

KCS Board Work Session
October 1, 2019
Firebird Boardroom

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Roll Call

Jim Ambrose, Julie Gilmore, Jennifer Kane present

Lori Parks and Toby Henderson excused absence but listening in via conference call

Board Committee Reports

Involvement of Board Members on Negotiation Team

Inskeep – Traditionally B of E has a rep on negotiating team. First meeting date is December 13.

Anticipate 6-8 meetings that will be all-day in length – Jan, Feb, and possibly March.

Will also negotiate with OAPSE

Feel it is advantageous to have a Board Member sitting at the table during negotiations.

Kane asked Board Members for input on this.

- Parks – Board Members do not participate, but listen in. Would like to sit in on KEA negotiations
- Kane – Is there value in us being there?
- Parks – When comes to voting on agreement, can provide other Board Members with rationale for what was negotiated.
- Lackey – Think it is beneficial to have a Board Member able to communicate back to fellow Board Members how we arrived at the package.
- Kane – Are we ready to name a Board Member for OAPSE, as well? Inskeep said that admin is not ready to name dates for OAPSE yet.
- Kane suggested putting Lori on KEA side and holding off on naming person to OAPSE side.
- Henderson asked who from admin will serve on team. Inskeep said KEA team will include Miller, Lackey, Schall, Von Handorf and Inskeep. OAPSE will include Lackey, Miller, Schall, Inskeep, Brian Snyder and Valerie Dupler.

Julie asked for stats on Special Ed, Free-and-Reduced, and Kettering Alternative Program. Inskeep will provide stats to Board.

Julie asked about status of Barnes Building – Lackey said that there are still a lot of stored items at the building that will have to find a “home” in the future.

All-Day Kindergarten Report

Debbie Mears

- Expectations for kindergarten are much different today than they were when we all were children
- “Circle Time” important part of today's kindergarten classroom – Gives teacher chance to listen to each child as the day gets under way
- Julie asked about class size – Debbie said it varies by building because of neighborhood schools. Average size across district is 20.3
- Mears said she has researched kindergarten standards today, and today's kindergartner is learning what 2nd graders were learning just a few years ago.
- AIMSWEB data – Will compare data from beginning of year to data from end of year, as well as to year's past, when we only had 1/2-day kindergarten.
- Julie asked what brought the change from 20 years ago when fewer people wanted all-day kindergarten – expectations of what kindergartners know (especially in reading/literacy) is much higher now, family dynamics have changed, students will get breakfast and lunch.
- Attendance – Very similar for the time period from Aug 21-Sept 28, 2018 and Aug 19-Sept 30,

2019.

- Henderson asked how many families have opted out of all-day K option. Mears said we have one family who has opted for the 1/2-day program.
- Mears said she is envisioning a lot of additional opportunities for kindergartners with more time during the day because of the all-day program.

Dan Schall

- Presented 10-year plan (draft). Getting closer to 5-year-forecast.
- 2019 figures are updated
- Some details will change between now and November workshop, but this is how we are trending.
- On track for a levy in 2021. Going to 2022 is not out of the question, but 2021 is likely more realistic.
- Looking at 2-year contract with associations because we can't have a contract go into a negative fiscal year

Gilmore asked how many new CTC teachers will need to be hired for new programming. Inskeep said one staff member the first year and likely two moving forward from there. He said this does put us as the lead in our CTC compact, which could mean additional CTC funding for us.

Henderson asked if directors do annual or 5-year budgets. Schall said one-year budgets.

MOU for Foundation

Schall said we have started implementation of new software with PowerSchool.

Asst. Treasurer's job has been posted. We have 13 applicants. Interesting pool to consider. Left deadline open. Putting together a Central Staff committee to do first round of interviews; will select top two and Inskeep and Schall will meet with top two to make final decision.

Business Services

Kane asked why there is a voting item (contract between KCS and Shook Touchstone) on Work Session agenda. Lackey said the final contract has been a long time in the making, due to attorneys on both sides wanting to make sure everything was correct in the contract. Inskeep said we do not want to go any longer without having a signed contract in place. Lackey and Inskeep said it can be tabled, but Kane said that given the urgency of the item, roll-call will be taken tonight.

Roll Call on Item VI. A.

Gilmore, yes

Ambrose, yes

Kane, yes

Gilmore asked about drainage pond at new building site at Fairmont.

Because we added concrete to construction site, we are required to put in a detention pond so that water run-off doesn't go into neighbors' yards and/or overrun the storm sewer system. When we have major rain, excess water will run into the detention area and then drain – at a slower rate that won't overwhelm the storm system. There will not be standing water in the detention area, except for how long it takes for the water to drain into the storm sewer system.

Lackey said we are also running a larger drain pipe from the high school to the storm sewer system.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.