

THORNAPPLE KELLOGG BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 7:01 p.m. in Middle School Room #1616.

Members present: Haney, Smith, Bobolts, Thomas, Selleck

Members absent: Ordway, Kiel
Member Ordway entered at 7:14 p.m.

Administrators present: Rider, Enslin, Marcy, Koski, Balding, Birely, Langschieid, Jefferson, Washburn

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Haney, seconded by Thomas that the Board of Education adopt the agenda as presented.

Affirmative: All
Negative: None
Motion: Carried

APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Page Elementary Teacher Curt Wissink was recognized for receiving the WGVU Cool Teacher Award. Mr. Wissink was nominated by one of his students.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

CONSENT GROUPING

Motion by Haney, seconded by Selleck that the following Consent Grouping items be approved:

- A. Board of Education minutes from the November 14, 2011 regular meeting.
- B. Leave of Absence for Kristin Stapleton.
- C. State Honors Choir qualifier, Lindsay Genter, to attend the State Honors Choir January 19-21, 2012.

Roll Call Vote

Affirmative: Haney, Smith, Bobolts, Thomas, Selleck
Negative: None
Motion: Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT / BILLS

Motion by Haney, seconded by Thomas that the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education approve expenditures for the payment of bills for November 2011 in the amount of \$2,330,025.53.

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Roll Call Vote

Affirmative: Smith, Bobolts, Thomas, Selleck, Haney
Negative: None
Motion: Carried

DISCOVERY EDUCATION
ASSESSMENT PILOT

Tom Enslin provided information on Discovery Education Assessment (DEA); a pilot for 30 K-12 teachers. Discovery Education assesses students in math, language arts and reading, and is aligned to the Common Core. Benchmarks are research based and will be given three times a year. Reports can be broken down by class and by individual students. The growth model will follow the student from grade to grade. Teachers will be administering the first assessment mid January. DEA is a transition from Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The cost of DEA is \$2.50 per student, compared to \$11 per student for MAP.

Member Ordway entered at 7:14 p.m.

CADET TEACHING COURSE
PROPOSAL

High school teacher Rachel Cobb was in attendance to provide information on the Cadet Teaching course proposal. This is the second year of running the pilot. This course is targeted for 12th graders with an interest in teaching and exploring what it's like to be a teacher. The high school ran a Student Teacher Assistant (STA) program in the past, in which students worked under a teacher. It was more clerical in nature, including grading papers. In Cadet Teaching, students work with elementary and middle school students either one-on-one or in group work to provide extra help. Students meet with Mrs. Cobb once a week and must qualify to participate in the program. Last year the class averaged 7 students per trimester and this year, 8 students per trimester.

MARKETING II COURSE
PROPOSAL

Rachel Cobb was also in attendance to provide information on the Marketing II course proposal. The high school currently only offers Marketing I and this would provide a continuation of that course.

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Marketing II would be a two trimester course. The current Marketing class averages 22-30 students.

ELEMENTARY WIRELESS
PROJECT

Christine Marcy reported that over the holiday break, if approved, wireless internet would be installed at McFall, Lee and Page as well as the Learning Center. After installation, all buildings would have wireless internet.

Motion by Haney, seconded by Selleck that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of wireless technology in the elementary buildings and the Learning Center from Hewlett Packard in the amount of \$29,890.68 to be paid from the 2007 Capital Projects technology budget.

Roll Call Vote

Affirmative: Bobolts, Thomas, Selleck, Ordway,
Haney, Smith
Negative: None
Motion: Carried

THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS
& RECREATION COMMISSION
AGREEMENT

Christine Marcy reported that the Agreement presented was reviewed and approved by Thornapple Kellogg's attorney.

Motion by Haney, seconded by Ordway that the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education approve the amended Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) Agreement.

Affirmative: All
Negative: None
Motion: Carried

NEOLA BOARD POLICIES
VOLUME 26, NUMBER 1
SECOND READING

Motion by Haney, seconded by Selleck that the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education approve Neola policies Volume 26, Number 1 and policies 1613, 3213 and 4213 for second reading.

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Roll Call Vote

Affirmative: Thomas, Selleck, Ordway, Haney,
Smith, Bobolts

Negative: None

Motion: Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Gary reported to the Board:

1. Welcomed Casey Cheney, the new Sun and News reporter, to the Board meeting.
2. Thanked Kevin Kane, Dave Chrisinske and Joyce Bobolts for serving as school district representatives on the TAPRC Board.
3. Announced Lyndsey Fischer, Nate Fischer and Kim Chausow have been awarded grants from the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD).
4. He and a number of Board members attended the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards' (KIASB) dinner and saw a number of presentations on utilization of current technology.
5. Attended the Senior Citizens luncheon and thanked Shar Evans for her work with the event.
6. He and a number of Board members attended the Bus Driver Appreciation Brunch at the Parker's on the 8th of December.
7. Reminded everyone of the District Holiday Social this Wednesday from 2:45 – 5:30 p.m. at the middle school.
8. Recently held Government Advisory Committee and Business Advisory Committee meetings.
9. In State politics, all day kindergarten remains in the budget but needs to be reauthorized before it can move forward in the legislature. To implement the program and receive full funding, it would cost the district \$600,000; \$900,000 if we don't run the program. The District will be prepared to move forward if all day kindergarten is required.
10. There is currently a Bill in the House to remove the cap on charter schools; Gary is concerned about the lack of accountability for performance.

PUBLIC INPUT

Thornapple Kellogg parent, Brian Marcukaitis raised the question about foreign languages offered by the district. He asked what the earliest grade students are offered a foreign language and the number of

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languages offered. Tom Ensen will follow up with Mr. Marcukaitis.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Joyce A. Bobolts, Secretary
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 12, 2011, and that said approved minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after January 9, 2012.

Joyce A. Bobolts, Secretary
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