

The Kalida Board of Education met in regular session on the 10th day of April 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative building boardroom.

The meeting was called to order by president Brad 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 2024-050

Ms. Peck motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024 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 2024-051

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve the bills paid during the month of April 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: There was no public participation.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 2024-052

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

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

THIRD GRADE OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP – Approved out of state field trip for the third grade class to Fort Wayne Zoo in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 10, 2024.

DOCK DAYS – LINDA SCHMENK – Approved 1.5 dock day for April 26, 2024 and May 17, 2024 (salary and benefits) for Linda Schmenk.

Mr. von der Embse 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.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE 2024-053

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve changing the June Board Meeting from June 12, 2024 to June 26, 2024. Mr. Niemeyer seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – MARSHA HOHENBRINK 2024-054

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve the resignation of Marsha Hohenbrink, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

2024 STATE FFA CONVENTION 2024-055

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve the State FFA Convention trip May 2-3, 2024 in Columbus, OH. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

2024-25 SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY/PUPIL CONTRACTS 2024-056

Mr. von der Embse motioned to issue the following 2024-25 supplemental/pupil activity contracts:

Athletic Director	Adam Huber	11	\$9,925
Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	Ryan Stechschulte	18	9,487
Boys Assis Varsity Basketball Coach	Brad Horstman	11	4,671
Boys JV Basketball Coach	Kevin Stechschulte	12	6,000
Boys Freshman Basketball Coach	Mike Grime	2	2,627
Boys 8 th Grade Basketball Coach	Noah Lambert	2	2,408
Boys 7 th Grade Basketball Coach	David Kehres	11	3,795
Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	Adam Huber	22	9,730
Girls Assist Basketball Coach	Mike Gerding	11	4,671
Girls JV Basketball Coach	BJ Romes	6	5,027
Girls 8 th Grade Basketball Coach ½	Sarah Klausing	1	1,160
Girls 8 th Grade Basketball Coach ½	Grace Klausing	0	1,115
Girls 7 th Grade Basketball Coach	Lauren Langhals	1	2,319
Girls Varsity Soccer Coach	David Kehres	19	6,325
Girls 8 th Grade Volleyball Coach	Kristen Stechschulte	20	4,216
Girls 7 th Grade Volleyball Coach	Lindsay Slusser	8	3,479
Golf Varsity Coach	Kevin Stechschulte	5	4,865
JH Athletic Event Supervisor	Deb Kahle	7	2,076
Conditioning & Strength Coach	Robb Schultz	2	6,130
Weight Training Supervisor	Robb Schultz	7	3,633
Elementary Choir Director	Gracyn Schwieterman	2	1,095
Show Choir Director	Gracyn Schwieterman	2	2,627

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Musical Director	Gracyn Schwieterman	3	4,087
Assistant Musical Director	Wendy Stechschulte	8	3,746
Senior Class Advisor	Dale Liebrecht	22	2,270
Student Council High School ½	Emily Maag	8	1,739
Student Council High School ½	Jeff Clement	15	2,003
Student Council Jr. High Advisor ½	Jeff Clement	15	1,078
Student Council Jr. High Advisor ½	Mary Smith	15	1,078
High School Academic Club Advisor	Dale Liebrecht	20	3,568
Assistant HS Academic Club Advisor	Neil Gerding	3	1,135
Jr. High Academic Club Advisor	Mary Smith	9	1,930
JH Science Coordinator	Robb Schultz	11	1,751
Elementary Safety Patrol Coordinator	Kristen Stechschulte	9	1,654
Elementary Early Bus Duty ½	Deb Eickholt	15	2,003
Elementary Early Bus Duty ½	Michele Niese	19	2,056
Elementary Late Bus Duty ½	Deb Eickholt	15	1,233
Elementary Late Bus Duty ½	Michele Niese	19	1,265
High School Early Bus Duty ½	Neil Gerding	6	1,383
High School Early Bus Duty ¼	Darla Warnecke	1	474
High School Early Bus Duty ¼	Wendy Stechschulte	1	474
Bloodmobile Coordinator	Beth Grime	18	1,897
Foreign Language Club Advisor	Kristen Sebenoler	4	1,176
Yearbook Advisor	Kaylan Unverferth	2	1,533

Volunteers:

Girls Basketball	Brittany Hovest
Boys Basketball	Troy Ellerbrock
JH Boys Basketball	Trent Siebeneck
JH Boys Basketball	Jeffrey Knueve
JH Boys Basketball	Ryan Brinkman

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

CLASS OF 2024 2024-057

Ms. Peck motioned to approve the following seniors for Graduation May 26, 2024

Hannah Louise Basinger	Erica Marie Kahle	Adelyn Pearl Ridinger
Katherine Marie Bendele	Jace Robert Karhoff	Elyse Maria Romes
Rebekah Lynne Bowers	Aiden Nicholas Killion	Katelyn Elizabeth Roof
Bryce Michael Broussard	Kyle Anthony Lammers	Austin James Schnipke
Andrea Kay Burgei	Jonathan Carl Luersman	Emerson Michael Schnipke
Brady Richard Fersch	Griffin Ray Nienberg	Ella Renae Schumacher
Rafael Cortez Flemmons	Maddalyn Marie Nienberg	Sara Danielle Siebeneck
Raegan Kennedy Gerdeman	Riley Ann Nienberg	Aden Joseph Siefker
Maria Leanne Gerding	Olivia Rose Olzak	Collett Renea Starbuck
Kadon Russell Gray	Camryn Nicole Recker	Whitney Ann Unverferth
Collin Michael Heitmeyer	Noah Eugene Recker	Alexander Dean Verhoff
Kassidy Caye Hipsher	Carson John Remlinger	Paige Michelle Verhoff
Meredyth Claire Horstman	Ethan Michael-Henry Remlinger	Carly Josephine Webken
Audra Claire Hovest	Emerson Jason Ricker	Ethan Michael Wehri

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

HOLY NAME BALLPARK FENCE 2024-058

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve to cover ¼ the cost of \$12,361 to repair the fence at the Holy Name Ballpark. Mr. von der Embse seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

BAND CARGO TRAILER PURCHASE 2024-059

Mr. Schmenk motioned to approve to cover ½ the cost of a 16ft cargo trailer for the band, purchased from Fortman RV. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

CONTRACT – TEACHER – PAIGE SARKA 2024-060

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve one (1) year limited teaching contract to Paige Sarka 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.

