

November 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.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. Nataliya Makarova-Skeans, Mrs. Debra Haig, Ms. Abbey Rosado and Mrs. Janet Wermuth.

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

25-44
Executive
Session

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Abbey Rosado to adjourn to executive session to conference with attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action.

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

The board adjourned to executive session at 1:03 p.m.

Kathey Phinney, Board Member, arrived at 1:06 p.m. during executive session.

Janet Wermuth, Board President, called the meeting back to regular session at 10:11 p.m.

25-45
Agenda

It was moved by Kathey Phinney and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the agenda including two additional resolutions under new business-Resolution requesting assistance from the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund and Resolution declaring no conflict-of-interest Betty Schwiefert as presented.

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

Field Station Report:

2025 Field Station Groups and Volunteer Hours			
School/Group	# of Participants	Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
Berlin Hts Middle School	110	Chris Ashley	5
OSU Cleveland Educators	24	Chris Ashley	6
Project Wet for Educators at Stone Lab/OSU	16	Dennis Clemmins/EPA	6
University of Findlay	13	Chris Ashley	5
ECCF YAC	22	Chris Ashley	7
Clyde HS School Group	14	Chris Ashley	2
Perkin HS	13	Chris Ashley	3
Norwalk School High School	13	Chris Ashley	6
Huron School- 33 people			
St John's 8th Grade			
Huron City School 7th Grade			
KI Kids Bird Banding			
Science Saturdays	# of Participants	Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
Plankton	32	Doug Kane, Chris Ashley	6
Snakes	75	Emily Beal, Chris Ashley, Mariah McClain	9
Salamanders	72	Chris Ashley	3
Turtles & Frogs	160	Chris Ashley	5
Fishing Program	60 Kids	Chris Ashely, Beck Miller	7
Turtles	120	Chris Ashley	3
Turtles	110	Chris Ashley	3
Butterflies	107	Chris Ashley	3
Pollinators	38	Chris Ashley	3
Homecoming	200+	Chris Ashely	5
Geology	300+	Ohio Geological Survey (2people)	10
Pollinators & Pancakes	98	Chris Ashely, Virginia Polofka	12
Monarch Butterfly Tagging	120	Chris Ashley	3
Nature Camp		Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
Camp Check-in	33 Campers	Janet Wermuth	4
Geology Program		Chris Ashley	10

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Insects		Erie Metro Parks (2 people)	10
Camp Check-in	27 Campers	Janet Wermuth	2
Geology Program		Chris Ashley	6
Kayaking		Erie Metro Parks	5
School Tours	# of Participants		
June 7 Tour	49		
July 12 Tour	77		
2-Aug	45		
Programs & Events	# of Participants	Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
Monarch Fest at PIB	182		
KIFS Field Station Day and Ribbon Cutting	51	Chris Ashley	8
Port Clinton Rotary Club Butterfly Program	20		
Twin Oast Butterfly Program	97		
Owl Fest			
Grants	Amount Awarded	Purpose	
Erie County Community Foundation	4,980	Field Trip Ferry Transportation	
Ottawa County Community Foundation	2,000	Field Trip Ferry Transportation	
Wightman Wieber Foundation	3,154	Field Trip Ferry Transportation	
The ECCF Youth Advisory Council	650	Field Station Supplies- Plankton Net	
KILA	7,261	Outdoor Classroom	
Conservation Club Competitive Partnership Grant Ohio Department of Natural Resources	800	Field Station Supplies- Macro D-Nets	
KIPDA	2,000	Outdoor Classroom	
	20,845		
Camp Sponsorships	Amount Awarded		
Dave Zavagno	100		
Adohr Corp.	500		
Tom & Paula Batlett	100		
Bill & June Campbell	100		
The Greater Cincinnati Foundation	300		
Herndon	500		
Bad Day Training	500		
Western Reserve Land Conservancy	500		
KI Audubon Club	500		
KI VFW	500		
Hancock Wood Community Trust Fund	3,130		
	6730		

Educator report:

1. Students went on a Bird Banding field trip on November 3rd with Ms. Jackie. It is always such a great experience to appreciate the science of our island up close!
2. Our socktober sock drive has come to an end. Students picked up socks from each collection location on November 5th. Socks were kept separate based on location and students were able to log the data and use it for a graphing activity. We will deliver the socks to the Salvation Army right before Thanksgiving break!
3. 3rd graders started the Pumpkin Jack Life Cycle Experiment during which they will observe the full year life cycle of a pumpkin, from decomposition to new life growth!
4. We had a super fun Halloween celebration on October 31st, including a collage project and cooking club! We also had parent-teacher conferences on this day.
5. In P.E., to wrap up the fitness unit, Mrs. Muster and our 6th grader participated in the 5k on November 1st!
6. Our P.E field trip to Thunderbird Hills and Goofy golf was an absolute blast. We also toured the Edison House and took on the Kong Challenge pizza at Chet and Matt's!
7. In Kindergarten, we have been counting to 100 by using familiar things like Cheerios, buttons, and blocks! We have also completed a comprehensive unit on Fall and the observations we made about the season change on the island.
8. In Spanish we are creating a billboard advertising an item we invented using our knowledge of the Spanish language.

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9. Students have begun preparations for the Christmas Pageant in music class and we are so excited to travel to The Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle for their Music Around the World performance on November 13th!
10. KI Staff took part in a Northpoint Professional Development Day at Edison High School on October 10th, attending sessions throughout the day and making connections with colleagues from other districts.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the October 2025 financial report and updated the board regarding donations.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

Updates:

1. Mission & Vision Updates
 - December Work Session Date: TBD
2. Strategic Plan Update: Field Station Meeting TBD
3. Erie County Community Foundation Fund
 - Non-Endowed Agency Fund
 - Investment Policy Statement
 - Sample Agreement
4. 125th Estes School Celebration
5. Social Media Engagement
6. OSBA Professional Leave Forms
7. KI School Garden Update
8. KI Christmas Pageant Date
9. Roof Update(s)
10. 2026 KILSD BOE Meeting Dates & Times
11. NOECA Fall Newsletter
12. KI Facility Plan Update

25-46
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Business

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

- approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025 regular meeting as presented.
- approve the financial reports for October 2025 as presented.
- accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Kelleys Island Audubon Club to the Field Station (\$500.00 for FY25 and \$500.00 for FY26).
- approve quote from Ohio Concrete Resurfacing for nature stone installation at a cost of \$22,876.00.
- approve disposal of obsolete and damaged items as presented.
- approve Field Station Nature Camp registration form for FY26 as presented.
- approve Field Station sponsorship levels for FY26: \$100 (Walleye), \$300 (Yellow Warbler), \$500 (Marbled Salamander), \$1,000 (Monarch Butterfly).
- approve Erie County Community Foundation Non-Endowed Agency Fund Agreement as presented.

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

Motion Passed.

25-47
OSBA Legal
Assist Fund

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND: The Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education ("Board") is involved in litigation of statewide significance, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund ("OSBA LAF") has been established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to member boards of education, the Board hereby resolves to request assistance from the OSBA LAF for calendar years 2025 and 2026, and authorizes the Superintendent and/or Board General Counsel to complete the necessary application for assistance on behalf of the Board in all cases and matters relating to the cases of *Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education v. Ohio Department of Education and Workforce*, 6th Dist. Case No. E-25-0047 and *Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education v. Ohio Department of Education and Workforce*, Erie C.P. Case No. 2024 CV 0266 (Judge Tygh M. Tone).

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

Motion Passed.

25-48
No Conflict
of Interest

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Kathey Phinney to approve the following:

RESOLUTION DECLARING NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR BETTY SCHWIEFERT: The Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education ("Board") is involved with litigation with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("ODEW") in the cases of *Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education v. Ohio Department of Education and Workforce*, 6th Dist. Case No. E-25-0047 and *Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education v. Ohio*

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Department of Education and Workforce, Erie C.P. Case No. 2024 CV 0266 (Judge Tygh M. Tone). Neither of these cases involve the Perkins Local School District, but simply demand that the ODEW enforce its own rules. As a result, the Board declares that there is no conflict of interest in Betty Schwiefert serving as both the Treasurer for the Board and Interim Treasurer of the Perkins Local School District.

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

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans to adjourn, seconded by Kathey Phinney to adjourn.

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

25-49
Adjourn

The board adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer