

April 9, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.

The Kelleys Island Board of Education met in regular session for the transaction of business. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Janet Wermuth, Mrs. Deb Haig, Ms. Abbey Rosado, and Mrs. [Nataliya Makarova](#) Skeans. Mrs. Kathey Phinney, board member, was listening by phone.

Kelleys Island students led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Field Station Report:

May

23 Science Saturdays- Plankton & Macroinvertebrates

30 Science Saturdays- Salamanders

June

3-8 University of Findlay

6 Science Saturdays- Trees

13 Science Saturdays-Snakes Division of Wildlife

School Tours 1PM

20 Science Saturdays- Bees

22-26 Nature Camp ages 4-8

27 Science Saturdays- Marine Debris

July

June 29- July 3 Nature Camp ages 9-12

4 Science Saturdays- Turtles

11 Science Saturdays- Fishing

School Tours 1PM

13-16 Ohio Bird Sanctuary Jr. Naturalists

18 Science Saturdays- Island Fest NO PROGRAM

25 Science Saturdays- Turtles (NO JACKIE)

August

1 Science Saturdays-Pollinators

8 KI Homecoming

15 Science Saturdays- Geology, Ohio Geological Survey

School Tours 1PM

22 Pollinators & Pancakes

28 University of Findlay

29 Science Saturdays- Butterflies

September

5 Monarch Tagging

14 KIFS Appreciation Day

Educator Report:

- Ohio State Testing will occur on April 14 and 15 (ELA) and April 18 and 19 (Math). 3rd grade tests will be completed in paper form and 6th grade tests will be completed in electronic form.
- Mr. Miller, Ms. Polofka, and KI students have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Music Presentation/ Art show on May 12. This day, which is open to the KI community, highlights strategic plan objective 1B, "Promote and offer best practices in education, through the building of partnerships" as well as objective 5A, "maintain a positive relationship with the KI community. We relish the opportunity to work together as a staff when creating this event, as well as the chance to make the connection with the outside community that supports our school while highlighting the amazing work of our students.
- In an effort to "Broaden the students' understanding of the wider world beyond the shores of the Island," (strategic plan objective 1C), students and staff will travel to the Toledo Mudhens game on May 6th. As an extension of P.E. class, students will work with Mrs. Muster to score portions of the game by hand.
- In health classes, students have completed a dental hygiene unit, satisfying strategic plan objective 1B: "Promote and offer best practices in education, through the building of partnerships, that increase the collective understanding of current issues and needs". This education, along with the new toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss that went home with each student, will help lay a foundation for a future of dental health.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the March 2026 financial report, donations received for the field station, and update on the FY24 & FY25 audit.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

- Mission & Vision Updates
 - Work Session Date: Spring '26
- Strategic Plan Update:
 - Review: 20 months
- 125th Estes School Celebration (August 9th)
 - New Departure Films Friday, April 17th ◦ Town Hall Showings on Friday & Saturday of Homecoming
 - 125th Celebration Logos: Completed
 - 125th Celebration Budget: TBD ◦ April 6th Post ◦ Merchandise (On-Site) ◦ Event Give-A-Ways (Budget?) ◦ Food, Drinks & Entertainment (Budget?)

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- 4. Field Station Update
 - Erie Environmental Findings ○ Shaw Construction Proposal ○ Erie Environmental Proposal
- 5. Legal Update: Brief Due Date of April 17th
- 6. Erie County Budget Commission Meeting (March 25th)
- 7. OHSAA Update
- 8. Music Presentation & Art Show
- 9. 2025-26 KI School Calendar 10. KI Facility Plan Update
 - Roof Update

It was moved by Abbey Rosado and seconded by Deb Haig to approve the following:

- approve the minutes of the March 12, 2026 regular meeting as presented.
- approve the financial reports for March 2026 as presented.
- accept the following donations:
 - \$100 Walleye sponsorship from Kyle and Jeri Yoest
 - \$300 Yellow Warbler sponsorship from University of Findlay
 - \$500 Marbled Salamander from Western Reserve Land Conservancy
 - \$100 Walleye sponsorship from Paula & Tom Bartlett
 - \$300 Yellow Warbler sponsorship from Hancock Wood Electric Cooperative
- approve employment of Hannah Zettler as Nature Camp Counselor at a rate of \$100.00 per day, not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- approve the addition of a female Green Devil mascot.
- approve the following motion to amend the Kelleys Island Local School ECCF Fund description:

The Kelleys Island Local School District Fund held at the Erie County Community Foundation has been established and shall be maintained to support community outreach and community based educational offerings of the school. The Kelleys Island School Board shall determine on an annual basis the designated use of proceeds generated from the Kelleys Island Local School District Fund assets managed and held by the Erie County Community Foundation (ECCF). The ECCF will make the distribution to the school once per year. The anticipated distribution will be 4% of the fund value of the last day of the preceding calendar year.
- approve the 2026-2027 Certified and Classified salary schedules with a 3% increase as presented:

26-15
April 2026
Business

Certified Salary Schedule											
Bachelor			150 Semester Hours			Masters			Masters +50 Sem Hrs		
Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index	
0	1.000	\$53,528	0	1.044	\$55,883	0	1.090	\$58,346	0	1.134	\$60,701
1	1.040	\$55,669	1	1.088	\$58,238	1	1.135	\$60,754	1	1.178	\$63,056
2	1.080	\$57,810	2	1.132	\$60,594	2	1.180	\$63,163	2	1.222	\$65,411
3	1.120	\$59,951	3	1.176	\$62,949	3	1.225	\$65,572	3	1.266	\$67,766
4	1.160	\$62,092	4	1.220	\$65,304	4	1.270	\$67,981	4	1.310	\$70,122
5	1.200	\$64,234	5	1.264	\$67,659	5	1.315	\$70,389	5	1.354	\$72,477
6	1.240	\$66,375	6	1.308	\$70,015	6	1.360	\$72,798	6	1.398	\$74,832
7	1.280	\$68,516	7	1.352	\$72,370	7	1.405	\$75,207	7	1.442	\$77,187
8	1.320	\$70,657	8	1.396	\$74,725	8	1.450	\$77,616	8	1.486	\$79,543
9	1.360	\$72,798	9	1.440	\$77,080	9	1.495	\$80,024	9	1.530	\$81,898
10	1.400	\$74,939	10	1.484	\$79,436	10	1.540	\$82,433	10	1.574	\$84,253
11	1.440	\$77,080	11	1.528	\$81,791	11	1.585	\$84,842	11	1.618	\$86,608
12	1.480	\$79,221	12	1.572	\$84,146	12	1.630	\$87,251	12	1.662	\$88,964
13	1.520	\$81,363	13	1.616	\$86,501	13	1.675	\$89,659	13	1.706	\$91,319
14	1.560	\$83,504	14	1.660	\$88,856	14	1.720	\$92,068	14	1.750	\$93,674
15	1.600	\$85,645	15	1.704	\$91,212	15	1.765	\$94,477	15	1.794	\$96,029
20	1.640	\$87,786	20	1.748	\$93,567	20	1.810	\$96,886	20	1.838	\$98,384
25	1.680	\$89,927	25	1.792	\$95,922	25	1.855	\$99,294	25	1.882	\$100,740
28	1.720	\$92,068	28	1.836	\$98,277	28	1.900	\$101,703	28	1.926	\$103,095
30	1.760	\$94,209	30	1.880	\$100,633	30	1.945	\$104,112	30	1.970	\$105,450

