

September 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Kelleys Island Board of Education met in special session for the transaction of business. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Debra Haig, Mrs. Kathleen Phinney, Miss Abbey Rosado, Mrs. Janet Wermuth and Mrs. Nataliya Makarova Skeans.

Deb Haig, Board President, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

24-96
Agenda

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Superintendent update regarding preschool:

- while preschool is non mandated for typical students, Kelleys Island School has offered preschool in the past
- a licensed teacher needs to be available.
- \$66,469.44 financial impact. Current student population is 5 students and 2.7 teachers are needed. With preschool, 3 teachers would be needed. There would be over \$8,200.00 in supervision costs from Northeast Ohio ESC for preschool. Other costs would include outfitting the room. If a student population is for entire year, a staff of 3 full-time teachers are needed. If less than that, staff should be dropped to 2.7.
- What capital improvements would be needed? Licensing information in regard to physical structure should not be a barrier.
- Of the cost, how much is reoccurring? Every year that preschool is offered, the ongoing cost would be the supervision and the cost of the preschool teacher. The cost would be for one or more preschool students.
- Licensing folks concerned about one student? No concern was raised. This license does go through DEW, but Department of Children and Youth would be where the licensing of the unit would come from. If Kelleys Island would apply for a license, they could possibly come out in a week.
- preschool would be offered 5 days per week, 3 hours per day
- Will there be opportunities for the preschool students to be with school age students? No, preschool students need to be completely separate.
- Is there a special license for kindergarten? No, several of our staff members have kindergarten licensing.
- enrollment for Kelleys Island School is based on employment on the island.
- How long would the certification take for the preschool license? That is why we are meeting today, to decide on the preschool program and if it will be offered, the licensing process would be started.
- Would like the financial impact of what the program would cost and a broader financial picture of offering the program.

Public Participation:

- Eric Longbrake-thank you and if this is what happens, they are here for the season. Thank you for whatever...
- Lauren Orshoski-when I was younger, I always wanted to come to Kelleys Island School. I struggled in school and I would have appreciated the one-on-one experience that Kelleys Island School gives.

24-97
Preschool

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Abbey Rosado to add preschool program for a vote on the September 12, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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

24-98
Adjourn

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

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

The board adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer