

August 13, 2026 at 9:51 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, Ms. Abbey Rosado, Mrs. Debra Haig, Mrs. Nataliya Makarova Skeans, and Mrs. Kathey Phinney.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the July 2026 financial report, FY Permanent Appropriations, Fall FY27 forecast and notes, and registration for 2026 OSBA Capital Conference. Discussion took place regarding the annual review of the board for the amount of mills to place a moratorium on for tax year 2026 (collected 2027).

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:
Technology Director Report:

Facebook Engagement: (Total: 400,000+ Total Views & 95,000+ 125th Views)
500 FB Followers Gained in the Last Month

1. Mission & Vision updates
 - Work Session Date: Summer 2026
2. 125th Estes School Celebration (August 9th)
 - New Departure Video
 - Town Hall Showings on Friday & Saturday of Homecoming
 - 125th Celebration on Sunday
 - Event Give-A-Ways
 - Food & Drinks
 - KILA Partnership
 - T-Shirt sizes (check to be collected)
 - Key Chains (check to be collected)
 - Parade Marshalls
 - Huron High School Cheerleaders
 - Bands for 2027
3. Field Station Renovation update: TBD
 - Erie Environmental Findings
 - Shaw Construction proposal
 - Erie Environmental proposal
4. OHSAA update
5. Board of Zoning appeals
6. Teacher & Student Handbook approvals
7. Window coverings
8. Gym Update (Elliptical)
9. Legal update: September 9th
10. Playground update
11. KI Facility Plan update

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Kathey Phinney to approve the following:

- approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 regular meeting as presented.
- approve the financial reports for July 2026 as presented.
- approve the following permanent appropriations for FY27:

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	Total Appropriation	Prior FY Carry Over	Appropriations
Governmental Fund Type			
General Fund			
001 GENERAL	\$ 1,951,073.02	\$ 54,642.77	\$ 2,005,715.79
Total for General Fund	\$ 1,951,073.02	\$ 54,642.77	\$ 2,005,715.79
Special Revenue			
007 SPECIAL TRUST	\$ 3,607.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,607.41
019 OTHER GRANT	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 7,964.00	\$ 11,094.00
200 STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$ 2,360.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,360.63
451 DATA COMMUNICATION FUND	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
499 MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,500.00
599 MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$ 41,734.16	\$ 26.11	\$ 41,760.27
Total for Special Revenue	\$ 60,332.20	\$ 7,990.11	\$ 68,322.31
Capital Projects			
003 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$ 86,203.41	\$ 22,905.00	\$ 109,108.41
070 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,256,942.50	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 1,431,942.50
Total for Capital Projects	\$ 1,343,145.91	\$ 197,905.00	\$ 1,541,050.91
Total for Governmental Fund Type	\$ 3,354,551.13	\$ 260,537.88	\$ 3,615,089.01
Fiduciary Fund Type			
Custodial Fund			
022 DISTRICT CUSTODIAL	\$ 118,755.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 118,755.00
Total for Custodial Fund	\$ 118,755.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 118,755.00
Total for Fiduciary Fund Type	\$ 118,755.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 118,755.00
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 3,473,306.13	\$ 260,537.88	\$ 3,733,844.01

- approve the fall FY27 forecast and notes as presented.
- approve payment of invoice from RestorePro in the amount of \$24,199.77 for work in school from flood damage.
- approve North Point ESC 2026-2027 Program Handbook as presented.
- approve 2026-2027 Student Handbook as presented.
- approve 2026-2027 Teacher Handbook as presented.
- approve of NEOLA policies initially read at the July 9, 2026 Board of Education meeting.
- approve MOU with Safe Haven Health and Wellness Services LLC for the 2026-2027 school year.
- approve agreement with North Central Ohio Educational Service Center for preschool administrative services for the 2026-2027 school year for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.
- approve Mary Grace Muster as Walking Club Advisor & Adult PE Instructor for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary to be at her current hourly rate.
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
- Motion Passed.

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Kathey Phinney to approve a moratorium on the collection of 7 mills of Kelleys Island School outside millage for tax year 2026 only (collected in calendar year 2027).

Roll Call: Wermuth, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, no; Rosado, yes; Skeans, yes.

Motion Passed.

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Moratorium

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the Kelleys Island School Student Wellness Plan for FY27-FY29 as presented.

Kelleys Island Local School Student Wellness and Success Plan

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Wellness
Plan

FY2027-FY2029

Introduction

Student Wellness and Success Funding: To meet the needs of the whole child – the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual aspects of the child’s well-being; To support students’ academic achievement through mental health counseling, wraparound services, and mentoring; To knock down barriers to school success. Kelleys Island School had two separate funding streams available to provide student wellness activities for its five students. Those funding sources included: Base Cost Student Wellness and Success Component and remaining funds from Student Wellness and Success distributed during FY20 and FY21.

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District Goal

Our goal with this fund is to increase student wellness by leveraging counselors, wrap around services, and family engagement, provide breakfast to students, and to provide music and physical education services to support the whole child needs of our students.

Student Wellness and Success Funding Uses

Key: Student Wellness and Success Funding

Service	Initiatives	Examples
Mental health services	Mental health services, including telehealth services, community-based behavioral health services and recovery supports	Partnering with Safe Haven Health and Wellness LLC to provide mental health services to students and families.
Physical health services	Physical health care services, including telehealth services and community-based health services	Providing physical education through ongoing employment of staff. Providing music education through ongoing employment of staff. Providing vision and hearing screening services Provide breakfast for students
Before and after school programming	Student services provided prior to or after the regularly scheduled school day or any time school is not in session, including mentoring programs	Assessing students and families before and after school programming needs, and partnering with a local sources to provide programming in various areas, including structured physical activities, wraparound services, healthy habits and nutrition, mentoring programs or other enrichment activities Providing high-dosage tutoring that aligns with the science or reading before or after school.

Related Community Partners

North Point Educational Service Centers
Erie County Health Department
ADAMHS Board of Erie County
Safe Haven Health and Wellness LLC
Jefferson County Educational Service Center

Roll Call: Wermuth, yes; Skeans, yes; Haig, yes; Phinney, yes; Rosado, yes.
Motion Passed.

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

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Adjourn

The board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer