

***UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF
A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF***

THE KINGSLEY-PIERSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p><i>May 12, 2025 CONFERENCE ROOM - KINGSLEY</i></p>
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Bahl at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present Members: Plendl, Wilcox and Motz. Absent: Herbold

3. AGENDA

Mr. Bailey amended and added #14a Policy 410.04. Motion was brought by Plendl, seconded by Motz to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion was tabled by Motz and Wilcox to review the previous meeting minutes for the dates including April 9, April 10 and April 28. All in favor, motion carried.

5. SUMMARY LIST OF BILLS

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to approve listed bills in the amounts of \$89,546.48 from the general fund, \$139,042.73 from schoolhouse, \$41,735.96 from lunch fund, \$12,800.41 from the Kingsley activity and \$612.93 from Pierson Activity. All in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Schweitzberger provided the Board a detailed explanation of the expenses before the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Schweitzberger discussed the revenue and expenses to date. The 24-25 Amended Budget was discussion with an explanation of expenses given to the Board members. MidStates Bank offered an interest rate of 3.55% for the month of April. April was a busy month with quarterly reports filed for payroll and grants. The FY26 Budget was filed with the Plymouth Co. Auditor and the Department of Management. Barr & Co offers a midyear review for FY25 and will assist with year-end entries and reporting with the State. On the November election ballot, there will be three Board seats up for re-election, Roger Wilcox (2 year term), Megan Plendl (4 year term) and Ron Bahl (4 year term). In August, election materials may be picked from the Kingsley office and submitted between the dates of August 25-September 18. A resolution to continue the Voted PPEL will also be on the November ballot. Mr. Bailey approved the meeting module on the Simbli software for future Board meetings and public access. Training for the software will be in May and June. Motion by Plendl, seconded by Motz to approve the financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Wiese

HS Spring Concert this evening May 12th. Senior awards night on Tuesday night, Senior's last day, walk-through and practice. On Friday, there will be an elementary track meet. Sunday, Class of 2025 Graduation at 2 p.m. Thanks to Ron Bahl and Curtis Motz for assisting with diplomas. On May 19th, elementary concert and Kindergarten graduation. On May 20th afternoon, there will be orientations for 8th grade in Kingsley and 5th grade to Pierson. HS Semester tests will be May 21st and May 22nd. On May 23rd, finale day for students and Elementary assembly and dismiss at 11 a.m. Staff cookout at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Wiese's final day will be June 20th, 33 years in education and 23 years at KP. Thanks for the memories and thanks for the support! Mr. Wiese will miss many things and KP has been good to him.

Mrs. Goodwin

Mrs. Goodwin updated the Board on the current events. May 16th Elementary track meet. MS/HS track meets are completed. This week, there are Boys Sectional Golf and Girls Regional Golf. ESports for HS have completed their season and MS had a win today. Dance Team tryouts were last Saturday and eight tried out and made the team. On the Softball team, there are 23 girls, Baseball has 23 boys, and Football has 38 boys. Mrs. Goodwin has two applicants for the Volleyball coaches. President Bahl requested Mrs. Goodwin to provide an assessment of the sports teams and the potential of sharing sports with River Valley.

Mr. Brand

Mr. Brand updated the Board on the ISASP assessments. FAST testing started in the middle school two weeks ago and will be evaluating the results. On May 7th, the community and families enjoyed the 6th Grade Egyptian Fair. This was a huge success! On May 20th, the 5th-8th Spring Concert and 8th Grade Graduation. On May 16th, the annual 8th Grade Hero's Day and May 19th, the 5th Grade STARS Graduation. The 5th grade students wrote flag essays and the three finalist will receive awards this Friday. On May 21st, the middle school will celebrate the end of the year going bowling in LeMars. Last week was Staff Appreciation week and a thank you to the businesses for the donations and Taylor Kempers for leading it. On the last day of school, middle school students will have a dodgeball tournament. Mr. Brand and Mrs. Schmoll have been working on the HS schedules for next year and sharing opportunities.

Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey discussed the 25-26 School Calendar, the four make up days and the last day of school be May 23rd. A thank you to Taylor Kempers for organizing the Administrative Professional day and Staff Appreciation week. There are three open positions including Shop, Music and Spanish. Class of 2025 Graduation day is May 18th. During the last bus inspection, there were buses that are showing rust on their under carriages. These buses passed inspection, but the school needs to look at leasing buses for next year in the event any of them are taken out of service. Mr. Bailey is receiving quotes from vendors. On May 14th, the boilers will be inspected. As Peggy Mast is retiring in June, Mary Kennedy will be helping during the summer. In June, there will be additional policies to be reviewed. In May, the Simbli meetings module was purchased for Board meetings and sharing documents with the Board and public.

