

**KEOKUK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TORRENCE GYM
JANUARY 23, 2017**

The Board of Directors met in regular session in the Torrence Gym, 1721 Fulton St., Keokuk. Board President Long called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Directors present: Jane Abell, Gary de Gala, Russ Derr, Alka Khanolkar, Janne Long, Carrie Steele and Kim Wyatt

Directors absent: None

Student Rep present: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Long welcomed the media and visitors.

There was nothing heard during Constituent Communications.

Director Abell moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit A***)

Director Khanolkar moved, Director Abell seconded, to approve the meeting minutes.

Janne Long was absent during the December 5, 2016, meeting so Kim Wyatt opened and closed the meeting.

Director Derr moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to accept the meeting minutes with the changes. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit B***)

Director Abell moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve accounts payable as is in the amount of \$279,852.59. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit C***)

Director Wyatt moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the monthly financials. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit D***)

The following was heard during Recognition:

- Seven (7) All-State Choir Students.
- Winter Guard placed 2nd at State.
- Preschool teacher Betty Ralph funded a project for Preschool through Donors Choose.
- Karen Beim, Diane Berner, Barb Edler, Martha Neff and Natalie Ulloa received a grant for STEM.

The following was heard during Announcements:

- A. George Washington & Torrence – Nemecek: **Torrence** - *Preschool Round-Up Dates are March 1st and May 19 for any who couldn't make it March 1st.
*Have been receiving training from Wonders. This is the same curriculum that K-5 uses. We are excited to see how using the same curriculum will help the transition to kindergarten. *Developmental Pre-K numbers are growing. We have 4-5 eligibility meetings coming up in the next few weeks.

GW - *Completed Winter MAPS - pleased with the growth from Fall. Continuing to look at our core instruction on how we can best meet the needs of all students and assure growth is happening across the board.

*Winter FAST is currently taking place.

*I will be attending my SAI meeting tomorrow, Jan. 24 in Des Moines.

*I and 5 others (Jenny Davis, Rebecca Bogert, Donna Peevler, Nancy Grisham, Karen Beim) will attending PRESS training in Des Moines on Jan 25, 26. PRESS are the reading interventions that teachers use for FAST.

*5th grade attended Eagle Days

*Sarah Wetzel came and did a food/nutrition presentation to Karen Beim and Donna Peevler's class.

*Jenny Davis currently has 8 teachers between GW and Torrence during this learning cycle that she is working with.

B. Hawthorne – Marsden & Weis:

Changed format for newsletter; had a live animal show for PBIS reward; MAPS and FAST testing going on right now; Book fair – Feb 9-10; Feb 10 having sweetheart tea – Kindergarteners invite special guest; March 9-10 – Kindergarten round up; Starting backpack program at HAW; Tier II training and Keokuk was praised for doing so great with the assistance to those students;

C. MS – McCloskey & Henrichs:

1) We just finished our Winter MAP testing window and our teachers are anxious to see the growth from Fall to Winter especially in Reading and Math skills. Our teachers are using the MAP data to group/sort students based on their MAP scores so we can intervene and enrich in Reading and Math and continue to grow kids to the max; we really want to build Reading and Math skills so they are college and career ready. Our KMS State School Report card score still has us as "Needs Improvement" from our Iowa Assessment scores from the last two testing sessions but those scores do not account for our very strong science scores.

2) Our discipline referral data is about where we were at this point last year so our PBIS team has been discussing adding/adjusting our weekly incentive system to keep students and staff excited about meeting and exceeding expectations. We have invited Josh Drea, a nationally recognized youth speaker, to be a guest speaker on February 22 to address anti-bullying, living life with purpose and resiliency/grit, and having empathy toward others. Our 8th grade teachers are planning an 8th grade Ski trip later in February as an incentive for 8th grade students meeting and exceeding our K-Pride expectations. Hopefully they have good snow making machines in the Quad Cities.

3) The second half of our Winter Sports season is well under way. Both our 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys bball teams are already playing at really high levels. Please come check them out and have a bag of popcorn or two. Our boys have hosted two wrestling meets already this season and have a meet scheduled at Fort Madison tomorrow at 4:30. We are very proud of their competitive spirit and representation of KMS.

4) Here is my weekly update from last week in my "Friday Feedback" to my staff - <https://www.smores.com/flhtv> In this edition you can see the results from our KMS PLC team self-assessments of where they are currently in terms of overall effectiveness in their team structures; the team structure is the foundation for successful team processes and I was happy to see these results.

D. HS – Magliari & Davis: Changed format for newsletter; had a live animal show for PBIS reward; MAPS and FAST testing going on right now; Book fair – Feb 9-10; Feb 10 having sweetheart tea – Kindergarteners invite special guest; March 9-10 – Kindergarten round up; Starting backpack program at HAW; Tier II training and Keokuk was praised for doing so great with the assistance to those students;

- E. District – Moritz & Hood: 2 schools increased – HS from needs improvement to acceptable; HAW from acceptable to commendable; Jeri continued to go through the state report and the high level detail of it

The following was heard during Reports:

- Jeri Moritz gave a detailed report on the State Reports. She highlighted the improvement in the HS going from “Needs Improvement” to “Acceptable” and Hawthorne going from “Acceptable” to “Commendable.” (**Exhibit E**)

The following was heard during Old Business:

- An update was given on bonds.

The following was heard during New Business:

Public Hearing opened at 8:00 p.m. regarding roof insurance bids on George Washington and the HS. Hearing no comments, it closed at 8:01 p.m.

Director Wyatt moved, Director Abell seconded, to approve Bid B, B1 and B2 from Schwickert for the HS Roof Insurance Bids. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit F**)

Director Khanolkar moved, Director Derr seconded, to approve Bid C from Brockway for the George Washington Roof Insurance Bids. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit G**)

Director Abell moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the Resolution of Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit H**)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the After Prom Fundraiser as presented by Director Wyatt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Wyatt moved, Director Abell seconded to accept curriculum for the carpentry/building program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director de Gala moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to accept curriculum for the Carpenter International Training Fund (CITF). All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to allow using the old Roquette building for baseball. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Derr motioned, Director Wyatt seconded, to allow change to HS open lunch policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Abell moved, Director de Gala seconded, to change HS grade check day for Activities. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Abell moved, Director Steele seconded, to approve the Personnel list. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit I**)

President Long adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Janne Long, President

Heidi Harness, Board Secretary