

May 8, 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 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.

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Agenda

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

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

Educator Report:

1. Students have wrapped up end of the year state testing. They did a great job staying on task and using their knowledge.
2. Students and staff had a WONDERFUL time at the symphony on our field trip! Thanks to Dr. Tracy for the great day and tour of Case Western Reserve University. We have one more off-island field trip in May, traveling to Adventure Zone in Sandusky!
3. Students will be biking in P.E. this month, focusing on stamina, safety skills, and enjoying the outdoors! During the May 14th biking day, we will meet Mrs. Phinney at the cemetery to plant flowers around the grave of Mr. Estes.
4. We are thrilled to welcome the public to our music presentation and art show on May 22. The students, as well as Ms. Polofka and Dr. Tracy, have worked so hard all year!
5. Students are producing a yearbook to be distributed to all students and staff. It will be a collection of memories from the whole year.
6. Our final week of school will feature some of our favorite and time-honored traditions like putt-putt golfing, caddy shack pizza, kite flying, field day, and the kickball game. All are welcome and encouraged to join in our kickball game! It will take place at 1:45 on May 29. Of course, we will have the students ring the school bell together, signaling the end of the year.
7. Our last day with students will be May 29.
8. Teacher appreciation week was amazing this year. Thank you for the new school apparel as well as the delicious lunches! We definitely feel appreciated!! :)
9. Thank you to the board for another wonderful year at KI School. Your continued support means everything to us!

We have aloe plants for each of you to take home today. Mrs. Muster brought in the mother plants and students repotted the babies in honor of Earth Day!

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the April 2025 financial report, and May 2025 5-yr forecast and notes.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

1. Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you on behalf of KI School Staff & Students.
2. Ohio State Testing was completed last week.
3. Preschool licensing remains in progress.
 - Awaiting final inspection upon the current phone situation being remedied. ◦ NOECA Solution
4. Curriculum Update: Ongoing conversation with Danbury Local Schools continues.
5. KI School Garden: 2 Remaining beds available.
 - Spigot installation to begin on May 5/6th
6. Tall Ship Appledore IV Update
7. Guardian Alarm System Update.
8. Newsletter
 - EDDM: Every Door Direct Mail
 - In Person Distribution ◦ Field Station Activities ◦ Rack Cards
9. Wall of Fame Update • Cabinet Design Complete
 - Content Scanned & Shared ◦ Slide Designs are Under Construction
10. Field Station Update & Outdoor Learning Lab Update
 - Structure Complete
 - Pad & Sidewalk Complete
 - Grass Planted
 - Fence Installed
 - Electrical Installation
 - Additional Grass Planting

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- o Division Street resurfacing
 - o Furniture Purchases
- 11. Strategic Plan Update
 - Share by Janet Wermuth with BOE members on 4/28/25
- 12. School Safety Grant Application: \$35,000.00 Request
 - School Pride consultation on 4/29/25
- 13. KI Facility Plan Update
 - Please review lines 10-15 of the KI Facility Plan as there will be a request for approval after discussion of various options

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

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May 2025
Business

- approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 regular meeting as presented.
 - approve the financial reports for April 2025 as presented.
 - approve the May 2025 5-yr forecast and notes as presented.
 - approve the following revenue/appropriation changes for FY25:
 - Increase revenue account 001-1111 to \$1,085,774 (increasing the account by \$119,224)
 - Increase revenue account 001-1221 to \$192,788 (increasing the account by \$36,788)
 - Increase revenue account 001-1410 to \$83,000 (increasing the account by \$13,000)
 - Decrease revenue account 001-3110 to \$164,550 (decreasing the account by \$10,450)
 - Increase revenue account 001-3131 to \$116,500 (increasing the account by \$19,700)
 - Decrease revenue account 001-3218 to \$52,550 (decreasing the account by \$7,650)
 - Increase appropriation account 001-5600-620 to \$408,612 (increasing the appropriation by \$370,612)
 - Approve Erie County Health Department Nursing Services for PRN nursing services for the 2025-2026 school year. Cost to be \$125.00 per hour.
 - Approve outdoor classroom furniture purchase from SchoolOutfitters. Cost to be \$4,974.52.
 - Approve outdoor classroom furniture purchase from Treetop Products. Cost to be \$5,158.74.
 - Approve Fresch Electric proposal for power to the school pavilion. Cost to be \$3,250.00.
 - Approve Ohio Tree & Excavating for tree removal services. Cost to be \$3,500.00.
 - Approve NOECA phone hardware equipment cost of \$2,475.00 and premium support services at a cost of \$1,200.00 per year.
 - Approve Telesystem 36-month agreement for services and equipment.
 - Approve Strategic Plan revisions as presented.
 - Approve blacktop resurfacing estimate from Precision Paving at a cost of \$46,763.
 - Approve blacktop crack sealing and sealing from Tek Seal at a cost of \$3,800.00
 - Approve disposal of laptop computer, tag [#001262](#).
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Janet Wermuth to adjourn to executive session to discuss compensation of public employees.
Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Wermuth, yes; Phinney, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes.
Motion Passed.

25-28
Executive
Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 11:43 a.m.
Janet Wermuth, Board President, declared the meeting back to regular session at 12:07 p.m.

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans 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 12:09 p.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer