

The Kalida Board of Education met in regular session on the 14th day of February 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative building boardroom.

The meeting was called to order by president Mr. Niemeyer and on roll call the following members were: Mr. Helmke, present; Ms. Peck, present; Mr. Schmenk, present; Mr. von der Embse, present; Mr. Niemeyer, present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said at this time, followed by an invocation given by the Board President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2024-017

Ms. Peck motioned to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 organizational and regular board meeting, as presented by the Treasurer. Mr. Helmke seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS 2024-018

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve the bills paid during the month of January 2024 as presented by the Treasurer. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Participation: Kalida High School Junior, Ethan Langhals, was present to update the board on his Eagle Scout project, that was previously presented at the January 2024 board meeting.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2024-019

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve the following consent agenda items:

PUTNAM COUNTY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LISTING – Approve the updated list of current substitute teachers verified by the Putnam County Educational Service Center.

DOCK DAY – LINDA SCHMENK – Approved 2 dock days (salary and insurance benefits) for Linda Schmenk for February 15-16, 2024.

DOCK DAY – BEVERLY BERHEIDE – Approved 4.32 dock days (salary and insurance benefits) for Beverly Berheide for March 18-22, 2024.

DOCK DAY – NANCY GROTE – Approved 1.39 dock days (salary and insurance benefits) for Nancy Grote for March 7-8, 2024.

Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption resulted as follows: Mr. Helmke, yes; Ms. Peck, yes; Mr. Schmenk, abstain; Mr. von der Embse, yes; Mr. Niemeyer, yes. The vote resulted in a 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

2024-25 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2024-020

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve a resolution authorizing 2024-25 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

MOU WITH KALIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2024-021

Ms. Peck motioned to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the KEA to approve an updated / replacement version of the Supplemental Salaries, page 30 of the Master Contract dated August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2026, adding 7th Grade Baseball Coach, 8th Grade Baseball Coach, and Assistant Golf Coach positions to Group 7 on the salary schedule. Mr. von der Embse seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

RESCIND SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT – GAGE HOEHNE 2024-022

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve rescinding 2023-24 supplemental contract for Gage Hoehne as Summer Assistant Marching Band Director. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

2023-24 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS 2024-023

Mr. von der Embse motioned to issue the following 2023-24 supplemental contracts:

Prom Advisor	Michelle Gardner	0	\$1,181.00
8 th Grade Boys Baseball Coach	Jordan Basinger	0	2,165.00

Volunteers:

JH Track Assistant Coach	Ryan Birkemeier
Girls Softball Coach	Scott Brokamp

Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

VARISTY VOLLEYBALL COACH – KAYLA MATHEW 2024-024

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve a supplemental contract to Kayla Mathew as Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Helmke seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

KALIDA PARK FOUNDATION DONATION 2024-025

Ms. Peck motioned to approve a donation of \$5,000 to Kalida Park Foundation as part of Ethan Langhals' Eagle Scout signage project at Four Season Park; the signs will provide direction to the KHS track facility, soccer fields, and baseball fields. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE 2024-026

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve a change to the 2023-24 School Calendar, to make April 8, 2024 a non-instructional day; staff will have a professional development day. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption resulted as follows: Mr. Helmke, yes; Ms. Peck, yes; Mr. Schmenk, yes; Mr. von der Embse, abstain; Mr. Niemeyer, yes. The vote resulted in a 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Legislative Report:

- A working group under Governor DeWine's direction, made 16 bus safety recommendations. Adding seatbelts to buses were not included in those recommendations.

Vantage Career Center Report:

- Kalida's sophomore class went to Vantage on February 2, 2024 to tour the campus. Vantage hosted over 800 kids that day.
- On February 15, 2024 Vantage will be holding a skills competition with other career tech schools.
- The nursing program will be moving to the old Thomas Edison building.

Discussions during the Superintendent's report (in Schoology):

- Smith-Boughan has been at the high school building working on boilers.
- Fencing at the new track complex is almost complete.
- Kalida Schools have received a grant through ODNR for \$300,000 for "beautification" at the Holy Name Baseball field. Most of the grant will be used for the parking lot.
- Mid-Year Bullying and Harassment Report was given with one report of bullying at the elementary and two reports of bullying at the high school.
- A job posting has been posted for a K-4 Intervention Specialist.

ACCEPT DONATIONS 2024-027

Ms. Peck motioned to accept donations received in the month of January 2024 totaling \$11,782.09 as presented by the Treasurer. Mr. von der Embse seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

ACCEPT TAX RATES 2024-028

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for calendar year beginning January 1, 2024. Mr. Helmke seconded the motion and the roll being called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussions during the Treasurer's report (in Schoology):

- The monthly cash reconciliation report, monthly summary of fund balances report, and the 3-year history of general fund receipt and expenditure report was presented in Schoology for review
- The quarterly update for the School District Income Tax was presented in Schoology.
- The semi-annual update of the Casino Tax was presented in Schoology.
- Financial Audit for FY22 and FY23 started January 30, 2024.
- An update was given on the possibility of implementing the Employee KIOSK system later this year.

Discussion during the Elementary Principal's report (in Schoology):

- Mrs. Stechschulte was absent; Mr. Brinkman gave the Elementary Report in her absence.
- The 100th Day of School was celebrated Thursday, February 2, 2024 at KES. Many of the classes participated in fun activities for the day. Mrs. Stechschulte provided a variety of pictures for the day's events.
- Friday, February 16th is the 3rd quarter Random Acts of Kindness Day. This quarter it was paired with the annual Teamwork Day. Each grade level is planning a rotation of activities to promote teamwork within the classrooms. There is also a pep assembly that day with the cheerleaders that will discuss teamwork/kindness & game day rules.
- Elementary teachers will engage in a solar eclipse training with Missy McClurg from the Mercer County ESC on Wednesday, February 21st. This training will provide teachers with lessons they can use with their students leading up to the event.

Discussion during the High School Principal's report (in Schoology):

- The Kalida Middle School students presented their Science Fair Projects locally on Saturday, February 3rd. Mr. Schultz has done a great job preparing the students for this event. The presentation boards were very impressive and several students earned superior ratings, and special awards.
- Congratulations to Ryan Verhoff who was one of six juniors selected in Ohio to be awarded a trip to Washington DC February 26 – March 1st. He was a winner in the State Americanism and Government test given by the American Legion.
- Winter Sports seasons are wrapping up in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Clement and Mr. Brinkman will be meeting with all of the 9th, 10th, 11th graders to distribute scheduling materials for next year. Mr. Clement met with the incoming freshman on Monday, February 12th as part of Freshman Orientation.
- The Putnam County Arts Festival will take place March 10th at Ottoville. This will showcase several of our talented students from our choir, art, and band programs.
- The homecoming dance was January 14th. Everything went off without a hitch and the event was well-attended.

- It sounds like OHSAA will adding more divisions to each sport. Their board will be voting on those changes soon.
- Mr. Schmenk asked Mr. Brinkman for an update on an incident with a student that occurred on February 1, 2024.

Staff Participation: There was no staff participation this month.

ADJOURNMENT 2024-029

There being no further business, at 7:39 p.m. Mr. von der Embse motioned and Ms. Peck seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. When roll was called for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

In Attendance:

Karl Lammers
Dean Brinkman
Michelle Buss
Cheryl Simon
Deb Kahle
Ethan Laghanls

Board President

Board Treasurer