8 MA at 50%

4. EMPLOY 2023-2024 EXTRA DUTY PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends employment of the following individuals on extra duty contracts for the 2023-2024 school year, pending all record checks and completion of state and local requirements, up to maximum salary:

- a. Jeffrey Holzhauser - Head Varsity Track – Step 7- \$7,383.35
- b. Gregory Morgan – Assistant Varsity Track – Step 7 - \$4,589.65
- c. Lindsay Thut – Assistant Varsity Track – Step 4 - \$3,791.45
- d. Stephen Ody – Head MS Track – Step 7 - \$3,991.00
- e. Kevin Fox – Assistant MS Track – Step 7- \$3,192.80
- f. Gina Gibson – Head Varsity Softball – Step 2 - \$5,387.85
- g. Richard Marcucci – Junior Varsity Softball – Step 7 - \$4,589.65
- h. Anna Saxton – Freshman Softball – Step 4 - \$3,392.35
- i. Jennifer Maiden – Head Lacrosse – Step 1 - \$4,789.20 – effective 3/12/2024

5. APPROVE VOLUNTEERS

The Superintendent recommends approving the following individuals as a volunteer for the 2023-2024 school year for the position indicated, pending all record checks and completion of state and local requirements:

- a. Douglas Cooper - Softball
- b. Olivia Edgell – Softball
- c. Adam Holcomb – Softball
- d. William Scherer - Softball

6. EMPLOY CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE

The Superintendent recommends employment of the following 2023-2024 classified substitute for the positions and hourly rates noted, pending all record checks and completion of state and local requirements:

- a. Katherine Barber
Bus Driver - \$16.04/hr.

Ayes: Stang, Sturgill, O’Boyle, Wakefield
Motion carried.

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APPROVE OTHER BUSINESS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS #24-03-05

Moved by Stang, second by O'Boyle that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

A. APPROVE BOWLING AS A VARSITY SPORT

The Superintendent recommends approving Bowling as a varsity sport starting with the 2024-2025 school year.

B. ACCEPT DONATIONS

The Superintendent recommends accepting the following donations:

1. John Brown - \$200.00 to KHS greenhouse
2. Brian & Renee Lowery – Le Creuset Round Dutch Oven estimate value of \$370.00 to Shannon Heffernan's Family & Consumer Sciences Classroom

C. APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT

The Superintendent recommends approving the following special education service contract for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

1. Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities

D. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CAMP NUHOP FOR KMS GRADE 6

The Superintendent recommends approving an overnight field trip for Keystone Middle School Grade 6 students to Camp NuHop on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Friday, September 27, 2024 as presented.

E. APPROVE WORK SESSION MEETINGS

The Superintendent recommends approving work session meetings on an as needed basis during the 2023-2024 school year. If needed, the next Work Session Meeting will be on April 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Ayes: Stang, O'Boyle, Sturgill, Wakefield

Motion carried.

APPROVE OTHER BUSINESS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS #24-03-06

Moved by Sturgill second by Stang to adopt the following resolution.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5715.19

The Treasurer/CFO recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) presently permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first day of March if the property was sold in an arm's length transaction during calendar year 2022, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2023 by both ten (10) percent and \$535,000; and

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting. The resolution shall include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address, by permanent parcel number, b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels, c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) relative to each parcel identified in the resolution, and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed; and

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WHEREAS, before adopting a resolution, Revised Code Section 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent in adopting the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the last known tax-mailing address of at least one of the record owners and, if different from that tax-mailing address, to the street address of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution. The notice shall be postmarked at least seven calendar days before the board of education adopts the resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Keystone Local School District that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Lorain County Records for \$1,435,000 on May 9, 2022 and the County’s tax year 2023 value is \$430,290:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
E. Main St., LaGrange, OH 44050	1500055104044, 1500055104045, 1500055104095 & 1500055104098	A List Land Development LLC	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d): Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board desires to proceed with the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A. to file said complaint with the Lorain County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

Ayes: Sturgill, Stang, O’Boyle, Wakefield
Motion carried.

Future BOE Meetings @ 6:00 p.m.

1. Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting – KHS Conference Room
2. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting – KHS Conference Room
3. Thursday, June 27, 2024 – Regular Meeting – KHS Conference Room

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: NONE

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JVS:

Deborah Melda – Getting ready for graduation and active with competitions. JVS has an open Communications Director Position

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COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Board Members:

Devin Stang – Good to hear our High School students are doing well with their competitions and athletics.

Kimberly Sturgill - We've had people in the past come to our Board meetings and are quick to make judgement and slander without checking if the information is all true. Being an elected official is not easy and has many obligations while our personal lives and decisions are scrutinized. Because of this, we have to remain neutral and check the facts. The Board has to check all sides and facts and can't use social media to make decisions. We've had quite a year and may have lost focus with our intentions. We should be working to keep kids our focus and doing what's best for our students. We should be working on the kids who want to be Keystone students. We currently have open enrolled students filling the spots of students who should be going here and it's costing the district money.

Superintendent:

Daniel White – Mrs. Maiden, thank you for your service and best of luck in your inaugural Lacrosse season.

Public:

Jennifer Hoops - Would like to thank Kimberly Sturgill for her comments to which I support. I also wanted to address the earlier comments by Mrs. Figula. Andy and I had a conversation with Mr. White since the previous board meeting to clarify Andy's question on staff discipline in an attempt to respond to public questions. Mr. White also shared that the district has a formal complaint form on the website and we were satisfied with Mr. White's explanation to our questions. Andy and I have been making payments in escrow to an account held by an attorney during the ongoing legal proceedings. We also have a Facebook webpage for public questions and comments for us to respond.

Tom Moran - Thank you for the approval and support to the students in making bowling a varsity sport.

Jean Paris - Had a parent approach me regarding fees owed and would like to assist the students and posted information on Facebook. I would like to find a way to help the students who are in need of paying the fees. Questions have been asked regarding the amount of pay to play fees owed or if it's just from general school fees.

Superintendent:

Daniel White commented that the district is investigating if students have played while still owing fees.

Treasurer/CFO:

Adam Hines added that the district cannot share the names of students who owe fees or mention how much is owed by specific students. Also, if donations are made to the student body, the money has to be divided equitably among all students. This makes public donations on an individual basis very difficult to handle and apply equally to all students.

Public:

Erin Holzhauser - How is the Board going to communicate the KLD Policy Complaint Form to the public to make sure everyone is aware of the change. Would like to thank Jennifer Maiden for her professionalism and service. Jennifer Maiden is receptive to feedback, genuine, and transparent to public comments from the public. Regarding Item E (Discussion of Vacant Board Seat), there was no public discussion. There's distrust with the Board and the public, I hope the Board takes applications and holds interviews. What is the current plan and how will that be communicated to the residents?

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Superintendent:

Daniel White responded that the Board will be entering into executive session tonight to discuss the process and plan moving forward within the 30-day period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #24-03-07

Moved by Sturgill, second by O'Boyle to adjourn to Executive Session under ORC 102.03 and ORC 121.22 for the purpose of:

1. the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against such an employee, official or student, unless an such individual requests a public hearing (the Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline of one of its members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office);
4. matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or State statutes;

With no action to follow.

Ayes: Sturgill, O'Boyle, Stang, Wakefield
Motion carried.

Executive Session 7:22 p.m. Return to Open Session 8:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT #24-03-08

Moved by Sturgill, second by O'Boyle to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Ayes: Sturgill, O'Boyle, Stang, Wakefield
Motion carried

Patricia Wakefield, President

Adam Hines, Treasurer/CFO