

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF KEYSTONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 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 6:16 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Public Persons in Attendance:

Daniel White, Adam Hines, Delia Blackburn, Amanda Accavallo, Nicole Cassell,
Renee Bartlett, Kelly Stiner, Andy Hoops

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA #24-02-09

Moved by O'Boyle, second by Stang to approve agenda as presented with corrections.

Ayes: O'Boyle, Stang, Maiden, Sturgill, Wakefield

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS:

Delia Blackburn - Why are we considering nicotine in with the same as fentanyl?
How are the random drug testing done by an outside company if it's supposed to be random?
How is the school planning to deter or catch the student if they are in the bathroom with multiple students?

Amanda Accavallo - Is this the first time the Board is discussing policies in a work session? Board members commented that we've discussed policies in regular meetings and work sessions.

Andy Hoops - Would like to see varying levels of discipline with the different types of drugs and not all treated the same. Also added to see a baseline drug test with all students 6-12 grades and then follow up with random drug testing in the year.

Kelly Stiner - Is the drug testing just for student athletes or any student at Keystone? How do all students know the consequences of the drug policy? Board members commented that the students that participate in a school club, sport, band, etc. are subject to the random drug testing. All students sign a form that they have read the student handbook for the school. Are parents notified that their child is selected for a random drug testing?

Board Members commented that parents are only notified if the test is a positive result.

DISCUSSION ON KEYSTONE LOCAL SCHOOLS STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES 2023-2024 AND POLICIES:

IGAG – Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Education

Kimberly Sturgill - Commented that the policy states the primary purpose is to educate our students and would like to see the district continue to educate students.

Jennifer Maiden - Remarked that the district should consider a program to come into the district to educate the students.

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Carrie O'Boyle - Would like to know what the district is teaching about drugs and the consequences of drugs. Board Members agreed that educating our students is better than a punishment.

IGDJA – Random Drug Testing

Jennifer Maiden - Shared that many of the other Lorain County districts don't drug test and suggested the testing should be left up to the parents. It would be a cost savings to the district.

Devin Stang - Remarked that the feedback he has received is that the students seem to be tested rather frequently during a single year. Further discussion by the Board on best practices with testing, district history with testing, and reasoning on continuing testing.

IGDJA-E – Random Drug Testing Form

JFCH/JFCI – Alcohol Use by Students/Student Drug Abuse

Kimberly Sturgill - Remarked that the policy speaks to the health, welfare, and safety of students but, the student code of conduct contradicts this by referencing consequences. The Board members discussed #5 of the policy that students should/shouldn't be able to contact their parents during the discipline process. This may be an implementation issue rather than a policy issue. Suggested that the district use a program to educate the student during and/or after school rather than suspending the student.

The Board noted three items of action before moving forward:

- 1) Explore intra-district alternatives for consequences
- 2) Survey the community regarding drug testing
- 3) Revisit consequences for varying drugs

ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION. MAY OR MAY NOT RESULT IN ACTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Future BOE Meetings @ 6:00 P.M.

1. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting
2. Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting
3. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT #24-02-10

Moved by Sturgill, second by O'Boyle to adjourn the work session meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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

Patricia Wakefield, President

Adam Hines, Treasurer/CFO