

KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT 414

KIMBERLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Audio Available Upon Request

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nield at 7:04 p.m. Present were trustees Mr. Giles, Mr. Kelsey, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Melvin in the district office. Also, in attendance: Mr. Schroeder, Superintendent, Ms. Searby, District Clerk and Mr. Phinney, Special Programs. Visitors were present in the overflow room. Administrators were present via zoom and a few were present in person.

RM/CG 5-0

AGENDA: Mr. Allen moved to approve the special meeting agenda; Mr. Kelsey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

FLAG SALUTE

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS ON FY21 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA:

- Megan Garner, Natalie Moerer (KES) – Presented charts to reflect where their students are currently at academically. 5th graders had a stronger 1st quarter and struggled during the 2nd quarter, which was quite the opposite for 4th grade. She then compared 3-5th grade year overall and went over the new skills that students have learned which included: Technology skills, how to use their email and manage passwords. Additionally they are responsible for their own learning. Communication with parents regarding curriculum more frequently has been a big positive according to the teachers. Mrs. Moerer reported that unfortunately no new content or concepts are able to be taught on remote Fridays, just review. From her perspective, they seem to be falling a little behind in Math. Devices have pros and cons with that age, using them appropriately have been a challenge. Her biggest pressure is teaching 5 days of content over 4 days, often working weekends to grade assignments coming in the past Friday.
- Justin White, Darin Gonzales (KHS) – Mr. White's first takeaway: There was no control over Spring 2020, F's went up 123%. He defined success by mentioning the 93% passing rate, high for what we and our students have been tackling and not bad when compared to other surrounding school districts. Mr. Gonzales started with talking about how change is hard for everyone. They have struggled a bit this year to a multitude of reasons; Students not being held accountable, wide range home issues, parents at work, lots of stress due to the pandemic and unknowns and stated that getting back to where we were is going to take some time. He pointed out that what we have done so far has been a miracle, and that all are giving their best effort. He was happy to report on Math pacing for his own classes with one class being currently ahead, and two at the same pace as last year. All grades were very good the 1st semester. He wanted the board to know that he was more prepared for this year, and has become a better teacher this year, sayings it's his best growth wise in 27 years in the classroom. What has changed this year? Planning time on Friday has allowed for him to prepare for the next week and accelerate in his field to give the students more. Reaching a level, he's never reached before. Justin: Students were in trauma, really took students time to reacclimate when returning to school and socialize. There has been success' this year, just not the normal ones that we are used to. 60-70 Students will be attending the first in-person remote Friday.

*Technical issues

- Steve Hill, Heather Reed (SES) – Data has been consistent throughout the subjects. Heather Reed echoed Natalie Moerer about fitting 5 days into 4 days of instruction and how difficult that is. No time for bigger projects, only review. She also said that remote learning day hurts the at-risk students, they need the most help.
- Tori Larsen – Reported on Stricker and Kimberly Elementary Students in their cohorts.
- Matt Schvaneveldt (KMS) Reports for the middle school included similar grade reports, with 6th

grade (150 students) having 34 students currently with an F. He said numbers are similar in 7th and 8th grade. Mr. Schvaneveldt said one of the biggest issues is students are not turning in the work, but they are seemingly understanding the content. Heidi Child, 6th grade teacher said that she has 20-30 students every Friday who do not attempt to do assignments. Speaking for herself, she is behind in pacing and like other teachers in the district, is having a hard time fitting in content in 4 days instead of 5 days with a lot of review instead of new content taking place. 50 students with multiple D's and F's will be attending the in person remote Friday.

- Sara Crystal reported on Star Data – This data gives us insight on how our students are doing compared to students across the country. Reading skills, slightly different than the IRI. Lower than we want to be though. High school growth has stayed the same. Middle school data, more below the 50% than we want or have seen in the past. Average growth is right on track. Kimberly Elementary produced more a-typical results with more noticeable growth rates. Stricker Elementary produced a 1.7% rate which is well above what was expected. *See graphs in agenda.

REENTRY WORKING GROUP REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Schroeder reported on the reentry working group and provided a meeting recap. First meeting took place this week and consisted of all principals, board member, a teacher from each building, and two parents. Their immediate recommendation is to show our students and teachers that we are working on getting back to a new normal. A few of those recommendations included: Beginning February 19th, all instruction staff will be in school buildings while students are in attendance, with hours of 7:45AM to noon. They would like to reinstate student and school activities following the same guidelines as the current guidelines for athletic events, including but not limited to, Band/Choir Concerts, Musical Productions, Prom, Graduation, Banquets, Field Days, Student Council Activities, KMS Socials, Pep Assemblies, Hobby day, Field trips, and return of parent volunteer to buildings. The committee will meet once a week. Curtis Giles move to accept the recommendations that were presented, Zach Kelsey seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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KSD COLOR STAGE: Both nurses had other obligations this evening so Mr. Schroeder reported on the district data. There were 0 positive cases for the last week, district wide, with 1 presumed positive case. Chad Allen pointed out that our low points in October have been our high points in January. All board members agreed that there is a downward trend happening, with a few minor blips. Chad Allen questioned is this due to our mitigation strategies or other reasons, but said we might not know for some time until data is collected. Curtis Giles moved the motion; Chad Allen seconded to stay in Green district wide. Motion carried 5-0.

ATHLETIC PLAN FOR STAGE 2: Mr. Schroeder recommended that the board follow the governor's order by retroactively approving the updated stage 2 guidelines which includes allowing up to 40% of schools gym capacity. Curtis Giles moved to approve the athletic plan for stage 2. Ryan Melvin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Giles moved to adjourn the open meeting at., Curtis Giles seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Myron Nield, Board Chairperson

Cassandra Searby, District Clerk