

January 9, 2025 at 9:45 a.m.

The Kelleys Island Board of Education met in organizational/regular sessions for the transaction of business. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Debra Haig, Ms. Abbey Rosado, Mrs. Janet Wermuth and Mrs. [Nataliya Makarova](#) Skeans.

Janet Wermuth, President Pro Tempore, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Wermuth declared the first order of business to be election of board president for 2025. Janet Wermuth nominated Deb Haig. Nataliya Skeans nominated Janet Wermuth

Roll call for Haig: Haig, abstain, Rosado, yes; Skeans, no, Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.
Mrs. Haig did not accept the nomination.

25-1
Election of
2025 Pres-
Haig

Roll call for Wermuth: Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Skeans, yes; Wermuth, abstain.
Motion Passed.

25-2
Election of
2025 Pres-
Wermuth

Janet Wermuth, Board President, assumed the chair.

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Deb Haig to elect Kathey Phinney as Vice President for the term of January 9, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Haig, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion passed.

25-3
Election of
2025 Vice
Pres

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve membership in OSBA and participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for 2025.
Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

25-4
OSBA mem-
bership

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to designate the Treasurer as the Board's Public Records/Open Meeting Act Training Designee.
Roll Call: Haig, yes; Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

25-5
Public
Records
Designee

It was moved by Nataliya Skeans and seconded by Abbey Rosado to designate the Superintendent as the District's Authorized Purchasing Agent for amounts up to \$3,000.00 without specific board approval
Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion passed.

25-6
Purchasing
Agent

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve Deb Haig as Legislative Liaison, Abbey Rosado as Student Achievement Liaison, and Ben Ohlemacher as Policy and Procedure Liaison.
Roll Call: Wermuth, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Skeans, yes.
Motion passed.

25-7
OSBA Roles

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to approve the following:
-authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills as they are presented, provided funds are available, and report monthly to the Board of Education those bills paid-authorize the treasurer to invest funds.
-request advances on local tax collections from the Erie County Auditor as needed
-authorize the Superintendent/or designee to approve staff attendance at workshops and meetings within the State of Ohio
-authorize the Superintendent/or designee to approve special transportation trip requests (field trips, etc.) within the State
-authorize the Superintendent/or designee to employ temporary personnel as needed for emergencies and such to be approved at the next board meeting
-approve the establishment of the CY 2025 service fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for incurred expenses of board members
-authorize the Superintendent/or designee to close the school or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of students or staff members
-approve attorneys Kimball Carey of Bricker & Eckler, Columbus, Mathew Markling of McGown & Markling Co., Akron, and Scott & Scriven, Columbus Ohio, law firms for legal services for CY 2025 on an as-needed basis.

25-8
Bd Authorize
Supt/Treas

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

25-9
Adjourn
organiza-
tional

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Nataliya Skeans to adjourn the organizational meeting.

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

The board adjourned the organizational meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Janet Wermuth, Board President, called the January regular meeting to order.

25-10
Agenda

It was moved by Janet Wermuth and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve the regular board meeting agenda plus noted additions.

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

25-11
Executive
Session

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

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

The Board adjourned to executive session at 10:09 a.m.

Janet Wermuth, Board President, called the meeting back to regular session at 10:38 a.m.

The following information was shared by Jackie Taylor, Field Station Director:

KIFS 2025 Program Schedule

Updated 1/5/25

May

24 Science Saturdays-Plankton & Macroinvertebrates, Heidelberg University- Dr. Doug Kane

31 Science Saturdays-Salamanders

June

7 Science Saturdays-Frogs

School Tours 1PM

14 Science Saturdays-TBA

21 Science Saturdays-Turtles

23-27 Nature Camp ages 4-8

28 Science Saturdays-Fishing

July

June 30-4 Nature Camp ages 9-12

5 Science Saturdays-TBA

12 Science Saturdays-Turtles

School Tours 1PM

19 Island Fest

26 Science Saturdays-Butterflies

28 Project WET Workshop at OSU Stone Lab with Ohio EPA (teaching)

August

2 Science Saturdays-TBA

School Tours 1PM

9 KI Homecoming

16 Science Saturdays-TBA

23 Pollinators & Pancakes

30 Science Saturdays-Monarch Butterflies & Tagging

Monarch Butterfly Tagging will take place throughout the month

6 Treasure Island Day- Monarch Tagging at the School (included on the island map)

14 Kelleys Island Field Station Day & Celebration

Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, shared the December 2024 financial report and reviewed the proposed FY26 Tax Budget.

Ben Ohlemacher, Superintendent, shared the following information:

- Preschool licensing remains in progress. Certificate of occupancy application is in process with The Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Industrial Compliance and Labor.
- Student presentations were given on December 18th in the KI Library.
- KI School [merchandise](#) signage is in place at KI school.
- The final Facebook staff spotlights are scheduled to be completed.
- Commemorative benches are in place at the KI Library entrance.
- KI School Garden update: Demolition will begin the second week of February.
- Gymnasium wall pads will be installed upon receipt of hardware.
- Smartboards have been delivered and are being installed.

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- A professional learning day for staff will be held on Monday, January 20th with smartboard use being a focus for the day.
- Phase One of JDM construction has been completed. Phase Two will consist of concrete pad being poured, sidewalk poured and electric run to the building. JDM Sidewalk Quote: \$5,812
- Upon the reopening of the KI Ferry the following vendors will be coming to KI School to provide quotes for the following:
 - Estes Building Furnace Installation (Bayside and Hohler)
 - Preventative HVAC Maintenance (Lake Breeze)
 - Asphalt/Concrete Work (Precision Paving)
- Erie County Sheriff Sigsworth will visit KI School to perform a safety audit with Chief Bartus.
- AT&T business account would cost approximately \$71 per/month
 - Tax exempt status denied-reapplication process is ongoing
 - Other provider recommendations
- The KI School Wild School Site flag flown over the Ohio State House on 9/13/24 will be mounted with explanatory signage.
- I met with Sandusky Library Executive Director Molly Carver and Assistant Director Katie Corcoran on January 7th to discuss the KI Library.
- Updated KI [Facility Plan](#)
- Wall of Fame: [65"Quote](#) [75"Quote](#) [Wall of Fame Gallery](#) In the event this is a project to be completed in time for spring/summer, approval would be needed at a January board of education meeting.

Upcoming KI School Events:

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on January 18th
Lunch with a Loved One will be held on February 14th.

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

- approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 special meeting and the December 12, 2024 regular meeting as presented.
 - approve the financial reports for December 2024 as presented.
 - approve the FY26 Tax Budget as presented.
 - accept return of payment from Tina Calleri as Christmas Pageant Director.
- Roll Call: Skeans, yes; Rosado, yes; Haig, yes; Wermuth, yes.
Motion Passed.

25-10
Jan 2024
Business

It was moved by Deb Haig and seconded by Abbey Rosado to approve snow removal contract with Robert Skeans for the 2024-2025 school year at 100.00 per time.

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

25-11
Snow
removal

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

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

25-12
Adjourn

The board adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Board President

Board Treasurer