Tutor/Art/Music/PE Instructor (No License)
2026-2027 \$33.06

Substitute Teacher Rate \$150.00 per day

Substitute Teacher Rate											
Bachelor			150 Semester Hours			Masters			Masters +50 Sem Hrs		
Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index	
0	1	\$40.13	0	1.044	\$41.89	0	1.09	\$43.74	0	1.134	\$45.50
1	1.04	\$41.73	1	1.088	\$43.66	1	1.135	\$45.54	1	1.178	\$47.27
2	1.08	\$43.34	2	1.132	\$45.42	2	1.18	\$47.35	2	1.222	\$49.03
3	1.12	\$44.94	3	1.176	\$47.19	3	1.225	\$49.15	3	1.266	\$50.80
4	1.16	\$46.55	4	1.22	\$48.95	4	1.27	\$50.96	4	1.31	\$52.56
5	1.2	\$48.15	5	1.264	\$50.72	5	1.315	\$52.77	5	1.354	\$54.33
6	1.24	\$49.76	6	1.308	\$52.48	6	1.36	\$54.57	6	1.398	\$56.10
7	1.28	\$51.36	7	1.352	\$54.25	7	1.405	\$56.38	7	1.442	\$57.86
8	1.32	\$52.97	8	1.396	\$56.02	8	1.45	\$58.18	8	1.486	\$59.63
9	1.36	\$54.57	9	1.44	\$57.78	9	1.495	\$59.99	9	1.53	\$61.39
10	1.4	\$56.18	10	1.484	\$59.55	10	1.54	\$61.79	10	1.574	\$63.16
11	1.44	\$57.78	11	1.528	\$61.31	11	1.585	\$63.60	11	1.618	\$64.92

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Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index		Exper	Index	
12	1.48	\$59.39	12	1.572	\$63.08	12	1.63	\$65.41	12	1.662	\$66.69
13	1.52	\$60.99	13	1.616	\$64.84	13	1.675	\$67.21	13	1.706	\$68.45
14	1.56	\$62.60	14	1.66	\$66.61	14	1.72	\$69.02	14	1.75	\$70.22
15	1.6	\$64.20	15	1.704	\$68.37	15	1.765	\$70.82	15	1.794	\$71.99
20	1.64	\$65.81	20	1.748	\$70.14	20	1.81	\$72.63	20	1.838	\$73.75
25	1.68	\$67.41	25	1.792	\$71.91	25	1.855	\$74.43	25	1.882	\$75.52
28	1.72	\$69.02	28	1.836	\$73.67	28	1.9	\$76.24	28	1.926	\$77.28
30	1.76	\$70.62	30	1.88	\$75.44	30	1.945	\$78.04	30	1.97	\$79.05

Classified Salary Schedule

Maintenance Technician			Educational Assistant		
Exper	Index		Exper	Index	
0	1.000	\$57,223	0	1.000	\$20.25
1	1.040	\$59,512	1	1.038	\$21.02
2	1.080	\$61,801	2	1.076	\$21.79
3	1.120	\$64,090	3	1.114	\$22.56
4	1.160	\$66,379	4	1.152	\$23.33
5	1.200	\$68,668	5	1.190	\$24.10
6	1.240	\$70,957	6	1.228	\$24.87
7	1.280	\$73,245	7	1.266	\$25.64
8	1.320	\$75,534	8	1.304	\$26.41
9	1.360	\$77,823	9	1.342	\$27.18
10	1.400	\$80,112	10	1.380	\$27.95
11	1.440	\$82,401	11	1.418	\$28.71
12	1.480	\$84,690	12	1.456	\$29.48
13	1.520	\$86,979	13	1.494	\$30.25
14	1.560	\$89,268	14	1.532	\$31.02
15	1.600	\$91,557	15	1.570	\$31.79
20	1.640	\$93,846	20	1.608	\$32.56
25	1.680	\$96,135	25	1.646	\$33.33
28	1.720	\$98,424	28	1.684	\$34.10
30	1.760	\$100,712	30	1.722	\$34.87

- approve agreement with Jefferson County Educational Service Center for Virtual Learning Academy for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.
 - approve HQIM ELA curriculum purchase for grades 1, 3 and 4.
 - approve 2026-2027 service agreement with North Point Educational Service Center.
 - approve Erie County Health Department Nursing Services contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Cost to be \$125.00 per hour.
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
 Motion Passed.

26-16 Shaw Property
 It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve the quote from Shaw Property Management LLC to repair walls in the science room in basement. Cost to be \$17,873.00.
 Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Wermuth, yes.
 Motion Passed.

26-17 Adjourn
 It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Deb Haig to adjourn.
 Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
 Motion passed.

The board adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

 Board President

 Board Treasurer