

March 13, 2025 at 9:45 a.m.

The Kelleys Island Board of Education met in regular session for the transaction of business. Janet Wermuth, Board President, called the March regular meeting to order. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Kathey Phinney, Mrs. Debra Haig, Ms. Abbey Rosado, Mrs. Janet Wermuth and Mrs. [Nataliya Makarova](#) Skeans.

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

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Kathey Phinney to approve the board meeting agenda plus noted additions as presented.

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

Motion Passed.

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Agenda

Educator Report-March

1. Students are creating stop-motion animations in Technology classes. This skill will be utilized later in the Spring when we create stop motion animations with an altruistic message.
2. 5/6 graders presented 3rd quarter book talk presentations on March 12, dressing up as a character from their book of choice. 2nd graders presented their biography projects and were dressed up as the subject of their project. Teachers and staff also participated in this day, dressing up either as a literary character or an important figure from history.
3. Our February 17th professional development day featured a fantastic conversation about future collaboration options with the Island Institute. We discussed options like virtual book clubs, pen pals, and professional networks with island colleagues that would allow for connection for both students and staff.
4. Quarter 3 will end 3/13 and spring break runs from 3/24-3/28.
5. The fifth and sixth grade extracurricular subjects are going very well in Spanish and Individualized Sports! They are creating a presentation to show the skills that they have learned so far this year!
6. Fifth and sixth grade are also working hard in all areas of math including exponents, fractions, geometry, integers, and measurement.
7. In art class students have been busy working with clay. All students learned about various hand building techniques. 2nd graders were prompted to come up with an original idea and determine which building techniques would be best to create their design. 5/6th graders are making large coil pots. They are focusing on form, structural integrity, and overall design.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the February 2025 financial report, donations received and reviewed the resolution accepting the tax rates for calendar year 2025.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

1. Preschool licensing remains in progress. Certificate of occupancy application has been approved, and structural and electrical inspections have been completed. A licensing inspection has been scheduled with The Department of Children and Youth.
2. Membership in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council has been approved.
3. KI School Wild School Site flag has been mounted in the lobby.
4. KI School Garden: construction is complete. Garden guideline signage will be created upon BOE approval.
5. Field Station (grant applications & updates)
6. Smartboard demonstration today with Hanah Kulka.
7. [HQIM](#) Update: A conversation with Danbury Local Schools has been initiated.
8. Energy Optimizers contract negotiation is in progress.
9. KI [Facility](#) Plan has been updated.
10. School cell phone discussion.
11. KI School Strategic Plan Work Session: Tuesday, March 18th

Upcoming KI School Events:

Ohio State Testing Dates

ELA: April 8th & 9th (grades 5&6)

SCI: April 15th & 16th (grade 5)

MATH: April 29th & 30th (grades 5&6)

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day potato bar

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April 17th: Cleveland Symphony & Case Western Reserve University tour
KI Art Show: tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd.
KI Spring Music presentation: tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd.

Deb Haig, Board Member, left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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

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Business

- approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 regular meeting as presented.
 - approve the financial reports for February 2025 as presented.
 - accept the following donations:
 - \$500.00 from Western Reserve Land Conservatory for Kelleys Island Field Station
 - \$100.00 from HT and Paula Bartlett for Kelleys Island Field Station
 - \$100.00 from Dave Zavagno for Kelleys Island Field Station
 - approve the calendar year 2025 tax [rates](#) for the Kelleys Island School as approved by the Erie County Budget Commission.
 - approve the Kelleys Island School 2025-2026 academic calendar as presented.
 - approve the Kelleys Island School Garden Rules and Use form as presented.
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

Abbey Rosado and Kathey Phinney were appointed to the Kelleys Island School 125 Year Celebration Planning Committee.

The Strategic Plan review meeting will include discussion regarding the treasurer and superintendent evaluations and procedures for those evaluations.

There being no additional business to come before the board, Janet Wermuth asked for a motion to adjourn. Nataliya Skeans made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Abbey Rosado.
Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Phinney, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion passed.

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Adjourn

The board adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer