

KMS Public Schools  
Independent School District #775  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting, September 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. KMS HS Board Room

Members present: Steve Collins, Neil Miller, Phil Hauge, Pam Mansfield, Amber Doering, Harmon Wilts, Tom Walsh and Martin Heidelberger  
Members absent: none

Also present: Annette Fernholz, Ted Almen, Jeff Keil, Chris Ziemer, Ted Brown

Chairman Steve Collins called the meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded Neil Miller to approve the September 14, 2015 meeting agenda with the addition of an activities committee presentation.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried

Public Comment: none.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Phil Hauge to approve the August 10, 2015 regular board minutes.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve bills. Roll Call Miller, Hauge, Mansfield, Doering, Wilts, Walsh and Collins.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Motion made Harmon Wilts and seconded by Amber Doering to approve electronic funds transfers.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Harmon Wilts to accept gifts and donations from Lorraine Majchrzak, Gladys Palm, Alvin Kvaal, SSweep-Ogawa, Arlys Outman, David Carlson and Viking Coca-cola.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Chris Ziemer of ICS informed the board of construction wrapping up in both buildings. Working on tweeking mechanical systems for temperatures, sites have been lawn seeded, Breitbach is still onsite but lots of equipment removed. Waiting for library shelving, clocks and bells at the elementary.

Activities committee member Harmon Wilts informed the board of the meeting with fall coaches and the activities committee. Discussed gym space, practice times, playing time, cooperative sports and student rule violation penalties. The board would like to hear what other schools do for violations.

Mr. Heidelberger explained the new ten year Long-Term Health & Safety plan which replaces the current Health & Safety and deferred maintenance funds. He presented the ten year itemized application and statement of assurances.

Motion made by Neil Miller to approve the Long-Term Health and Safety ten year plan and seconded by Amber Doering.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

The board reviewed the September 8, 2015 enrollment. Numbers are higher than anticipated. Preschool started today with four classrooms of preschoolers in Kerkhoven.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Tom Walsh to approve hiring of paraprofessionals Lacy Koenishina, Alma Contrera Lopez and Angela Sondrol.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Amber Doering and seconded by Neil Miller to approve the resignation of elementary assistant cook Pam Skoglund

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Neil Miller to approve the resignation of Linda Weets and high school cook helper.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made Tom Walsh and seconded by Phil Hauge to approve the resignation of Jennifer Oerter as speech advisor.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Amber Doering and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the hiring of Lora Rohnoldt as elementary assistant cook.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Meiller and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the hiring at Taunia Tieg as ramp-up facilitator and student support.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Amber Doring to approve the hiring of Hilary Groothius as Social Studies instructor.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the hiring of Danielle Erickson as part time speech teacher.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the hiring of Pat Nelson as elementary music, enrichment and technology instructor.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Mr. Brown presented the high school agenda regarding the start of the year, safety, homecoming, data and testing. Ramp up activities have been planned to start tomorrow. He presented data to the board math and reading data scores.

Mr. Keil presented the elementary agenda and thanked the board for the fantastic new facilities. He spoke of upcoming activities, enrollment, summer reads data and 8 essential instruction practices.

Mr. Heidelberger presented the 2015 payable 2016 preliminary levy for the board to review.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the preliminary 2015 payable 2016 at maximum.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Motion made to present the Truth In Taxation meeting date for Monday, December 14 7:00 pm during the regular school board meeting.

Voting aye: Unanimous  
Motion carried.

Pam Mansfield questioned the elementary school gym sound system and elementary music time. The Kerkhoven HS speakers could be added to the elementary gym. All music minutes are covered now.

Amber Doering asked if resign positions could be accepted and filled earlier and the progress of the preschool play system.

Harmon Wilts mentioned athletics and coach quantities for sports, utilization of spaces, scheduling and looking towards improving the elementary lunchroom and internet speed.

Steve Collins brought up parking and bus routes at the elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.