

October 19, 2025 at 9:30 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. 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.

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

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Executive
Session

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

The board adjourned to executive session at 9:33 a.m.

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

Jackie Taylor, Field Station Director, reported the following:

2025 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 Education 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
NPESC Professional Teaching Perkin HS			
Norwalk School High School			
Huron School			
St John's 8th Grade			
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 Ashley	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
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		
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	
Camp Sponsorships	Amount Awarded		
Dave Zavagno	100		
Adohr Corp.	500		
Tom & Paula Battlett	100		
Bill & June Campbell	100		
The Greater Cincinnati Foundation	300		
Hemdon	500		
Bad Day Training	500		
Western Reserve Land Conservancy	500		
KI Audubon Club	500		
KI VFW	500		
Hancock Wood Community Trust Fund	3,130		

Educator report:

1. Students completed our cross curricular "summer snapshots" project, combining writing workshop (ELA) and technology classes. These projects are hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway and share some of our students' favorite memories from summer 2025.

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2. Students have completed their locker/cubby signs for this year. This project promotes personalization and school culture
3. Students have started work on an upcoming Veteran's Day project. Each year we make a project that we give to the VFW and it will remain on display for the rest of the year.
4. Our 6th grade field trip to ABC 13 was fantastic. Derek Witt gave us an exceptional tour and tons of helpful career information.
5. Students are working on promotional materials for our sock drive, creating flyers for social media and a commercial made using sock puppets. Letters went out to businesses asking if we can place donation boxes there for October. This letter was created collaboratively by 3rd and 6th grade students. Boxes for donations were delivered by students on Friday to The Island Market, KI Police Dept., KI Wine Co., and The Village Pump. One donation box is also placed at KI School.
6. Students wrapped up swimming lessons in P.E. this month and we cannot thank the Venture Resort enough for hosting us! In health classes, students discussed how to read nutrition labels and make healthy informed choices. They traveled to the Island Market, applying this knowledge in selecting healthy snacks.
7. In Kindergarten we are working on letter recognition and sounds as well as objects that begin with each letter! We are also working on color words, high frequency words and counting to 100! In science we have been discussing our environment and what the different seasons mean to our climate. In Social Studies we are working on understanding the symbols of America and why they are important as citizens.
8. We were lucky to be visited by KIPD's Chief Jamie and Officer Jamie this month for "Pizza with the Police". We enjoyed some Wine Co. pizza, conversation and basketball at recess! Afterwards, students created thank you cards in technology class.
9. Academic Quarter 1 ends on October 17th.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the September 2025 financial report, updated the board regarding donations and the depository agreement with Civista Bank.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

Updates:

1. Mission & Vision Updates
 - Samples
 - Guide
 - Work Session Date TBD:
2. Window Update: Buckeye Sun Control Installation Completed 9/19
3. Sandusky Library Director: William Rutger in Attendance
4. KILA Candidate Forum & Individual Candidate Facility Use Policy
5. Adult Art: (15-22 Participants)
6. Roof Update
7. Strategic Plan Update: Field Station
8. NPESC Business Advisory Council Annual Plan
9. Erie County Commission Correspondence
10. Tax Letter
11. Cyber Security Cohort & Remediation
12. Erie County Community Foundation Matching Grant Discussion
 - 501(c)(3) Opportunity
 - Annual Raise Letter
 - Tax Write Off Opportunity
13. KI Facility Plan Update

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Business

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

- approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025 regular meeting as presented.
 - approve the financial reports for September 2025 as presented
 - accept a donation of 38 reams of paper from Sutter O'Connell
 - approve a depository agreement with Civista Bank for the period November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030
 - approve North Point Educational Service Center handbook and suspension authorization.
 - approve Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association cyber security Cohort and Remediation services at a cost of \$10,000.00.
 - approve quote from Energy Optimizers for Estes building roof and garage roof at a cost of \$194,460
 - approve the superintendent and treasurer evaluation tool as presented
 - employ Quinn Bennett as a substitute custodian for the 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon employment requirements. Salary to be \$20.00 per hour.
- Roll Call: Skeans,, yes; Phinney, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

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Adjourn

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

The board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer