

February 24, 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 meeting to order. The following members responded to roll call: Ms. Abbey Rosado, Mrs. Janet Wermuth and Mrs. [Nataliya Makarova Skeans](#).

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

25-13
Executive
Session

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

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:45 a.m.

Janet Wermuth, Board President, called the meeting back to regular session at 10:14 a.m.

25-14
Agenda

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve the board meeting agenda as presented.

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

Janet Wermuth reported that she, Jackie Taylor, Ben Ohlemacher and Betty Schwiefert have been working on many grants to fund program costs-specifically to cover the cost of ferry fees for participants/schools to come to the Kelleys Island field station for programming.

Educator Report- February

- We completed quarter 2 and had wonderful parent/teacher conferences on January 16.
- Teachers and students have been using the new smartboards in the classroom. It has been very exciting to see all the ways the interactivity can enhance learning. Teachers zoomed for an informative training on the smart board technology during our January 20th professional development day.
- Our staff PD day on February 17th will focus on a teaching and learning collaborative discussion.
- Students have been hard at work on our newsletter. It will be released in February and features student advice on "surviving" an island winter!
- Students enjoyed a "lunch with a loved one" on Valentines day. Students and parents exchanged heartfelt letters and we were treated to mainland pizzas!
- KI students have been creating beautiful Valentine's Day themed art with Ms. Polofka to decorate for the luncheon on the 14th.
- March 12th will be "Dress up like a character day" for 5/6th grade as a requirement for their 3rd quarter book talk presentations and TBD dress up for 2nd grade. Staff are invited to participate as well!
- In P.E., students have made multiple attempts at building an igloo. First, Mrs. Muster worked with students to create an outdoor igloo in the snow. When the snow didn't cooperate, students played outdoor chutes and ladders and made snow angels. Igloo plan B took place on February 11th, indoors!
- In health classes, students have studied nutrition in January and February. This time focused on following the "My plate" guide. Students studied nutrients and made play doh meals.
- Students have been learning to write their own music in music class. 5/6 are learning to write, transcribe, and build digital files to represent their music.
- 5/6 graders are continuing their instrumental studies and 2nd is beginning piano skills this semester.

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, reviewed the January 2025 financial report.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

1. Preschool licensing remains in progress. Certificate of occupancy application has been approved and structural and electrical inspections have been completed.
2. All Facebook staff spotlights have been posted.
3. KI School Garden: demolition has been completed and construction is underway.
4. KI School Garden: application update
5. Gymnasium pads have been installed.

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6. KI School Wild School Site flag will be mounted in the lobby.
7. Smartboards have been delivered and are in use. Demonstration today.
8. A [Letter](#) of Support for the KI Park and Recreation Board has been provided.
9. Mid-Year [Report](#) provided to ADAMHS Board of Erie County.
10. Parent Teacher Conferences were held on January 16th.
11. Smartboard training was held on January 20th.
12. Lunch with a Loved One was held on February 14th.
13. Erie County Sheriff Sigsworth will visit KI School to perform a safety audit with Chief Bartus on February 14th.
14. [NOECA](#) Winter Newsletter
15. KI School calamity calendar
16. [HQIM](#) Update: Brandi Godwin (NPESC)
17. Field Station (grant applications & updates)
18. KI [Facility](#) Plan has been updated.
19. KI School Strategic Plan Work Session: March 18th

Upcoming KI School Events:

Ohio State Testing Dates

ELA: April 8th & 9th (Grades 5&6)

SCI: April 15th & 16th (Grade 5)

MATH: April 29th & 30th (Grades 5&6)

April 17th: Cleveland Symphony & Case Western Reserve University Tour

KI Art Show: tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd

It was moved by Abbey Rosado and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the following:

-approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 organizational/regular meeting as presented.

-approve the financial reports for January 2025 as presented.

-accept the following donations:

\$300.00 from Bad Day Training & Consulting for Kelleys Island Field Station

\$100.00 from William and June Campbell for Kelleys Island Field Station

\$500.00 from Adohr Corp for Kelleys Island Field Station

-approve the following revenue/appropriation changes for FY25:

Decrease revenue account 516-4220-9025 to \$1,226.65 (decreasing by \$459.89)

Decrease appropriation account 516-1200-400-9025 to \$1,226.65 (decreasing by \$7.43)

Decrease revenue account 587-4220-9025 to \$8.86 (decreasing by \$459.89)

Decrease appropriation account 587-2100-400-9025 to \$8.86 (decreasing by \$7.43)

-Approve disposal of (3)Smartboards, (1)laminator, (1)facsimile machine, (6)DIRECTV boxes and remote controls.

-Approve the following 2025 Nature Camp Sponsorship program:

\$100.00 Walleye

\$300.00 Yellow Warbler

\$500.00 Marbled Salamander

\$1,000.00 Monarch Butterfly

-Approve the following 2025 Nature Camp registration fees:

Intro to Nature Camp (4 yrs.) \$50.00

My 1st Nature Camp (5-6 yrs) \$50.00

Nature Camp (7-8 yrs) \$75.00

Environmental Adventure Camp I (9-10 yrs) \$100.00

Environmental Adventure Camp II (11-12 yrs) \$100.00

Kelleys Island School Student \$25.00

-Employ Carolyn Willinger as Nature Camp Assistant. Salary to be \$1,000.

-Approve personal service contracts for Jodie Smith and Katie Schuler as Nature Camp Assistants at \$1,000 each.

-Approve Bayside estimates for replacement of heat exchanger, labor, parts and travel at a total Cost of \$4,080.99.

-Approve JDM estimate for concrete sidewalk at a cost of \$5,812.00.

-Approve Vital Signs quote for Wall of Fame software and services. Cost to be \$22,145.00.

-Approve one year maintenance contract with Fitness Service for exercise equipment. Cost to be \$1,450.00.

-Approve the following revision of Board Policy [8600.01](#) TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN WHO OPEN ENROLL OUTSIDE OF THE KELLEYS ISLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, effective December 1, 2024.

8600.01 - TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN WHO OPEN ENROLL OUTSIDE OF THE KELLEYS ISLAND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Business

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While the Kelleys Island Local School District Board of Education ("Board") is not required to transport any child who open enrolls outside of the Kelleys Island Local School District, the Board shall transport a child for the purpose of attending school during the regular school day to the nearest port in the Danbury Local School District or another mutually agreed upon location by the Board and Danbury Local School District Board of Education if such child meets all of the following conditions:

- A. resides in the Kelleys Island Local School District;
- B. successfully open enrolls into the Danbury Local School District prior to the start of the school year; and
- C. would otherwise have attended grades seven (7) through twelve (12) as a student in the Kelleys Island Local School District.

The Board shall provide any transportation to any open enrolled child for any curricular, extra-curricular, and/or other school-related activities that fall outside the regular school day. In the event return transportation cannot be provided, the Board shall provide the child with transportation from the curricular, extra-curricular, and/or school-related activity to a mainland destination selected by the child's parent/guardian and approved in advance by the Superintendent.

The Board shall never provide transportation to any family members or friends of such a child under any circumstances.

This policy is consistent with the past and current practice of the Board and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is otherwise reversed, vacated, and/or modified by the Board.

-adopt the following resolution to participate in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council:

WHEREAS, the Kelleys Island Local School District is eligible for membership in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, a national, purchasing cooperative made up of various political subdivisions throughout the United States, and based in the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, Kelleys Island Local School District, pursuant to authority granted under ORC Section 9.48(B)(2), requests Council authorization to become a member of and to participate in said program for the purchase of services, material, supplies or other articles required by various departments offered to members of Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council. There is no cost associated with membership; and

WHEREAS, purchases made by the Organization through Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council would be exempt from competitive bidding and would be at costs competitively bid by the Southwest Ohio EPC; and

WHEREAS, the savings would greatly benefit the organization and further enhance the services provided by the Kelleys Island Local School District.

Be it Resolved that the Kelleys Island Local School District, hereby agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council, (EPC) and elects to become a member of the EPC, a Regional Council of Governments under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. to authorize entering a contract with Energy Optimizers USA, LLC. ("Energy Optimizers") for the district's gymnasium roofing project.

-adopt the following resolution authorizing a contract with Energy Optimizers, LLC. For the District's roofing project based upon the authority of ORC 167.081 for contracts procured through a Regional Council of Governments:

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need for a flat roof replacement over the gym facility.
2. O.R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a Regional Council of Governments (a "COG") without the need to engage in competitive bidding. Specifically, O.R.C. 167.081 states that a regional council may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a multistate consortium of which the council is a member. The Board is a member of the Ohio Council of Educational Purchasing Consortia ("OCEPC"). OCEPC is a Regional Council of Governments established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.
3. Energy Optimizers is an experienced contractor who has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$207,500 (the "Contract Sum"), which is based on qualified unit pricing as set forth in Energy Optimizer's agreement with OCEPC.
4. The Superintendent recommends procuring Energy Optimizers through O.R.C. 167.081. The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in O.R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of Energy Optimizers without the need to engage in competitive bidding.

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2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Optimizers for the Project and to sign any related documents for the work in an amount not to exceed \$207,500.

-authorize 2025-2026 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

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

Motion Passed.

The 2025-2026 Kelleys Island School calendar was presented for its initial reading.

There being no additional business to come before the board, Janet Wermuth asked for a motion to adjourn. Nataliya Skeans made that motion, seconded by Janet Wermuth.

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

Motion passed.

25-16
Adjourn

The board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer