



Kenston Board of Education Cumulative Minutes for 2021

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**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
of the Kenston Local School District held on
January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School**

3313.14 Annual Organizational Meeting

The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall meet on a day occurring during the first fifteen days of January each year, and shall organize by electing one of its member's president and another vice-president, both of whom shall serve for one year. The treasurer of the board shall canvass the members of the new board no later than December thirty-first to establish the day of the organizational meeting prescribed by this section.

This meeting was held in-person and adhered to social distancing protocols. This meeting was also live streamed through "Zoom" and broadcasted on YouTube.

Dr. Krause, President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A roll call was taken with the following members present: Dr. Krause, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons and Mrs. Ward

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Office of President

Mrs. Gaskins nominated Dr. Krause for President. Being no other nominations, Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded to close nominations.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Roll Call for Dr. Krause as President was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Office of Vice-President

Dr. Krause nominated Mrs. Gaskins for Vice-President. Being no other nominations, Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded to close nominations.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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Roll Call for Mrs. Gaskins as Vice-President was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Dr. Krause
Nays: None

The Treasurer administered the Oath of Office for Board President to Dr. Krause.

The Treasurer administered the Oath of Office for Board Vice-President to Mrs. Gaskins.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Dr. Krause appointed the following board members to the following committees:

Finance: Mrs. Ward and Mr. Manning
Policy: Mrs. Gaskins
Superintendent Evaluation: Dr. Krause and Mr. Timmons
Treasurer Evaluation: Mrs. Ward and Mr. Manning
Kenston Citizen Advisory: Mr. Manning

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Kenston Board of Education appoints Neysa Gaskins as the Board's Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Liaison and appoints Beth Ward as the Board's Ohio School Boards Student Achievement Liaison. Furthermore, the Kenston Board of Education appoints Neysa Gaskins as the Board's Delegate and Beth Krause as the alternate to the Ohio School Boards Conference in November 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause
Nays: None

Motion carried

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Timmons moved and Mr. Manning seconded that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Regular Meetings, the 2021 Special Board Meetings, the 2022 Organizational Meeting and the January 2022 Regular Meeting as proposed:

2021 Regular Board Meeting Dates

Monday, February 8, 2021
Monday, March 15, 2021
Monday, April 19, 2021

Monday, July 19, 2021
Monday, August 23, 2021
Monday, September 20, 2021

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Monday, May 10, 2021
Monday, June 28, 2021

Monday, October 18, 2021
Monday, November 15, 2021
Monday, December 13, 2021

Regular Meetings will be held in the Auburn Bainbridge Room at Kenston High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

2021 Special Meetings / Work Session Meeting Dates

Monday, March 1, 2021
Monday, April 5, 2021

Monday, September 13, 2021
Monday, October 4, 2021

Special Meetings / Work Sessions will be held in the Auburn Bainbridge Room at Kenston High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

2022 Organizational Meeting – Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School
Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

2022 Regular Meeting – Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School
Monday, January 10, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Board of Education approve the following legal counsel items:

OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The Kenston Board of Education hereby approves enrollment in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund, per ORC 3313.171 at a 2021 annual cost of \$250.00.

BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board, Superintendent or Treasurer to employ any legal firm necessary during the course of the year.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR BOARD OF REVISION HEARINGS

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer and/or Brindza, McIntyre & Seed, LLP to act as agent for the Board of Education to file and sign real estate tax complaints.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded that the Board of Education approve the following general business items:

Authorization for the Superintendent to apply for and Sign for all State and Federal Grant Programs

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to apply for and to sign for any State and Federal Funds that may be offered during the year 2021.

Authorization for the Superintendent to Hire Staff between Board Meetings

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent, during periods when the Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of the Board, subject to satisfactory criminal records check and to other provisions of Board Policy, and subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by the Board; with the effective date and time of employment deemed to be the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Authorization for the Superintendent to Accept Resignations

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this board is not in session, subject to ratification by this board with the effective date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

Authorization for Overnight Field Trips related to OHSAA Contests/Tournaments

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to approve and permit overnight trips and participation in Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) sponsored athletic contests/tournaments which may take place between scheduled Board Meetings.

Authorization for Purchasing and Signing Contract

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to make purchases and sign contracts for the year, in accordance with Board approved appropriations, on behalf of the Kenston Board of Education.

Authorization of Group Purchasing

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the superintendent to enter into cooperative arrangements with other school districts to utilize any cooperative purchases to benefit the school district specifically related to but not limited to the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents Association, the ESC of the Western Reserve, the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, the Ohio School Boards Association, the Ohio Schools Council and Sourcing Alliance Collaborative Group.

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Authorization for Payment of Bills

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay invoices as submitted and report those paid to the Board of Education each month for acceptance.

Authorization for the Treasurer to Invest Active, Inactive and Interim Funds for 2021

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to invest active, inactive and interim funds of the district with its designated depositories at the maximum rate of interest available at the time of investments and report to the Board of Education each month, a list of all investments and investment earnings for acceptance.

Authorization of Distribution of Interest Earnings

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to distribute all Interest Earnings to the General Fund (001), unless otherwise prescribed under Law.

Authorization for Use of Credit Card

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to develop administrative guidelines specifying those district employees authorized to use a district card and responsible for adherence to credit card policies and procedures. Furthermore, the Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to set building/departmental credit limits up to \$5,000, Superintendent credit limit up to \$10,000, Technology credit limit up to \$20,000, Maintenance credit limit up to \$10,000, and the Treasurer's credit limit up to \$150,000.

Authorization for Blanket Purchase Orders

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of blanket purchase orders and super blanket purchase orders as a routine course of conducting business. Blanket purchase orders shall not exceed the maximum amount of available appropriations of any budget line account included on said purchase order.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:

Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Board of Education approve the following other business items:

Board Service Fund - 2021

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15, the Kenston Board of Education does hereby establish a Service Fund and instructs the Treasurer to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (within the General Fund) to be used to pay the actual expenses incurred of members of the board or their official representatives in the performance of their duties for such things as but not limited to professional meetings and professional development.

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Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Membership for 2021

The Kenston Board of Education authorizes membership in and payment to the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2021 membership year.

Authorization of the Board of Education's Designee for all Student Suspension and Expulsion Appeals

The Kenston Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio as designee to serve as the Kenston Board of Education's representative for appeals of student suspensions and expulsions.

Designee Authorization - Public Records Training

The Kenston Board of Education authorizes Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer and Michael J. Patrizi, Assistant Treasurer, to be the board members' representatives for required public records training for the following board members:

Neysa Gaskins, Beth Krause, Tom Manning, Bill Timmons, Beth Ward

Appointment of the Audit Committee

The Kenston Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Audit committee members (due to a resignation, administration is seeking a third member to fill vacancy):

Linda Hein Bill O'Neil

Charge for Copies

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the following charges per copy effective January 1, 2021:

\$.05 per copy - black/white

\$.30 per copy - color

Authorization to Pay Minimum Wage

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay the current State of Ohio minimum wage to those individuals that are paid under the minimum wage provision.

Authorization to Pay Substitute Rates

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay the following substitute rates effective January 1, 2021:

Teacher - \$92 per day / \$46 per half day

Administrative Assistant I - \$12.00 per hour

Administrative Assistant II - \$11.25 per hour

Bus Aide - \$10.00 per hour

Cafeteria Helper - \$10.00 per hour

Custodian - \$11.50 per hour

Educational Aide - \$10.50 per hour

Head Cook - \$ 10.00 per hour

Health Aide - \$11.50 per hour

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Library Specialist - \$11.25 per hour
Proctor - \$ 9.50 per hour
Van Driver - \$12.00 per hour
Van Drivers with CDL as Sub Bus Driver - \$15.25 per hour
Mechanic/Maintenance/Grounds - \$15.00 per hour
Bus Driver - \$15.50 per hour

Authorization to Pay Rates for Athletic Events and Supervision

The Kenston Board of Education hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay the following rates for Athletic Events and Supervision effective January 1, 2021:

Kenston Middle School

\$20 per game for doubleheaders (volleyball and basketball)
\$30 per game for football games
\$15 per hour for football and basketball cheer supervision

Kenston High School

JV Football – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$30
Scoreboard Operators - \$25

Varsity Football – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$60
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$60
Scoreboard Operators - \$60
Statistician - \$40

Soccer – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$45
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$45
Scoreboard Operators - \$45

Volleyball – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$40
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$25 for varsity only
Scoreboard Operators - \$60 for 9/JV/V
Statistician - \$20 for varsity only

Basketball – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$50
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$40 JV/V
Scoreboard Operators - \$60 for 9/JV/V
Statistician - \$40 for JV/V

Hockey – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$30

Wrestling – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$30

Lacrosse – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$45
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$45
Scoreboard Operators - \$45

Track – Ticket Takers / Gate Security workers - \$30
Public Announcers/Audio-Video - \$30

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Being no further business brought before the Board of Education, Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Organization Meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Beth Krause, President

Attest: _____
Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of the Kenston Local School District held on
January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School**

This meeting was held in-person and adhered to social distancing protocols. This meeting was also live streamed through “Zoom” and broadcasted on YouTube.

Dr. Krause called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Neysa Gaskins
Dr. Beth Krause
Mr. Tom Manning
Mr. William Timmons
Mrs. Beth Ward

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Krause

The Kenston Board of Education previously took appropriate measures to suspend public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board and Administration value the input of our community. If anyone has a concern or would like a statement read prior to a meeting, please contact Nancy Santilli, Superintendent at nancy.santilli@kenstonapps.org or Paul Pestello, Treasurer, at paul.pestello@kenstonapps.org or one may also fill out a Speaker’s Card on the district’s website.

Superintendent Nancy Santilli requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Zinn Gorby former teacher, coach and administrator.

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION 2021-001

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Kenston Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020 as recorded or corrected. Furthermore, the reading of these minutes will be waived.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause
Nays: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison, mentioned that the Senate Bill regarding school funding was not voted on during the lamb duck session and the debate regarding school funding will continue under the new General Assembly. Mrs. Gaskins also provided an update with respect to the following:

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House Bill 231
Senate Bill 68

House Bill 436
House Bill 123

House Bill 210

Superintendent Nancy Santilli provided the following report:

School Board Recognition Month

In January, we are pleased to honor our elected school board members who establish the policies that provide the framework for local public schools.

Kenston students benefit every day from the leadership and vision of our school board. Their focus is always the success of our communities' children.

Thank you to our elected Board Members: Dr. Beth Krause, Neysa Gaskins, Tom Manning, Bill Timmons and Beth Ward.

Kenston School Board members' decisions affect our children - what they learn, who will teach them and what kind of facilities house our classrooms providing the best education possible for the children of our communities. These men and women have taken an oath to establish the policies that provide the framework for the Kenston Schools. They represent our community and are responsive to the unique values and culture of Auburn and Bainbridge Townships. They complete these tasks keeping the priority on what is best for the students and community they serve.

During School Board Recognition Month, we are grateful for the dedication and steadfast efforts of these men and women who represent us. We thank and applaud them for their vision and voice as they advocate for our students and public education, contributing to Kenston's consistent designation as a leading school district.

COMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION 2021-002

Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education commends the following:

Kenston Board of Education members, **Neysa Gaskins, Beth Krause, Tom Manning, Bill Timmons** and **Beth Ward** for their service and dedication to the Kenston Local School District.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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FINANCE

BOARD ACTION 2021-003

Mrs. Ward moved and Mr. Manning seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Financial Reports – December, 2020

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Financial Report by Fund/SCC (finsumm), the Appropriation Summary Report (appsum) and the Summary Check Register (chekpy) for the month of December, 2020.

Bank Reconciliation - December, 2020

The Kenston Board of Education approves the bank reconciliation for the month December, 2020.

Spending Plan Reports - December, 2020

The Kenston Board of Education approves the spending plan reports for the month December, 2020.

Investment Summary - December, 2020

The Kenston Board of Education approves the investment summary for the month of December, 2020.

Tax Budget - Fiscal Year 2022

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Tax Budget for fiscal year 2022 as submitted and further instructs the Treasurer to submit the tax budget to the County Budget Commission no later than January 20, 2021 as required by Ohio Law.

The required Tax Budget Hearing was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at the Board Office at 4:00 p.m.

Full-Day Kindergarten Tuition - SY 2021-2022

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Full-Day Kindergarten Tuition Rate of \$3,100 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Preschool Peer Role Model Tuition - SY 2021-2022

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Preschool Peer Role Model Tuition Rate of \$2,100 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Donations

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following donations:

From Stephen Voudris, \$100 for KHS Speech and Debate and from

From Steven Minor, \$66.40 for undesignated purposes

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-004

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following certified personnel items:

Memorandum of Understanding - Paid Leave - Tabled

Substitutes/Curriculum Pay

Substitute Teacher; \$92.00/day:

Jennifer Reed

Designated for Assignment Substitutes, 2nd Semester 2020-2021

Megan Valenti - KHS

Contracts

Joseph Brahler, KHS Math Leave Replacement for 2nd Semester
\$22,230.42; (90.5 days: Step 0, Level 3)

Jill Scalf, KHS Computer Leave Replacement for 2nd Semester
\$26,299.30; (90.5 days: Step 3, Level 4)

Child Rearing Leave of Absence

Janelle Kyker, TES Teacher, beginning August 16, 2021, returning August, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-005

Mr. Timmons moved and Mr. Manning seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following classified personnel items:

Memorandum of Understanding - Paid Leave - Tabled

Substitutes

Substitute Library Specialist; \$11.25/hour:

Jenny Stefancin

Retirement

Linda Sliwinski, KMS Administrative Assistant, effective end-of-day June 30, 2021.

Resignation

Name: **Steven Sloane**
Position: Bus Driver
Effective: January 22, 2021

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Dr. Krause
Nays: None

Motion carried

TEACHING AND LEARNING

BOARD ACTION 2021-006

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following teaching and learning item:

Partnership Agreement with College Credit Plus Providers for the 2021-2020 school year:

The Kenston Board of Education approves partnership agreements with the following College Credit Plus Providers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Kent State University and Lakeland Community College

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause
Nays: None

Motion carried

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NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ACTION 2021-007

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following new business items:

A Resolution Submitting to the Electors of the School District the Question of an Additional 6.50-Mill Tax Levy for the Purposes of Providing Funds for Current Operating Expenses and for General Permanent Improvements, Pursuant to Sections 5705.217 of the Ohio Revised Code

The Kenston Board of Education approves a Resolution submitting to the electors of the School District the question of an additional 6.50-Mill Tax Levy for the purposes of providing funds for current operating expenses and for general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.217 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Professional Trips

Let the records reflect the following professional trip:

Greg Koltas, (Virtual) Advancing Differentiation; Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio

Obsolete Textbooks and Equipment

The Kenston Board of Education declares the following obsolete.

Timmons Elementary School Library:

6 Professional Books**

1,872 Fiction Books (poor condition)**

676 Non-fiction Books (poor condition)**

Sealed bids for the obsolete items must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office by noon on January 22, 2021. All items are "as is" and all sales are final. Minimum bid \$1.00 unless otherwise noted.

**Not for bid

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pestello shared that the 2020 audit has been completed and is void of any findings for recovery, citations or recommendations. Mr. Pestello indicated the he expects to receive the final report soon. Mr. Pestello shared that the School District's 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) prior to the December 31, 2020. Mr. Pestello also shared that the Tax Budget Hearing was held at the Board of Education Office today at 4:00 p.m. and was attended by Mr. Michael Patrizi, Assistant Treasurer.

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Mr. Pestello also shared that the district received just over \$550,000 in the form of a dividend from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation just before the end of December as promised by the BWC. This dividend represents a portion of the almost \$8 billion returned by the BWC to employers during calendar year 2020.

Mr. Pestello provided a brief overview of the December 2020 spending plan indicating that revenue for the month of December was approximately \$622,000 higher than the estimate [\$550,000 of which came is a result of the dividend from the BWC] and that actual expenditures were approximately \$194,000 less than the estimate. Through December, our actual cash balance is just under \$2 million higher than what was projected. Mr. Pestello explained that the revenue projections were extremely conservative especially in the areas of real estate taxes and State Foundation funding this year as a result of the pandemic. Mr. Pestello also indicated that the district has benefited from a large premium refund and a large dividend from the BWC. Currently, real estate taxes are almost \$500,000 higher than the estimate, State Foundation funding is almost \$400,000 higher than the estimate and the refund and dividend received from the BWC totals just over \$700,000.

Mr. Pestello further explained that although the actual cash balance is almost \$2 million higher than anticipated through December, it does change the necessity for the need for additional funds through an operating levy in May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Santilli presented the following report:

Today, we resumed in-person instruction. It was wonderful to see our students in the classrooms. Friday marks the end of the 1st semester, over 100 students will return to our buildings for in-person instruction beginning Wednesday, January 20. These students and families have received their class placements and schedules and we look forward to their return. We are happy to continue to provide virtual instruction for over 280 students.

Timmons Mental Wellness Training

Last week, Timmons teachers participated in a Virtual professional learning experience. Pax, created by the John Hopkins Center for Prevention and Intervention with training provided by the PAXIS Institute provides research-based tools and strategies for teachers to implement in their classrooms. The PAX approach is focused on nurturing positive classroom communities by addressing important social-emotional skill development in the areas of self-regulation, self-control and self-management. The Kindergarten team received training last year. Teachers in grades 1-3 and the Specials teachers participated in last week’s sessions.

The training and materials were paid for through a one-time Mental Wellness grant through the Geauga County Mental Health Board.

Maintenance Projects over Winter Break

I wanted to give a shout out to our Maintenance Department and Assistant Superintendent, Jeremy McDevitt. During December and over Winter Break, the Public Address System at the Intermediate School was replaced using Bond Issue funds. All classrooms have a call button that goes directly to the main office.

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The sound system in the Timmons gym was replaced, paid for with building funds.

Air filter replacements have been completed throughout the district including all HVAC units, both inside and outside, as well as classroom univents.

We continue to use MERV13 filters where possible as recommended by the CDC and EPA.

USDA Continues Free Lunch Program

During the three weeks of Remote Learning, the Nutrition Services and Transportation Departments provided and delivered between 350 and 400 meals during each week. I would like to remind families that this service continues until the end of the school year as students return to school and also for virtual students.

Contact Tracing

On December 30, Governor DeWine announced the Ohio Department of Health was changing its guidance regarding quarantines for an in-classroom exposure in K-12 schools. At this time, based on the recommendation of Geauga County Public Health Commissioner, Mr. Tom Quade, the District will continue to quarantine all close contacts of positive cases (students, teachers and other school personnel) regardless of where the exposure occurs. This practice will be evaluated after vaccinations are made available to school personnel.

Gauga County Public Health Vaccination Clinics

As part of the district's ongoing Community Outreach, Kenston will be a site for the Geauga County Public Health Department's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics. These clinics will be held at Gardiner Center on Saturdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, every other week, and they began last Saturday.

Gauga Public Health is following the state's vaccination plan regarding priority groups and the phased approach for distribution of the vaccine. For more information about that plan, please visit the ODH website. If you would like to be added to the COVID-19 vaccine notification list, please visit their website and complete the survey. This will allow GPH to contact you when you are eligible and they are ready for you to schedule a vaccination.

Quality Profile

This week, Kenston will join other districts across the state in conjunction with the Alliance for High Quality Education to release the 2020 Quality Profile.

The Quality Profile looks beyond standardized test scores to the overall education of the Kenston Schools and provides a snapshot of the 2019-20 school year.

Planning for the 2021/22 school year

As we all happily said "Goodbye" to 2020, we are looking to the future and planning for the next school year. This is a time where we begin celebrating the accomplishments of our students and Seniors and preparing for back-to-school in August.

During January, we will host incoming Freshman and Kindergarten Parent Orientations. After the virtual Orientation for the parents of the Class of 2025 on January 21st, the next day school counselors will begin working with 8th graders to schedule for their freshman year of high school. Ninth through 11th grade students have already completed their course selection.

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Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held virtual on Monday, February 1st at 7pm. After the Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting, parents will register online and schedule appointments to complete their paperwork registration.

Pat Brockway’s Retirement

I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize the retirement of Patricia Brockway. As we bid farewell to one of our most respected, revered, and loved administrators. Mrs. Brockway has been with the Kenston family since 1996, joining us as the Assistant Principal of the Middle School, then moving into the lead role of Principal in 1999. She began her career in 1977 as a first grade teacher at St. Anselm School. She transitioned to an administrative role in 1983 where she served as Director of Middle School and Dean of Students at Gilmour Academy.

During her tenure here, Mrs. Brockway has played an integral role in shaping the district as we know it today, and has been a positive force in the lives of so many of our Kenston students, past and present. Her solution-oriented approach coupled with her ability to always see the good in even the most challenging situations has made her a valued and cherished member of our administrative team over the past 24 years. Her sense of humor and genuine sincerity in everything she did was felt by all of her students and staff. Her ability to put people at ease, establish and maintain long lasting relationships is the hallmark of her life-long commitment to her career, her students, and everyone she came into contact with.

The biggest life lessons do not come from books, but from leaders like Mrs. Brockway. Her inspirational presence, endless patience, deep wisdom and infectious energy will be greatly missed. Her dedication and many contributions to her students and this district will be felt for many years to come. We wish Mrs. Brockway all the best in her retirement.

On a final note, I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION 2021-008

Being no further business brought before the Board of Education, Mr. Timmons moved and Mr. Manning seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Beth Krause, President

Attest: _____
Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of the Kenston Local School District held on
February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School**

This meeting was held in-person and adhered to social distancing protocols. This meeting was also live streamed and broadcasted on YouTube.

Dr. Krause called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Neysa Gaskins
Dr. Beth Krause
Mrs. Beth Ward

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Krause

The Kenston Board of Education previously took appropriate measures to suspend public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board and Administration value the input of our community. If anyone has a concern or would like a statement read prior to a meeting, please contact Nancy Santilli, Superintendent at nancy.santilli@kenstonapps.org or Paul Pestello, Treasurer, at paul.pestello@kenstonapps.org or one may also fill out a Speaker's Card on the district's website.

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION 2021-009

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Kenston Board of Education approves the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 11, 2021 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021 as recorded or corrected. Furthermore, the reading of these minutes will be waived.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison, mentioned that Governor DeWine has released his executive budget proposal for FY 2022 & FY 2023. Mrs. Gaskins also provided an update with respect to House Bill 1 [fair school funding], Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 23.

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Presentation of Birthday Book

Although absent from this meeting, Superintendent Nancy Santilli presented Mr. Bill Timmons with the Birthday Book.

FINANCE

BOARD ACTION 2021-010

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Financial Reports – January, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Financial Report by Fund/SCC (finsumm), the Appropriation Summary Report (appsum) and the Summary Check Register (chekpy) for the month of January, 2021.

Bank Reconciliation – January, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the bank reconciliation for the month January, 2021.

Spending Plan Reports – January, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the spending plan reports for the month January, 2021.

Investment Summary – January, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the investment summary for the month of January, 2021.

5-Year Financial Projection Documents (revised) - FY 2021-2025

The Kenston Board of Education approves the revised 5-Year financial projection document including assumptions for fiscal years 2021-2025. Additionally, the Kenston Board of Education approves the revised Zero Point Analysis as an internal financial planning resource for fiscal years 2021-2025.

Donations

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following donations:

From Matt and Ami Novak, \$100 for KHS Speech and Debate

From The Elite Gymnastics Academy, \$750 to KHS Gymnastics Fund

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-011

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following certified personnel items:

Memorandum of Understanding - Paid Leave

The Kenston Board of Education approves a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kenston Education Association (KEA) pertaining to paid leave.

Salary Adjustments - Additional Credit Hours - Teachers

Brenda Wahl	Step 14, Level 4 to Step 14, Level 5	\$83,562.16
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2020-2021 Revised Contract - Teaching

Suzanne Taber, KIS Music, Leave Replacement January 27, 2021-March 19, 2021;
37 days at \$231.74/day = \$8,574.38 (Step 0, Level 1)
(48 days - \$11,123.52 approved on November 16, 2020)

2020-2021 Contract Changes - Teaching

Name: **Holly Gedeon**
Position: TES Teacher
Change: Level 6 to Level 5
Salary: \$90,889 (Step 20/21, Level 5)
(Level reflected as Level 6 on February 11, 2019 Agenda for School Year 2018-2019; difference returned)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Substitutes/Curriculum Pay

In-Building Substitute Teacher:

- Joseph Hritz** - KIS
- Christy Kerchenski** - KMS
- Sondra Kosinski** - KMS
- Scott Anderson** - KHS
- Katie Detwiler** - KHS
- Jessica Kardamis** - KHS
- Ray Kimpton** - KHS

Work Sessions - Schlechty Virtual "Engaging the Net Generation" (ENG); (not to exceed 10 hours at \$31.97/hour):

Kelly Selby

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Child Rearing Leave of Absence

The Kenston Board of Education approves a child rearing leave of absence for **Molly Warmbein**, TES Special Education Teacher, beginning approximately May 13, 2021, returning approximately June 1, 2021.

OPES Credentialed Evaluator

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following administrator as an OPES (Ohio Principal Evaluation System) credentialed principal evaluator:

Nancy Santilli

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-012

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following classified personnel items:

Memorandum of Understanding - Paid Leave

The Kenston Board of Education approves a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the members of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) Local 501 pertaining to paid leave.

Contracts - Non-Teaching

Name: **Karen Dunasky**
Position: Educational Aide (District)
Hourly Rate: \$15.33 (Step 0)
Salary: \$9,167.80
Hours/Days: 6.50 per day / 92 Days
Effective: January 20, 2021

Name: **Laura Salsky**
Position: Bus Driver
Hourly Rate: \$23.58 (Step 5)
Salary: \$7,356.96
Hours/Days: 4.00 per day / 78 Days
Effective: February 9, 2021

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Contract Changes - Non-Teaching

Name: **Tani Hanlon**
Position: Van Driver
Change: 5.00 hours to 5.25 hours
Salary: \$18,952.02 (salary reflected as \$18,562.80 - August 17, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Name: **Susan Koch**
Position: Transportation Aide
Change: 4.00 hours to 4.50 hours
Salary: \$14,579.46 (salary reflected as \$13,853.28 - April 20, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Name: **David Wakefield**
Position: Bus Driver
Change: 4.75 hours to 5.00 hours
Salary: \$21,635.88 (salary reflected as \$21,168.66 - April 20, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Name: **Cheryl Nellis**
Position: Van Driver
Change: 4.00 hours to 4.50 hours
Salary: \$13,929.96 (salary reflected as \$13,235.76 - August 17, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Name: **Linda Murphy**
Position: Bus Driver
Change: 5.00 hours to 5.25 hours
Salary: \$24,307.20 (salary reflected as \$23,808.00 - September 21, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: February 9, 2021

Substitutes

Substitute Educational Aide; \$10.50/hour:

Terri Kempfski

Substitute Cafeteria Helper; \$8.70 hour (worked 12/16/2020):

Leasa Fratoe

Substitute Library Specialist; \$11.25/hour:

Jessica Ackroyd

Resignations - Non-Teaching

Joe Vondrasek, Bus Driver, effective February 1, 2021

Kim Blankenship, Bus Driver, effective end-of-day January 29, 2021

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

BOARD ACTION 2021-013

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following supplemental contracts:

Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Shannon Wirthwein	KMS Musical, Co-Director (Step 12, Level 12/14)	\$2,144.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Alissa Bodner	KMS Musical, Co-Director (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$1,501.00
	KHS Musical, Assistant Director (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$1,715.00
Julie Green	KMS Musical, Technical Director (Step 7, Level 7/9)	\$ 857.00
	Longevity	\$ 429.00
	KHS Musical, Director (Step 12, Level 12/12)	\$3,001.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Jeff Link	KMS Musical, Accompanist (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$ 857.00
	KHS Musical, Pit Director (Step 12, Level 12/12)	\$1,715.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Anne Dubovec Kowitz	KHS Softball, Head Coach (Step 2, Level 2/6)	\$5,659.00
Adam Fender	KHS Softball, Assistant Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	volunteer
Greg Koltas	KHS Track & Field, Assistant Coach (Step 12, Level 12/13)	\$3,961.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Jonathan Kostoff	KHS Equipment Manager (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$2,572.00
Bob Ross	KHS Track & Field, Assistant Coach (Step 27, Level 27/29)	\$3,961.00
	Longevity	\$2,144.00
Brenda Wahl	KHS Boys' Tennis, Assistant Coach (Step 2, Level 2/4)	volunteer
Shannon Wirthwein	KHS Musical, Technical Director (Step 12, Level 12/14)	\$2,144.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Joe Hritz	KHS JV Baseball, Assistant Coach (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$3,601.00

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Non-Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Nick Bonsignore	KHS Boys' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$2,521.00
Derek Buell	KHS Baseball, Assistant Coach (JV Head Coach) (Step 2, Level 2/5)	\$3,961.00
Anthony DiPio	KHS Girls' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach (JV Head Coach) (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$2,521.00
Bob Dubovec	KHS Softball, Assistant Coach (Varsity Assistant) (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$3,781.00
Bob Ford	KHS Baseball, Head Coach (Step 7, Level 7/11)	\$5,659.00
	Longevity	\$ 429.00
Kurt Gabram	KHS Track & Field, Assistant Coach (Step 2, Level 2/2)	\$3,961.00
Chris Ickes	KHS Track & Field, Head Coach (Step 17, Level 17/18)	\$5,659.00
	Longevity	\$ 643.00
Dale Israelson	KHS Boys' Tennis, Head Coach (Step 12, Level 12/13)	\$3,730.00
	Longevity	\$ 429.00
Brandon Kelly	KHS Girls' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach (Step 0, Level 0/0)	volunteer
Sean Kobunski	KHS Girls' Lacrosse, Head Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$3,601.00
Sam LeyGraaf	KHS Weightroom Supervisor (winter) (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$ 857.00
Greg Marthe	KHS Boys' Tennis, Assistant Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$2,521.00
Eric Maynard	KHS Track & Field, Assistant Coach (Step 2, Level 2/3)	\$3,961.00
Cailee Rendlesham	KHS Softball, Assistant Coach (JV Head Coach) (Step 2, Level 2/2)	\$3,961.00
Rich Schaedler	KHS Baseball, Assistant Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	volunteer
Paul Semall	KHS Baseball, Assistant Coach (Varsity Assistant) (Step 22, Level 22/22)	\$3,961.00
	Longevity	\$ 857.00
Al Spisak	KHS Track & Field, Assistant Coach (Step 12, Level 12/12)	\$3,961.00
	Longevity	\$ 429.00
John Tallman	KHS Boys' Lacrosse, Interim Head Coach (Step 2, Level 2/3)	\$3,730.00

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

TEACHING AND LEARNING

BOARD ACTION 2021-014

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following teaching and learning item:

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Partnership Agreement

The Kenston Board of Education approves a partnership agreement with Notre Dame College as a College Credit Plus Provider for the 2021-2022 school year:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

BOARD ACTION 2021-015

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following special education item:

Contract Change - KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following Contract change for the 2020-2021 school year.

Company: **KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center**

Change: \$243,805 (Increase in the amount of \$805.00 due to physical therapy services omitted from original contract)

(Contract reflected as \$243,000.00 at July 20, 2020 Agenda)

Effective: 2020-2021 school year

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ACTION 2021-016

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following new business item:

Obsolete Textbooks and Equipment

The Kenston Board of Education declares the following obsolete.

Timmons Elementary School Special Education Department:

EDMARK Reading Program Level 1 (outdated)**

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Kenston Intermediate School - Grade 4:
Paper Cutter**

Sealed bids for the obsolete items must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office by noon on February 26, 2021. All items are "as is" and all sales are final. Minimum bid \$1.00 unless otherwise noted.

**Not for bid

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pestello shared that although it is not required, he has prepared a revised 5-year forecast based on the fact that district has received significant additional revenue. Mr. Pestello explained that his estimate of State Foundation funding for this fiscal year was reflective of a 17% reduction from the reduced amount received in fiscal year 2020. Mr. Pestello explained that the Governor just recently signed an Executive Order which “returned” approximately \$181,000 in State Foundation funding and that the funding level this fiscal year would be approximately \$3.8 million [the original estimate was just under \$3 million].

Mr. Pestello also cited that the district has received approximately \$700,000 from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation in the form of a refund of the premium payment for calendar year 2019 of approximately \$150,000 in November 2020] and a one-time dividend check of approximately \$750,000 late in December 2020. Lastly, Mr. Pestello indicated that his projections related to real estate taxes were reflective of a 5% reduction based in part on the recommendation of the Geauga County Auditor. However, through the first half of the fiscal year, our actual real estate revenue is exceeding expectations and is expected to exceed expectations during the second half of the fiscal year as well.

Mr. Pestello also cited that although this additional revenue of nearly \$2 million is a pleasant surprise and will have a positive effect in the forecasted years of the revised 5-year forecast, the need for an operating levy this May is unchanged. The revised estimated ending cash balance on June 30, 2023 is now just over \$1 million, which is substantially short of the target amount of \$5 million as outlined in Board Policy 6210.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Santilli presented the following report:

February - PEAK trait of Compassion

This month we recognize the PEAK trait of *COMPASSION* which is highlighted through Valentine’s Day service learning projects throughout the buildings.

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Students at the Intermediate School will be making fleece “Bonding Heart” pillows to be added to NICU care packages as part of the Potato Head Project.

At Timmons Elementary Schools, students will be supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to support research and a cure through a school wide collection of pennies. Timmons students will also be making valentines to share with an “Honored Hero.”

February is also designated as Black History Month. We have integrated messages of compassion, respect and Black history into our existing learning standards and regular curriculum.

One of the projects championed by our high school Social Justice group is KHS Reads! This initiative pairs high school volunteers with Timmons classrooms to “virtually” read books that highlight various inclusivity topics. All experts in the field of social justice that address tolerance and acceptance would agree that the messages of belongingness and respect begin with the youngest learners. Attitudes and perceptions develop through life experience so offering students this learning experience is a great step in promoting a campus that is inclusive and welcoming.

High school library specialist, Mrs. Buettner, has selected age appropriate books and is coaching student volunteers on how to bring a read aloud to life.

With the ongoing pandemic, donation of blood products is essential to our community’s health. On February 26, National Honor Society will be hosting a Blood Drive for students and staff following the highest standards of safety and infection control.

COVID Vaccinations

On Friday, January 29, the Geauga County Public Health Department held a Vaccination Clinic on campus. A total of 357 people were vaccinated with approximately 300 of those coming from Kenston. The second clinic will be held on Friday, March 5. We are extremely grateful to our Health Department and Health Commissioner Mr. Quade for their ongoing support and guidance.

Gardiner Center will continue to be used to host vaccination clinics for community members as scheduled by the Geauga Public Health Department.

COVID Dashboard

An update on the COVID dashboard, currently, we have 6 active student cases with 3 of those at the high school. We have 1 active staff case currently in the district.

District-wide, we are seeing an absence rate of 6.5% that is normal for this time of year. Of that number, 1.5% are COVID-related absences.

Please note: when reading the Dashboard, the cumulative cases at the bottom are the total number of 67 out of approximately 2,600 students and 30 staff members out of approximately 370 staff members that have been confirmed positive and returned to school after their isolation since August 31.

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Planning for the Spring

The high school administration is actively meeting and working with Senior Class leadership to plan for end of the year events and celebrations. They are currently exploring modified Prom and Graduation celebrations based on the current guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health.

Maintenance Projects

The lighting project in the high school auditorium is beginning. The administration will be working with the contractor to have this project cause minimal disruption to the classes that are currently conducted in the auditorium.

Bainbridge Pancake Breakfast

The Bainbridge Pancake Breakfast will be holding the 2021 COVID edition of their annual Pancake Breakfast on March 7 and 14th as a take-out event from the high school.

Kenston Distinguished Hall of Fame

The Kenston Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 3rd Class of Distinguished Hall of Fame inductees. These individuals will be graduates or staff members who have achieved success in their careers and have made significant contributions in their fields as well as to society. Inductees will have graduated or worked at Auburn, Bainbridge or Kenston Schools. To be eligible, nominees must have graduated in the Class of 2011 or before, or retired or left the school system by June 1, 2011 or before, and not currently employed by Kenston.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION 2021-017

Being no further business brought before the Board of Education, Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Beth Krause, President

Attest: _____
Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of the Kenston Local School District held on
March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School**

This meeting was held in-person and adhered to social distancing protocols. This meeting was also live streamed and broadcasted on YouTube.

Dr. Krause called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Neysa Gaskins
Dr. Beth Krause
Mr. Tom Manning
Mr. William Timmons
Mrs. Beth Ward

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Krause

The Kenston Board of Education previously took appropriate measures to suspend public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board and Administration value the input of our community. If anyone has a concern or would like a statement read prior to a meeting, please contact Nancy Santilli, Superintendent at nancy.santilli@kenstonapps.org or Paul Pestello, Treasurer, at paul.pestello@kenstonapps.org or one may also fill out a Speaker's Card on the district's website.

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION 2021-018

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Kenston Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021 as recorded or corrected. Furthermore, the reading of these minutes will be waived.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Ward and Mr. Manning, finance committee, mentioned that the finance committee met this evening to discuss a number of topics including, but not limited to, school fees for the 2021-2022 school year, the status of district investments, fiscal year end transfer and the Treasurer's goals.

Mrs. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison, provided an update with respect to the following Bills: HB 40, HB 67, HB 1, SB 37, HB 200, HB 122, HB 6 and HB 140.

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Superintendent Nancy Santilli read the following statement:

FIELD HOUSE UPDATE

I wanted to take a minute to update the Board of Education on athletic facilities for the Spring Athletic season. Multiple meetings have been held on this topic, and we have listened and heard a variety of viewpoints.

It has always been the district's practice to provide appropriate locker room and restroom facilities for our athletes. With the 2021 Spring athletic season beginning, the Gurd Family Fieldhouse is included as a facility available for game day events at the stadium. Our coaches will work collaboratively in the best interest of our student-athletes.

I would like to commend and recognize Coach Jeff Grubich for his leadership and the dedicated and generous members of the community who partnered with the football program to champion this visionary project to expand, remodel and transform the former bus garage. We appreciate everyone who has been part of this project.

We are believers in the power of sports to teach essential life lessons, teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, discipline and loyalty. These are critical lessons for success on the field, in the classroom and most importantly in life.

The Gurd Family Fieldhouse celebrates the district's partnerships and community's generosity and recognizes the traditions and legacy that continue to build Bomber Pride. We are one community that together supports all of our student-athletes.

Presentation of Birthday Book

Superintendent Nancy Santilli presented Dr. Beth Krause with the Birthday Book.

COMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION 2021-019

Mr. Timmons moved and Mr. Manning seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education commends the following:

- KHS Red Cross Blood Drive - **Terry Markoff**, National Honor Society Advisor, and the National Honor Society Committee:

Ameila Witmer-Rich
Nathan Gaskins
Emily Jernejcic
Alexa Busby
Lynae Hairston

- KHS students, **Okan Kardzhala**, **Jessica Kirschman** and **Garrett McConnell** for being named as National Merit Finalist

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- KHS students, **Colin Mast** and **Zhen Henrikson**, Russian Scholar Laureate Award
- KHS student, **Delaney Bochenek**, National Speech and Debate Academic All American
- KHS student, **Madison Oystoic**, Auburn Career Center - National Honor Society

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

FINANCE

BOARD ACTION 2021-020

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Financial Reports – February, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Financial Report by Fund/SCC (finsumm), the Appropriation Summary Report (appsumm) and the Summary Check Register (chekpy) for the month of February, 2021.

Bank Reconciliation – February, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the bank reconciliation for the month February, 2021.

Spending Plan Reports – February, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the spending plan reports for the month February, 2021.

Investment Summary – February, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the investment summary for the month of February, 2021.

Amounts and Rates Resolution - Tax Year 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves and accepts the amounts and rates for tax year 2021, collected in calendar year 2022, as determined by the Geauga County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Geauga County Auditor. The amounts and rates are as follows:

General Fund	Outside Millage	81.49	\$28,277,886
General Fund	Inside Millage	4.50	\$ 3,915,824
Bond Retirement Fund	3.57 mills		\$ 3,106,553
Bond Retirement Fund 2015	.66 mills		\$ 574,321

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Kenston Foundation Grant - The Hub

The Kenston Board of Education approves a partner grant from the Kenston Foundation and authorizes the Treasurer to appropriate these funds for expenditure.

Fund 018-9501 - KHS "the Hub" - \$2,500

Donations

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following donations:

From the Geauga County Auditor's Dog Contest Class Prize, \$250.00 for Kentson Intermediate School.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-021

Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Timmons seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following certified personnel items:

Retirement Resignation - Certified Personnel

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following retirement resignations:

- **Ronnie Continenza**, KHS Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Rita Pressman**, Special Education Director-Grades 6-12, effective June 30, 2021.

Contract

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following teaching contract:

Laura DeSantis, TES Special Education Teacher/Speech Language Pathologist, Leave Replacement for remainder of school year 2020-2021, 0-60 days at \$231.74/day (Step 0, Level 1)

Non-Renewal of Contracts - Teaching

The Kenston Board of Education approves to non-renew the following certified contracts effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year:

- **Danielle Decker**, One Year Change of Assignment to KIS Grade 4 Teacher
- **Nicole Wichert**, One Year Change of Assignment to TES Grade 3 Teacher
- **Marybeth Leitch**, One Year Half-Day Kindergarten/Online Instruction
- **Shannon Geiger**, TES 3rd Grade Leave Replacement

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- **Joseph Brahler**, KHS Math Leave Replacement
- **Jill Scalf**, KHS Computers Leave Replacement
- **Megan Valenti**, KHS Designated for Assignment
- **Heidi Weber**, KMS Special Education Leave Replacement
- **Laura DiSantis**, TES Special Education/Speech Pathologist Leave Replacement
- **Suzanne Taber**, KIS Music Leave Replacement ******(contract effective through March 19, 2021)

Substitutes/Curriculum Pay

In-Building Substitute Teacher:

Jeff Kepreos - KHS

Ellen Larkin - KHS

OTES Credentialed Evaluator

Adam Fender

Kathleen Poe

Kathleen Phillips

David Rogaliner

OPES Credentialed Evaluator

Jeremy McDevitt

Kathleen Poe

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-022

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following classified personnel items:

Contracts

Name:	Thomas Holschuh
Position:	Bus Driver
Hourly Rate:	\$23.58 (Step 5)
Salary:	\$5,093.28
Hours/Days:	4.00 hours per day / 54 days
Effective:	March 16, 2021

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Contract Changes

Name: **Susan Shukaitis**
Position: Bus Driver
Change: 5.00 hours to 5.25 hours
Salary: \$23,427.24 for 186 days
(Salary reflected as \$23,091.90 at April 20, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: March 16, 2021

Name: **Mellony Salsgiver**
Position: Bus Driver
Change: 5.00 hours to 5.25 hours
Salary: \$22,606.26 for 186 days
(Salary reflected as \$22,282.80 at April 20, 2020 Agenda)
Effective: March 16, 2021

Name: **Cheryl Nellis**
Position: Van Driver
Change: 4.50 hours to 4.75 hours
Salary: \$14,169.72 for 186 days
(Salary reflected as \$13,929.96 at February 8, 2021 Board Agenda)
Effective: March 16, 2021

Name: **Susan Koch**
Position: Bus/Van Aide
Change: 4.5 hours to 4.75 hours
Salary: \$14,831.10 for 186 days
(Salary reflected as \$14,579.46 at February 8, 2021 Board Agenda)
Effective: March 16, 2021

Substitutes

Substitute Proctors; \$9.50/hour:

Jenee Jerina
Susan Shukaitis
Gary Welch

Substitute Cafeteria Helper; \$10.00/hour:

Susan Shukaitis

Substitute Library Specialist; \$11.25/hour:

Lorena Spisak

Substitute Bus Aide; \$10.00/hour:

Sandy Dezman

Substitute Administrative Assistant II; \$11.25/hour:

Susan Shukaitis

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

BOARD ACTION 2021-023

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following supplemental contracts:

Resignations

Name: **Sam Leygraaf**
 Position: Winter Weight Room Supervisor
 Effective: February 9, 2021

Supplemental Contracts

Staff, 2021-2022 School Year:

Alan Thomas	Student Teaching	\$ 125.00
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Non-Staff, 2021-2022 School Year:

Christian Jolley	KHS Volleyball, Head Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$5,160.00
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Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Tamara Cabrera-Perrine	KMS Power of the Pen Advisor (Step 1, Level 1/1)	\$ 857.00
Jim Selby	KHS Spring Weight Room, Supervisor (Level 7, Level 7/7)	\$1,286.00
	Longevity	\$ 429.00
John Misenko	KHS Girls' Basketball, Head Coach, Extended Season (1 week)	\$ 469.00
Anissa Smith	KHS Gymnastics, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (3 weeks)	\$ 900.00
Anne Dubovec Kowitz	KHS Girls' Basketball, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (1 week)	\$ 328.00
Jason Peterson	KMS Boys' Track, Head Coach (Step 7, Level 7/7)	\$3,463.00
	Longevity	\$ 437.00

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Jennifer Miller	KMS Girls' Track, Head Coach (Step 17, Level 17/20)	\$3,463.00
	Longevity	\$ 875.00
Joe Papp	KMS Track, Assistant Coach (Step 12, Level 12/14)	\$3,348.00
	Longevity	\$ 875.00
Jeanette DiBernardo	KMS Track, Assistant Coach (Step 12, Level 12/16)	\$3,348.00
	Longevity	\$ 875.00
Michael Burns	KMS Track, Assistant Coach (Step 17, Level 17/18)	\$3,348.00
	Longevity	\$1,312.00

Non-Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Fred Lockinour	KMS Track, Assistant Coach (Step 7, Level 7/7)	\$3,348.00
	Longevity	\$ 219.00
Melissa Anderson	KHS Girls' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach (Step 0, Level 0/0)	Volunteer
Anthony Hajdu	KHS Baseball, Assistant Coach (Step 0, Level 0/0)	Volunteer
Ben Herbert	KHS Track and Field, Assistant Coach (1/2 Contract) (Step 2, Level 2/2)	\$1,981.00
Torrey McNeal	KHS Boys' Tennis, Assistant Coach (Step 2, Level 2/4)	Volunteer
Quorey Payne	KHS Track and Field, Assistant Coach (Step 2, Level 2/4)	\$3,961.00
Dan Sonpal	KHS Boys' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$2,371.00
Mindy Bradbury	KHS Swimming, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$ 557.00
Kari Collier	KHS Swimming, Head Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$ 796.00
Ricky Deubel	KHS Wrestling, Head Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$1,072.00
Bill Drsek	KHS Bowling, Head Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$ 414.00
Nicole Martorella	KHS Gymnastics, Head Coach, Extended Season (3 weeks)	\$1,286.00
Eric Maynard	KHS Girls' Basketball, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (1 week)	\$ 328.00
Tom Robejsek	KHS Bowling, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$ 290.00
Mike Triscaro	KHS Wrestling, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (2 weeks)	\$ 750.00

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Supplemental Correction for the 2020-2021 School Year

Name: **Brandon Kelly**
Position: KHS Girls' Lacrosse, Assistant Coach
Correction: Salary should be \$2371.00 (Step 0, Level 0/0)
(Salary listed as Volunteer on February 8, 2021 Board Agenda)

Roll Call:
Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause
Nays: None
Motion carried

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

BOARD ACTION 2021-024

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following supplemental contract:

Supplemental Contract

Non-Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Maggie Krause	KHS Track and Field, Assistant Coach (1/2 Contract) (Step 0, Level 0/0)	\$1,801.00
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Roll Call:
Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning
Abstain: Dr. Krause
Nays: None
Motion carried

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

BOARD ACTION 2021-025

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following business operations item:

Participation in Ohio School's Council CO-OP Bus Purchase Program.

The Kenston Board of Education approves participation and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Kenston Local School's Board of Education

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as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of two (2) 84 passenger transit school bus chassis and bodies and one (1) nine (9) passenger / wheelchair accessible van.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

TEACHING AND LEARNING

BOARD ACTION 2021-026

Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Timmons seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following teaching and learning items:

KHS Pilot Course

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following KHS pilot course:

Algebra II equivalent pilot course at Kenston High School: Mathematical Modeling and Reasoning

Memorandum of Understanding - KHS Pilot Course

The Kenston Board of Education is being asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ohio Department of Education for the following KHS pilot course:

Algebra II equivalent pilot course at Kenston High School: Mathematical Modeling and Reasoning

Overnight Trip Change

The Kenston Board of Education approves the removal of the following KHS Music Department trip.

Name: **KHS Music Department trip to Orlando Florida**
Dates of Trip: March 26, 2021 through April 1, 2021
Change: Removal of Trip due to COVID-19 Restrictions
(Trip approved at October 21, 2019 Board Agenda)
Effective: March 16, 2021

Graduation Seals

The Kenston Board of Education approves the locally developed high school graduation seals:

Community Service
Fine and Performing Arts

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Partnership Agreements

The Kenston Board of Education approves a partnership agreement with the following College Credit Plus Provider for the 2021-2022 school year:

Cuyahoga Community College

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ACTION 2021-027

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following new business items:

Contract - Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Primary Service Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the school years 2021 through 2023.

Resignation - KCE Board Member

The Kenston Board of Education approves the resignation of **Greg Bumbu** as the Kenston Schools board representative to the Auburn Bainbridge Recreation board, effective January 23, 2021.

Membership in Ohio High School Athletic Association

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) annual membership for the 2021-2022 school year.

Obsolete Textbooks and Equipment

The Kenston Board of Education is being asked to declare the following obsolete.

- District Technology Equipment; see attached**
- KHS Science Department - Triple Beam Balance (Serial Numbers 12845, 01680, 01696, 01694, 01660)**
- KHS Science Department - Balance (Serial Number 03899)**

Sealed bids for the obsolete items must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office by noon on March 26, 2021. All items are "as is" and all sales are final. Minimum bid \$1.00 unless otherwise noted.

**Not for bid

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

FIRST READING - BOARD POLICY

5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Santilli presented the following report:

1 YEAR SINCE SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

It has been a year since our schools had to pivot to remote learning because of the pandemic. I am incredibly proud of Kenston's students, parents and staff as they have gone above and beyond this year.

Together, we have worked side by side to navigate uncharted territory that stretched our comfort zones and caused us to find and develop the best possible educational experience for our students. All while charting a course through an ever-changing set of circumstances beyond anyone's control.

Together, our students have learned vital life lessons of flexibility, resilience and perseverance from the pandemic. This experience has given them wisdom and maturity beyond their years. They have prioritized the importance of family and relationships. Our students appreciate the significance of events and experiences that were once taken for granted. They know that no matter what challenges they face, they have to get up, keep going, adapt and remain courageous.

Together, we have made history and strengthened the foundation of our community. We are deeply thankful for the ongoing support of our Kenston family in making this year possible.

Our future is bright because of the lessons and shared experiences that help us to soar to greater heights.

VACCINATION PROCESS

On March 5, in coordination with the Geauga County Public Health Department, the Kenston staff received their 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We appreciate the flexibility of our teaching and support staff that allowed us to conduct the vaccine clinic without closing school.

PLANNING FOR YEAR END EVENTS

Each building is looking at ways to celebrate the end of the school year while adhering to district safety protocols and state requirements. We have announced tentative End of the Year events at the high school for May beginning with Senior Prom and ending with graduation. Plans are being developed and submitted to the Health Department for approval.

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We are also planning for the start of next school year. Kindergarten registration and scheduling is well underway.

ATHLETIC STATE UPDATE

BOWLING

Jenna Stretch captured the individual Division I State Bowling Championship title with a 740 series with games of 236, 225 and 279. She broke the all-time state record for a girls' individual and beat her closest competition by 113 pins. Trina Vokurka finished in 40th place.

GYMNASTICS

The Girls Gymnastics team of Regan Chamberlin, Mary Cowan, Presley Gabram, Anna Hammerle, Maria Hammerle, Nicole Nelson, and Claire Roch vaulted to finish as State Runners-Up. They made a name for themselves by scoring just 2.225 points behind perennial powerhouse Brecksville-Broadview Hts. This is the first time the gymnastics team has qualified for state as a team.

In individual competition, Presley Gabram took fourth and Mary Cowan took 6th earning All-Ohio in the vault. Gabram also earned All-Ohio in the uneven bars and floor exercise placing 7th in each. Gabram and Cowan also earned All-Ohio in the All Around placing Presley Gabram placed 4th and Mary Cowan placed 7th, respectively.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

At the State meet, Clay Foster took 6th and earned All-Ohio honors in diving for the 2nd straight year, while Alex Bayus finished in 15th place. The girls 200-yard freestyle team of Molly Bochenek, Cayla DiBernardo, Emily Evand and Leilah Shafer and 400-yard freestyle relay of Molly Bochenek, Cayla DiBernardo, Jenny Kapiro and Leilah Shafer each took 24th while Leilah Shafer finished in 20th place in the 100-yard freestyle.

INDOOR TRACK

At the Division 1 State Finale the Girls 4x800 Relay team of Paige Masson, Cece Paglia, Emerson Greene and Jocelyn Van Skyhock placed 3rd. The Boys 4x800 team placed 6th with Braden Hunt, Dennis Princic and Garrett McConnell.

WRESTLING

At Districts, senior Maison Benz punched his ticket to the State Tournament with a fourth-place finish in the 152 pound division. He dropped his consolation matches to end an amazing senior campaign.

DARE GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Class of 2028! Last Friday, our 5th graders celebrated a significant milestone in their Kenston career with DARE Graduation. They have the tools and information to be drug-free and think through their problems and make good choices. I thank Chief Bokovitz, Officer Brian Reardon and the Bainbridge Police Department for their time and dedication in helping Kenston to be safe and drug-free.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

Tomorrow, the 2021 edition of the State of the Schools video will be released to the public via e-communication and posted on the district website.

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KENSTON CENTER STAGE PRESENTS “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS”

Beginning on Thursday, March 18, Kenston Center Stage will present their second socially distanced musical of the year, Little Shop of Horrors. This production will feature a dual cast comprised of 39 members of the cast, crew and orchestra. A limited number of tickets are available.

SPRING BREAK

We wish you and your family a safe and healthy Spring Break!

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION 2021-028

Being no further business brought before the Board of Education, Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Gaskins seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Beth Krause, President

Attest: _____
Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of the Kenston Local School District held on
April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Bainbridge Room – Kenston High School**

This meeting was held in-person and adhered to social distancing protocols. This meeting was also live streamed and broadcasted on YouTube.

Dr. Krause called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present:

Mrs. Neysa Gaskins
Dr. Beth Krause
Mr. Tom Manning
Mr. William Timmons
Mrs. Beth Ward

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Krause

The Kenston Board of Education previously took appropriate measures to suspend public participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board and Administration value the input of our community. If anyone has a concern or would like a statement read prior to a meeting, please contact Nancy Santilli, Superintendent at nancy.santilli@kenstonapps.org or Paul Pestello, Treasurer, at paul.pestello@kenstonapps.org or one may also fill out a Speaker's Card on the district's website.

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION 2021-029

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that the Kenston Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021 as recorded or corrected. Furthermore, the reading of these minutes will be waived.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison, provided an update with respect to the following Bills: HB 1, Substitute HB 110 (the State Budget Bill), HB 67, SB 145 and HB 200. Mrs. Gaskins also mentioned that Senator Cirino will be meeting with district officials on May 10, 2021 and will be in attendance at the Regular Board Meeting that evening.

Dr. Krause indicated that KCAC had a meeting and Mr. Ken Abbarno co-chair of the levy committee provided information and entertained questions from the group regarding the upcoming levy.

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Superintendent Nancy Santilli made the following comment:

BEAUTIFULLY DIFFERENT

I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the talent and creativity of retired Educational Aide, Kenston graduate and author, Mrs. Peg Button, and high school art teacher and illustrator, Mrs. Liz Bibza, who have recently collaborated on the children's book, titled *Beautifully Different*. This is a delightful story for young readers and their parents that embraces differences and diversity, opening children's hearts and minds to accept and love those who may be different from them.

Presentation of Birthday Book

Superintendent Nancy Santilli presented Beth Ward with the Birthday Book.

COMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION 2021-030

Mr. Timmons moved and Mr. Manning seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education commends the following:

- Coach **Nicole Martorello**, on behalf of the KHS Gymnastics' Team; Division I State Runner-up
- KHS Teacher, **Elizabeth Bibza**, who illustrated the book, "Beautifully Different"
- KHS student, **Emma Salem**, for receiving a perfect score of 36 on the ACT.
- KHS Students, selected as All-Ohio for the 2020-21 School Year:

Fall Sports:

- **Skylar Cornell**, Girls' Soccer, 2nd Team
- **J.P. Germano**, Football, 3rd Team
- **Cece Paglia**, Girls' Cross Country, 1st Team

Winter Sports:

- **Mary Cowan**, Gymnastics, 1st Team
- **Catara DeJarnette**, Girls' Basketball, 2nd Team
- **Clay Foster**, Diving, 1st Team
- **Presley Gabram**, Gymnastics, 1st Team
- **Jenna Stretch**, Girls' Bowling Champion, 1st Team and State Champion

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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Mr. Tom Gabram, KHS Principal, provided information and statistics related to ACT testing and scores and the tremendous achievement by Emma Salem for receiving a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. Mr. Reid Guarnieri, KHS Athletic Director, recognized and spoke to the achievements of those student athletes being recognized this evening in addition to KHS Gymnastics coach Nicole Martorello.

FINANCE

BOARD ACTION 2021-031

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Financial Reports – March, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the Financial Report by Fund/SCC (finsumm), the Appropriation Summary Report (appsum) and the Summary Check Register (chekpy) for the month of March, 2021.

Bank Reconciliation – March, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the bank reconciliation for the month March, 2021.

Spending Plan Reports – March, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the spending plan reports for the month March, 2021.

Investment Summary – March, 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves the investment summary for the month of March, 2021.

State of Ohio School Safety Grant - FY 21

The Kenston Board of Education approves the State of Ohio School Safety Grant (499-9921) and to authorize the Treasurer to appropriate \$13,279.26 for expenditure.

Donations

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following donation:

- From DiMarco & Associates, LLC/DiMarco Family, BiPolar Ionization Units for the Gurd Field House at an estimated value of \$5,000.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-032

Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Timmons seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following certified personnel items:

Retirement Resignation

- **Lynn Fagerholm**, KMS Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- **Christine Maistros**, TES Physical Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Child Rearing Leave of Absence

Emily Leone, KHS teacher, beginning approximately August 16, 2021, returning January 3, 2022.

Substitutes/Curriculum Pay

Substitute Teacher; \$92.00/day:

Michael Carroll

Laura DeSantis

John Kartley

Raymond Pikus

Francine Scharver

Professional Development Day 4/5/21; (3 hours at \$31.97/hour) for 1/2 day Kindergarten Teacher

Katrina Kovalski

Additional Hours; Spanish Translation Services; 1.5 hours at \$31.97/hour

Sarah Sheneman

Designated for Assignment Substitute for KMS/KHS; 2021-2022 School Year

Coular Clendenning

Stipends - Fulbright

- **Ken Fisher**, Partner Teacher Leader - \$400
- **Shannon Wirthwein**, Partner Teacher - \$250
- **Ted Krejsa**, Partner Teacher - \$250

To be paid from funds received from Kent State University

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Leave Replacement Contracts

- **Bob Dubovec**, KHS Math Teacher Leave Replacement for remainder of school year 2020-2021; 0-60 days at \$231.74/day (Step 0, Level 1)
- **Nancy Gallowan-Wu**, KHS English Teacher Leave Replacement for remainder of school year 2020-2021; 0-60 days at \$231.74/day (Step 0, Level 1)

New Continuing Contract Status – SY 2021-2022

Jessica Javorek , KMS	Step 8, Level 6	\$70,141.00
Jamie Moone , KHS	Step 9, Level 3	\$61,439.00
Kim Scola , KHS	Step 10, Level 4	\$72,590.00
Sarah Sheneman , KMS	Step 9, Level 4	\$69,617.00

OTES Credentialed Evaluator

- **Kenneth Fisher**
- **Kristen Hasenohrl**
- **Larry Klimkowski**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BOARD ACTION 2021-033

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following classified personnel items:

Retirement Resignation

- **Jackie England**, KIS Administrative Assistant, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- **Suzanne Skoczen**, KMS Educational Aide, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Resignation

- **Joseph Belsan**, Transportation Department Lead Mechanic, effective May 1, 2021.

