

March 12, 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. Kathey Phinney, Mrs. Deb Haig, Ms. Abbey Rosado, and Mrs. [Nataliya Makarova](#) Skeans.

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

Educator Report:

1. Our cross-curricular Olympic unit was a huge success!
 - a. Students learned about the different sports involved in the Olympics, using ELA skills to sort information and create a summative research project.
 - b. Students used math skills to keep track of medals awarded and created a visual representation of the statistics in data tables.
 - c. Students learned about music connections to the Olympics.
 - d. Students participated in P.E. KI School Olympics, where multiple sports (indoor and outdoor) were modeled using household and gym equipment.
 - e. Students designed their own medals in technology class.
 - f. Students learned about Milan, Italy and the surrounding area, honing Geography skills.
 - g. Students participated in a STEM challenge, creating skiers and designing them to be as aerodynamic as possible.
 - h. Students created 3-D paper mache Olympic rings in art class. Students and staff enjoyed being immersed in the competitions between countries, celebration of individual athletic success, and the opportunity to make connections in each of our different courses of study. As aligned with strategic plan objective 1B, this unit allowed us to focus on one common goal through our teacher partnerships.
2. On St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Miller has invited the award-winning world class Irish dancer, Kyla Aho to KI School. Students will have the opportunity to see her perform and discuss specifics of Irish Step Dancing. As aligned with strategic plan objective 1C, this day allows for a deep dive into the study of Irish culture, expanding students' knowledge of the world beyond our island.
3. We continue to share highlights from our exciting school events through our social media in an effort to engage our community and as outlined in strategic plan objective 5A, maintain a positive relationship with the KI community.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the February 2026 financial report, donations received for the field station and the calendar year resolution accepting the tax rates for calendar year 2026.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

1. Mission & Vision Updates
 - Work Session Date: Spring '26
2. Strategic Plan Update:
 - Field Station Budget
3. 125th Estes School Celebration (August 10th)
 - New Departure Films
 - Participants
 - 125th Celebration Logos (Ribbon - Banner - Flag)
 - Facebook Marketing
 - Merchandise
 - Event Give-A-Ways
 - Food & Drinks
 - Entertainment
4. Field Station Update
 - Job Description Shared
 - Intent to accept: March 13th
5. Lunch With A Loved One
 - FB Views
6. Legal Update: ODEW
7. Erie County Budget Commission Meeting (March 25th)
8. Playground Update: Design and Estimate
9. 2026-27 Salary Considerations (3%)
10. KI Facility Plan Update
 - Erie Environmental - Field Station Walls (April 1st)
 - Roof Update
 - Before & After Photos
11. OHSAA Update
12. OSBA Proposal
13. Erie County Community Foundation
14. Rural Education Summit
15. Sandusky Library Update
16. Property Tax Ballot Initiative (AxOHTax)
17. 100+ Women Who Care Serving Erie County

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

- approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 regular meeting as presented.
- approve the financial reports for February 2026 as presented.
- accept the following donations:
 - \$1,000 Monarch Butterfly sponsorship from Bobbie-Jo Kennedy & Chris Kipfer

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- \$300 Yellow Warbler sponsorship from Bad Day Training and Consulting
 - \$100 Walleye sponsorship from Bill & June Campbell
 - \$300 Yellow Warbler sponsorship from JDM Structures LTD
 - \$1,000 Monarch Butterfly sponsorship from Penny Plus Store (Mark Nemeec)
 - \$100 Walleye sponsorship from Robert Carter Family
 - \$500 Marbled Salamander sponsorship from ADOHR Corporation
 - accept CY26 tax rates for the Kelleys Island School as approved by the Erie County Budget Commission.
 - approve a personal service contract for Jodie Smith and Kaite Schuler as Nature Camp Counselors at a rate of \$100.00 per day, not to exceed \$1,000.00
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, 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 12:05 p.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer