

KMS Public Schools  
Independent School District #775  
Board of Education

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 9, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

KMS HS Board Room

Members present: Steve Collins, Amber Doering, Pam Mansfield, Philip Hauge, Neil Miller, Tom Walsh, Harmon Wilts and Martin Heidelberger

Members absent: none

Also present: Ted Almen, Annette Fernholz, Ted Brown, Jeff Keil, Andrea Zurn, Erica Johnson, Carol Tollefson, Pam Diem, and Chris Ziemer of ICS.

Chairman Steve Collins called the meeting called to order 8:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Amber Doering to approve the February 9, 2015 school board meeting agenda.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried

Public Comment. None.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Neil Miller to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 board meeting.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve payment of the bills.

Roll Call: Miller, Hauge, Mansfield, Doering, Wilts, Walsh and Collins.

Voting aye: unanimous

Motion carried

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Philip Hauge to approve electronic payment of bills.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Amber Doering to approve gifts and donations.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried

Pam Diem presented updated band uniform information with closer figures on the pricing of new band uniforms. Price varies slightly with choice of machine wash or dry clean uniforms. Music parents would donate towards the purchase of the garment bags.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve up to \$49250 towards the marching band program.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Chris Ziemer of ICS provided a project committee report. Board members had walked through both construction sites before the meeting. Chris had met with elementary teachers and will continue meetings as the project progresses. On schedule and budget.

Mr. Heidelberger presented information of preschool coordinator and duties that this may involve instead of the current Community Ed director along with elementary principal trying to coordinate this position. More information will be forthcoming.

Jeff Keil and Ted Brown presented the elementary and high school happenings. KMS elementary grades 4-6 will be attending Prairie Woods on Friday, Feb 13, an Americorps reading grant has been written, Kindergarten roundup will be March 24, preschool registration April 21. High school will hold a FAFSA night on Feb 24, Mr. Brown is working on a new teacher evaluation model as seen at the MASSP conference, HS awarded 2 promise fellows positions.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield to hold the KMS School Board meetings at 7:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm on the second Monday of each month.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

The board discussed options for the 2015-16 calendar start date. The board consensus was to keep our start date the Tuesday after Labor Day.

The board reviewed the February 2, PK-12 enrollment.

Mr. Heidelberger mentioned a couple legislative proposals such as the teacher development and assessment plan, technology funding and universal early education for 4 year olds.

Mr. Heidelberger informed the board that the SWWC Cooperative contracts will be brought forth for approval at the March board meeting. Insurance proposals will be due March 9 and opened by representatives of insurance, teachers union and admin for review and will be presented in April.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Amber Doring to approve the leave request for Emily Kueffler around April 13 to the end of the school year.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Mr. Heidelberger informed the board of a proposal by the Kerkhoven Lions to cooperatively purchase a digital sign. Philip Hauge volunteered to assist in helping on this committee.

Harmon Wilts expressed concern about events on the calendar. FFA/Ag regional competition this weekend. KMS has a regional officer, star finalist and several going to state.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Collins at 9:55 pm