Substitutes

Substitute Administrative Assistant I: \$12.00/hour

Barbara Driscoll

Substitute Cafeteria Helper; \$10.00/hour:

June Vitullo

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Substitute Administrative Assistant; \$11.25/hour:

Lorena Spisak

Substitute Bus Driver; \$15.50/hour:

Melissa Rettger

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

BOARD ACTION 2021-034

Mrs. Ward moved and Mrs. Gaskins seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following supplemental contracts:

Contract Changes

Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Name: **Jason Peterson**

Position: KMS Boys' Track, Head Coach

Correction: Salary should be \$3,395.00; Longevity should be \$429.00

(Salary reflected as \$3,463.00; Longevity as \$437.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

Name: **Jennifer Miller**

Position: KMS Girls' Track, Head Coach

Correction: Salary should be \$3,395.00; Longevity should be \$1,286.00

(Salary reflected as \$3,463.00; Longevity as \$875.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

Name: **Joe Papp**

Position: KMS Track, Assistant Coach

Correction: Salary should be \$3,282.00; Longevity should be \$857.00

(Salary reflected as \$3,348.00; Longevity as \$875.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

Name: **Jeanette DiBernardo**

Position: KMS Track, Assistant Coach

Correction: Salary should be \$3,282.00; Longevity should be \$857.00

(Salary reflected as \$3,348.00; Longevity as \$875.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

Name: **Michael Burns**

Position: KMS Track, Assistant Coach

Correction: Salary should be \$3,282.00; Longevity should be \$1,286.00

(Salary reflected as \$3,348.00; Longevity as \$1,312.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

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Non-Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Name: **Fred Lockinour**
 Position: KMS Track, Assistant Coach
 Correction: Salary should be \$3,282.00; Longevity should be \$214.00
 (Salary reflected as \$3,348.00; Longevity as \$219.00 at March 15, 2021 Agenda)

Resignation

Name: **Torrie McNeal**
 Position: KHS WebMaster
 Effective: April 2, 2021

Supplemental Contracts

Staff, 2021-2022 School Year:

Stephanie Olup-Young	KIS Student Teaching (Grade 5 Team)	\$ 62.50
Erin Tobul	KIS Student Teaching (Grade 5 Team)	\$ 62.50
Julie Beynenson	KIS Student Teaching (Grade 4 Team)	\$ 62.50

Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Ronnie Continenza	KHS WebMaster; 1/4 of contract	\$ 761.00
	Longevity	\$ 322.00
Maggie Colicchio	KHS Science Olympiad, Head Coach; Extended Season (6 weeks)	\$ 400.00
Katie Detwiler	KHS Guidance, 8 Extended Days	\$2,951.44
Jessica Kardamis	KHS Guidance, 8 Extended Days	\$3,203.60
Ray Kimpton	KHS Guidance, 8 Extended Days	\$4,089.76

Non-Staff, 2020-2021 School Year:

Steve Gratto	KHS Baseball Coach (Step 1, Level 1/1)	Volunteer
Stephan Voudris	KHS Speech and Debate, Head Coach, Extended Season (6 weeks)	\$1,125.00
Fred Snook	KHS Speech and Debate, Assistant Coach, Extended Season (6 weeks)	\$ 643.00

Supplemental Corrections for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Name: **Brian Munday**
 Position: KHS Faculty Manager
 Correction: Adjust to 8/9 (89%) contract; Salary should be \$4,579.00 (Step 2, Level 2/2)
 (Salary listed as \$3,447.00 (2/3 Contract) on August 17, 2020 Board Agenda)

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Name: **Michael Rendlesham**
Position: KHS Faculty Manager
Correction: Adjust to 8/9 (89%) contract; Salary should be \$2,671.00 (Step 0, Level 0/0)
(Salary listed as \$2,011.00 (2/3 Contract) on August 17, 2020 Board Agenda)

Name: **Torrey McNeal**
Position: KHS WebMaster
Correction: Adjust to 3/4 contract due to resignation of supplemental; Salary should be
\$2,154.00 (Step 0, Level 0/0)
(Salary listed as \$2,872.00 on September 21, 2020 Board Agenda)

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

BOARD ACTION 2021-035

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mr. Manning seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following business operations item:

Transportation Agreement - Hogan Transportation

The Kenston Board of Education approves a contract with Hogan Transportation from March 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021 for the transportation of a student at a rate of \$320 per day.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

TEACHING AND LEARNING

BOARD ACTION 2021-036

Mr. Timmons moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following teaching and learning items:

Agreement for Services - Kent State University Fulbright

The Kenston Board of Education approves a contract with Kent State University for Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program during the Spring Semester 2021.

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Resolution - Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021

The Kenston Board of Education approves a Resolution regarding Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION

BOARD ACTION 2021-037

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following special education items:

Contracted Services - SLP Services/Sunbelt Staffing

The Kenston Board of Education approves a contract with Sunbelt Staffing for speech language pathology services at an hourly rate of \$83/hour, not to exceed \$1,900 for the 2020-21 school year.

Contracted Services - Solutions Behavioral Consulting

The Kenston Board of Education approves a contract with Solutions Behavioral Consulting for RBT (registered behavioral technician/aide) services for two students, at a cost not to exceed \$61,490 for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD ACTION 2021-038

Mrs. Gaskins moved and Mrs. Ward seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Kenston Board of Education approves the following new business items:

2022-2023 School Calendar

The Kenston Board of Education approves the school calendar for the school year 2022-2023.

2021-2022 School Calendar

The Kenston Board of Education approves the school calendar for the school year 2021-2022.

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Board Policy

The Kenston Board of Education approves the following policy:

5113 - Inter-District Open Enrollment

Professional Trips

Jamie Ciccerio, IMSE (Institute for Multi-Sensory Education) Literacy Summit 2021; Virtual at TES (also **Mary Trimm**)

Obsolete Items

Special Education Department - Springboard Lite PCS Symbols (Software); Tag Number 19226**

Sealed bids for the obsolete items must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office by noon on May 7, 2021. All items are "as is" and all sales are final. Minimum bid \$1.00 unless otherwise noted.

**Not for bid

Resolution Endorsing the Fair School Funding Plan, as contained in Substitute House Bill 110, and to encourage the 134th General Assembly to Expedite the Passage of the Bill

The Kenston Board of Education is being asked to approve a Resolution Endorsing the Fair School Funding Plan, as contained in Substitute House Bill 110 (HB 110), and to encourage the 134th General Assembly to Expedite the Passage of the Bill.

Use of Facilities - Bainbridge Township

The Kenston Board of Education approves the use of the school grounds by Bainbridge Township for the presentation of the 4th of July fireworks to be held on July 2, 2021 (rain date on July 3, 2021).

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Manning, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

FIRST READING - BOARD POLICIES:

- 1422 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 1623 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 1662 – Anti-Harassment
- 2240 – Controversial Issues
- 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
- 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
- 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- 3122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 3362 – Anti-Harassment
- 4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- 4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
- 4362 – Anti-Harassment

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- 5336 – Care of Students with Diabetes
- 5517 – Anti-Harassment
- 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
- 6144 – Investments
- 6146 (NEW) – Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations
- 6152.01 – Waiver of School Fees for Instructional Materials
- 6220 – Tax Budget Preparation
- 6600 – Deposit of Public Funds: Cash Collection Points
- 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
- 7455 – Accounting System for Capital Assets
- 8500 – Food Services
- 8510 – Wellness

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Santilli presented the following report:

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents and community members who volunteer and make a difference every day for our students, staff and schools. Our PTO Council, members of our building PTO and Booster Organizations play a vital role in the operations of our schools. We thank them and all our volunteers for what they do for the district.

TALKING WITH THE TREASURER

On Wednesday, April 28, at 7pm, the district will host a Zoom Question and Answer session with our treasurer, Mr. Paul Pestello. This is an opportunity for the community to get the facts and have their levy questions answered. Questions can be submitted in advance via a Google Form or during the live stream.

ADVOCATING FOR SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM

Kenston continues to work with our larger educational associations and state legislators to lobby and advocate for change in the way that Ohio schools are funded and the reliance on personal property tax. On tonight's Board of Education agenda, the Board passed a resolution endorsing the Fair School Funding Plan, House Bill 1 and encouraging the 134th General Assembly to expedite passage of the bill that has now been rolled into the Biennial budget. While this is not a complete solution, it opens the door and continues the dialogue on school funding. When this legislation passes, the impact will not be immediate. It has a proposed rollout over the next 6 years.

STUDENT VACCINE CLINICS

A survey was sent out on behalf of the Geauga County Public Health Department and Educational Service Center for the Western Reserve to gauge the interest of high school parents in having their 16-year-olds receive the Pfizer vaccine. Our parents' interest was high. Parent consent is central to this process. Vaccination is a decision that each family will make for their own children. The COVID-19 vaccine will not be required for students to attend school.

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The Health Department is planning Vaccine Clinics for 16 and 17-year-olds at Chardon and Chagrin beginning this weekend. All registration will take place through the Geauga County Health Department, the district will share additional details as they become available.

SENIOR SHOWCASE

We are excited to begin to highlight our Seniors! During the upcoming weeks, we will be celebrating the members of the Class of 2021 on Facebook – Kenston Schools and Twitter @KenstonSchools and @KenstonKHS. Enjoy getting to know Kenston’s Class of 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION 2021-039

Being no further business brought before the Board of Education, Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Timmons seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Manning, Mr. Timmons, Mrs. Gaskins, Mrs. Ward, Dr. Krause

Nays: None

Motion carried

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Beth Krause, President

Attest: _____
Paul J. Pestello, Treasurer