October 8, 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. Debra Haig, Mrs. Nataliya Makarova Skeans, and Mrs. Kathey Phinney.

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

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to adopt the agenda and noted additions.
Roll Call: Haig, yes; Skeans, yes; Phinney, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

Abbey Rosado, Board Member, arrived at 9:54 a.m.

An article from the Sandusky *Register* was shared regarding the field station activities.

Educator Report-October

1B: "Promote and offer best practices in education, through the building of partnerships, that increases the collective understanding of current issues and needs. Engaging our students in determining long-term goals"

-seventh-grade math students are working on practical budgeting and financial skills for the real world.
-staff and students have been exploring and implementing our new reading curriculum. Benchmark Advance 2026 is a vertically aligned, knowledge-building structure. Each of the ten knowledge-building standards-aligned units are layered from one grade level to the next. Students use prior learning to access complex texts, build new knowledge, improve vocabulary, and develop literacy skills
-students will attend bird banding on October 26 with Ms. Jackie (Taylor). We appreciate this fantastic island partnership and learning opportunity we get to experience each year!

1C: "Broaden the students' understanding of the wider world beyond the shores of the island by identifying and designing programming to introduce students to other cultures."

-seventh-grade Spanish students translated the car wash poster to consider audiences outside of English speakers
-Health/P.E. students are completing the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge. This challenge encourages healthy habits, positive attitudes, and perseverance through exercises of strength, flexibility, cardio, and practicing good sleep and nutrition habits. The students have independent work to do at home and keep track of their progress in a workbook. **(1B: Engage KI students in determining personal long-term goals)**

5A: Community Engagement "Maintain a positive and engaged relationship with the KI community"

-October 8, 12-1pm Group Volleyball Game Mrs. Muster has invited 8 community volunteers to participate in a volleyball game to show our 4 students how the game is played. We will mix the teams with adults and students to play 6v6.
-Student walking Club Every Wednesday after school, the students take an hour-long walk with Mrs. Muster and other interested teachers and parents. Students are seeing a different part of the island from their own neighborhood and talking with adults in a relaxed atmosphere.
-Adult walking club Every Thursday, adults meet for an hour of walking and socializing. Each week so far has had a great turnout!

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the September 2026 financial report and donations received.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

1. Field Station Renovation update:
    - Denslow Mechanical removal estimate for approval
2. Playground Completion
    - Sidewalk proposal
3. Legal update: pending
4. Preschool update: Pending
5. NEOLA Updates: Board Docs is no more
6. Social Media litigation
7. Fall Field Trips
    - Valentine Theater: Legend of Sleepy Hollow (10/23)
    - TMACOG Student Summit (11/10)
    - Huntington Arena: Toledo Walleye (11/18)
    - Steinberger Tree Farm & Fremont Recreation Department (11/24)
8. KI Facility Plan update
9. Mission & Vision Session
    - Work to be completed during the board meeting
    - Information shared via e-mail

It was moved by Kathey Phinney and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the following: 26-35 Oct Business
-approve the minutes of the September 10, 2026 regular meeting as presented.
-approve the financial reports for September 2026 as presented.

-accept donations of $1,795.00 from the car wash fundraiser with money raised to be donated to the Kelleys Island Police Department.
-accept Toledo Metropolitan Council of Governments Donation of water quality testing supplies for the Student Watershed Watch valued at approximately $600.00.
-approve purchase of Smartboards and accessories from SchoolHouse Electronics per Quote#7685-R. Cost to be $7,965.00.
-approve Denslow Mechanical estimate#1227 to clean up science lab walls and repaint. Cost to be $15,000.00.
-approve Community Participation Waiver, Release, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement form as presented.
-approve the following PE Class Volleyball Volunteers:
Kim Carson
Nataliya Skeans
Dascha Fenton
Abby Hartsell
Marcus Muster
Alfred Policy
Rostislav Zettler
Steve Wermuth
-approve 7am hybrid schedule as presented.
Roll Call: Phinney, yes; Skeans, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.

The board reviewed its mission and vision statements.

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Adjourn

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

The board adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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