8. **OLD BUSINESS** – None at this time

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

2024-2025 Calendar End Date Adjustment (Waive Days):

Mr. Bailey mentioned in his board report for the 24-25 calendar and would have 4 days to make up. Mr. Bailey stated there are plenty of hours built in so the students have met the requirement of 1080 hours. Motion by Plendl, seconded by Motz to end the school year for students on Friday May 23rd at 11:00 am and end the teachers' contracted days on Tuesday, May 27th. All in favor, motion carried. The teachers would not need to come back an extra 4 days.

2025-2026 Hearing on proposed School Calendar:

President Bahl opened the hearing up at 7:50 p.m. for public discussion. The following staff and community members discussed the options: Jody Reinking, Jackie Lammers, Jenn Conrad, Kathryn Lanus, Amy Bailey, Angie Dye and Tim Nielsen. The hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

2025-2026 School Calendar Adoption:

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Motz to approve Draft A 2025-2026 School Calendar. Ayes: Plendl and Motz. Naye: Wilcox. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Renewal or New Operational Sharing position(s):

The operational sharing numbers have increased from 21 to 25. Motion by Wilcox, seconded by Motz to approve the following Operational Sharing positions: Superintendent with River Valley (9), Human Resource with Akron-Westfield (4), Transportation with Woodbury Central (4), Curriculum with Woodbury Central (2), Elementary Guidance with Woodbury Central (2), Mental Health Professional with Woodbury Central (2) and Social Worker with Woodbury Central (2). All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Publication to Amend the 2024-2025 Budget:

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to approve the publication of the Amended 2024-2025 Budget for an increase of \$780,000 to Instructional Expenditures and \$200,000 in expenditures related to the replacement of the Boilers and Roof project. All in favor, motion carried. The amended budget will be published in the Le Mars Sentinel on Friday, May 16th. The Budget Hearing date is scheduled for May 28th at 6 p.m.

Update on Budget Reductions:

Mr. Bailey provided an update on the 2025-2026 Budget Reductions and discussions with area schools. These included the following: No real update for the non-certified positions, Spanish instructor - no applications, a teacher's responsibilities to have her be part time Title I and part time, TLC coordinator, sharing a Business instructor with Woodbury Central, sharing a TAG instructor with River Valley, sharing our librarian with four schools, allowing the history class back to the history instructor and the HS math instructor to teach in the middle school.

Resignation(s):

Motion by Motz, seconded by Plendl to approve the following resignations: Alexis Rivera - Title I - effective at the end of the 24-25 school year, Kathryn Lanus - Aide position at the end of the 24-25 school year and Scott Bailey - Retirement letter effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. All in favor, motion carried. President Bahl thanked Mr. Bailey for his years of service and his greatest accomplishment was building the new gym.

Contract Recommendation(s):

None at this time

FY 26 Iowa LGRP Participation Agreement:

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to approve the FY26 Iowa LGRP Participation agreement for \$23,679.45. All in favor, motion carried. This is a 28E agreement with Wood River Energy for propane for the Shop and Kingsley building. This allows the school to pay with Management funds instead of General funds.

AEA Cooperative Food Purchasing Agreement:

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Motz to approve the AEA Cooperative Food Purchasing agreement. All in favor, motion carried. This AEA agreement would allow AEA to quote and administer the best price for food, chemical and small wares with participating vendors. There are 322 schools participating in this program. Mr. Bailey explained the agreement and savings from changing from a Food Service Management Company to a Self Operating Service. Mrs. Schweitzberger updated on how Okoboji School changed to Self Operating Service and their processes. Mrs. Terri Smith talked about the Food Service program and potential changes for the 25-26 School year.

Approval of Jointly Administered Contract for College Level Courses - Western Iowa Tech CC:

Motion by Motz, seconded by Wilcox to approve the Jointly Administered Contract for College Level Course with Western Iowa Tech Community College. All in favor, motion carried. The Board requested an update in the June meeting regarding the concurrent enrollment classes.

Fundraiser Request:

None at this time

Delta Dental Policy Renewal:

Motion by Motz, seconded by Plendl to approve the 2025-2026 Delta Dental renewal agreement. All in favor, motion carried. This would be an employee deduction.

School Board Recognition Month:

Thank you for ALL you do for our school district!

Policy Review 410.04

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to approve Policy 410.04 by editing the policy to read, "Substitute education aides who hold a teaching certificate or substitute authorization shall be compensated at the current daily substitute teaching rate. Otherwise they will be compensated at the substitute base rate for education aides" and striking the language, "Education aides who hold a teaching certificate shall be compensated at the rate of pay established for their position as an education aide". All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to waive the 2nd reading of Policy 410.04. All in favor, motion carried.

President Bahl announced the Board going into Exempt Session at 8:35 p.m.

Administrative Salary - Exempt Session:

President Bahl announced the Board to come out of Exempt Session at 9:49 p.m.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Plendl, seconded by Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Laurie Schweitzberger, Board Secretary

Ron Bahl, President