CONTRACT – TEACHER – CAITLYN MAAG 2024-061

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve one (1) year limited teaching contract to Caitlyn Maag for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

CONTRACT – TEACHER – BETHANY NIESE 2024-062

Mr. Helmke motioned to approve one (1) year limited teaching contract to Bethany Niese for the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

CONTRACT – HS SECRETARY – ASHLY BUSS 2024-063

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve one (1) year limited school employee's contract to Ashley Buss for the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS 2024-064

Mr. Schmenk motioned to issue classified contracts to the following individuals:

Melissa Wurst	Bus Driver	Two (2) Year Limited School Employee Contract
Cody Wagner	Custodian	Two (2) Year Limited School Employee Contract
Amanda Anspach	Cafeteria	Continuing School Employee Contract
Sue Wehri	Cafeteria/Janitor	Continuing School Employee Contract

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

CERTIFIED CONTRACTS 2024-065

Mr. von der Embse motioned to issue certified contracts to the following individuals:

Chelsea Recker	Three (3) Year Limited Teacher's Contract
Lachlan Clymer	Three (3) Year Limited Teacher's Contract
Molly Haberman	Three (3) Year Limited Teacher's Contract
Lauren Langhals	Two (2) Year Limited Teacher's Contract

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

Legislative Report:

- No update to report

Vantage Career Center Report:

- All Boards Meeting was held Thursday, April 4, 2024. A former Kalida student, Michael Recker was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

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

- Bleachers in the gym are in the process of being replaced.
- Grass will be planted around the outside of the track this year.
- Hoffman Landscaping did some work to the soccer field.
- Baseball field, softball field, and soccer field has been rolled for the spring.

ACCEPT DONATIONS 2024-066

Mr. von der Embse motioned to accept donations received in the month of March 2024 totaling \$13,353.70. Mr. Schmenk seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION CY25 GROUP RATING PROGRAM 2024-067

Mr. Helmke motioned to renew participation in the Ohio Worker's Compensation Group Rating Program for calendar year 2025 offered by Sedgwick at a cost of \$360.00. Ms. Peck seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

TRANSFER FUND 2024-068

Mr. Schmenk motioned to approve the transfer of \$74,582 from the General Fund – Property Tax fund to the Bond Fund – Property Tax fund. Mr. von der Embse seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

TRANSFER FUND 2024-069

Ms. Peck motioned to approve a transfer of \$500 from the FFA Activities Fund (200-9130) to the new FFA Scholarship Fund (007-9023). Mr. von der Embse seconded the motion and the roll called upon for its adoption, all members were in favor. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – AMERICAN RED CROSS 2024-070

Mr. von der Embse motioned to approve the creation of the American Red Cross Scholarship Fund (007-9024). Mr. Helmke seconded the motion and the roll 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
- Treasurer will be attending the OASBO Conference April 16th-18th 2024.

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

- Grandparents' Day was held March 27th.
- Kindergarten screen was very successful, with 31 students screened for the 2024-25 Kindergarten class.
- Mrs. Schwieterman has invited the elementary students over to watch a preview of the musical. It's a great opportunity for the young students to get to see the opportunities available in the older grades at KHS.

- Mr. Litwiller will be putting on a concert band show for the elementary students on April 16th.
- 3rd & 4th grade will complete their state ELA test on April 23rd and 24th. They will test for math on May 7th and 8th.
- There are a few new hires including Mrs. Paige Sarka as Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Bethany Niese as 1st Grade Teacher, and Mrs. Deb Kahle as Reading Specialist.

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

- Mr. Brinkman thanked the board for their approval of hire for the new employees.
- Our Seniors returned safely from their senior class trip to Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, TN. It was a great trip. Thank you Mr. Liebrecht for organizing this event.
- The school musical "Annie" will be performed this weekend. Friday night and Sunday performances are sold out.
- State testing began this week. There was a bit of a hiccup in the system, but should be fixed soon. The next several weeks will be jam-packed of different assessments.
- Junior Mock Interviews will be held on April 30th – May 2nd with local business leaders.
- AP Exams will be administered to our students in the areas of Government, English, and US History during the week of May 1st.
- Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th.

Staff Participation: Mrs. Deb Kahle thanked the board for the new Reading Specialist position at the elementary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2024-071

Mr. Helmke motioned and Ms. Peck seconded the motion to go into executive session at 7:34pm to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee. The roll being called upon for its adoption resulted as follows: Mr. Helmke, yes; Ms. Peck, yes; Mr. Schmenk, yes; Mr. von der Embse, yes; Mr. Niemeyer, yes. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

8:19pm, let it be noted that no action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT 2024-072

There being no further business, at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Peck motioned and Mr. Schmenk 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
 Kayla Stechschulte
 Michelle Buss
 Cheryl Simon
 Deb Kahle
 Bethany Niese
 Caitlyn Maag
 Angie Maag

 Board President

 Board Treasurer