

KMS Public Schools
Independent School District #775
Board of Education
Regular Meeting, August 12, 2013, 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, Ted Brown, Jeff Keil, Pat Overman, Chris Ziemer, Carmen Froehlich, Mindy Ruka, Sandy Baker, Katie Ziehl, Tonya Nelson, Dawn Benson and Becky Carlson.

Chairman Steve Collins called the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the August 12, 2013 meeting agenda with the agenda change of moving SBaker presentation to after #6.

Voting aye: Unanimous
Motion carried

Public Comment. Carmen Froehlich and various 4th grade student parent representatives asked the board to consider breaking the 4th grade class into three sections. Mr. Heidelberger commented that enrollment numbers and test scores were planned to be addressed during the board meeting later in the agenda.

Becky Carlson spoke of the success of the summer Camp Read A Lot. Student enrollment averaged 55 to 65 per day. Most met the goal of adding 9 words in fluency from the beginning of camp to the end of camp as well as adding math centers. Becky stated parents have expressed interest in expanding the program.

Motion made by Phil Hauge and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve the July 8, 2013 regular board minutes and the July 25, 2013 special board meeting minutes.

Voting aye: Unanimous
Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Tom Walsh to approve bills. Roll Call Miller, Hauge, Mansfield, Doering, Wilts, Wals, and Collins.

Voting aye: Unanimous
Motion carried.

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

Voting aye: Unanimous
Motion carried.

Sandy Baker, KMS Music instructor, presented information about a choir trip to the Chicago area and to seek board approval.

Motion made by Amber Doering and seconded by Harmon Wilts to approve a choir trip.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Tom Walsh to approve gifts and donations

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Pat Overum of ICS and Tom Walsh informed the board that the committee had reviewed 6 architect RFP's and had chosen three firms to interview for the building project. The date to interview the firms was set for August 27. Architect firms recommended were MLA Group, BLR Group and INS.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Neil Miller to interview the firms of MLA, BLR and INS on August 27 for to select an architect for approval at the September board meeting.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Mr. Heidelberger informed that board that he had been in contact with the cities and county regarding polling places.

Motion made by Tom Walsh and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the hiring of Justin Johnson for .45 FTE PE position.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Amber Doering to accept a letter of resignation from Mary Pahl.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Tom Walsh to accept a letter of resignation from Emily Dalen.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

The board, Mr. Heidelberger and Mr. Keil discussed class sizes and classroom space regarding kindergarten and fourth grade.

Motion made by Amber Doering and seconded by Steve Collins to maintain three sections of Kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield to move the fourth grade into a three section class.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Mr. Heidelberger informed the board that interviews will be conducted for the grade 2 and grade 4 teaching staff as well as technology and enrichment.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield to increase the adult meal price to \$3.35 as required by the Food and Nutrition Department.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Neil Miller to approve MSBA Association dues for 2013-14.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion made by Neil Miller and seconded by Pam Mansfield increase substitute teacher pay to \$100 per day.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Mr. Heidelberger presented the 2013-14 Integration Revenue worksheet. The board discussed ball field improvements and along with community ed and coach representatives will speak to the Kerkhoven City council about funds for improvements. He informed the board of growing interest by FFA in the sporting clay trapshooting league and that FFA may present at a later date. A mentor leadership program has been implemented and handbooks created. Mentors will receive a stipend for their time. Two smaller mobile labs have been purchased with tech grant dollars as well as a chromebook lab ordered for high school classes to utilize.

Jeff Keil informed the board that he and staff members had attended TACSEI training for behavioral support.

Ted Brown complimented staff and students and informed the board he has been performing credit checks, working on transcripts, graduation and the 7th grade orientation program.

Amber Doering asked about FACS department updates in the building project. Mr. Heidelberger clarified that improvements are planned through the requisitions, Carl Perkins and CTE levy.

Motion made by Harmon Wilts and seconded by Pam Mansfield to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for Kerkhoven custodial use.

Voting aye: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Harmon Wilts spoke of lawn maintenance, bleacher railings and members present at the open house with building project information. Board members volunteering to be at the high school are Harmon Wilts and Phil Hauge. Volunteers at the elementary are Amber Doering and Steve Collins.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 pm.