

**KNOX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018  
MINUTES**

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
1.	CALL TO ORDER			
2.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE			
3.	PRAYER BY PASTOR JAMES ADCOCK			
4.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<b>Mrs. Ritchie</b>	<b>Mr. Bennett</b>	<b>6-0</b>
	The chair entertained a motion to adopt the Agenda for the April 17, 2018, regular meeting as presented.			
5.	PUBLIC COMMENTS			
	The Board President entertained comments from patrons on items not on the prepared agenda. There were no public comments.			
6.	MINUTES FROM MARCH 20, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION AND APRIL 2, 2018 WORK SESSION/EXECUTIVE SESSION			
		<b>Mrs. McIntire</b>	<b>Mr. Fletcher</b>	<b>6-0</b>
7.	PERSONNEL REPORT			
	A. New Hires			
	The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the new hires as listed on the personnel report.			
	<b>Dylan Short</b>	<b>Substitute Teacher</b>	<b>April 17, 2018</b>	
	<b>Dawn Bailey</b>	<b>Business Manager/Corp. Treasurer</b>	<b>April 9, 2018</b>	
	B. Medical Leave/FMLA			
	The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the medical leave/FMLA as listed on the personnel report.			
	<b>Jack Fogarty</b>	<b>Elementary Custodian</b>	<b>March 19, 2018-TBD</b>	
	<b>The Superintendent recommended the Board approve items A &amp; B</b>			
		<b>Mrs. Ritchie</b>	<b>Mr. Kemble</b>	<b>6-0</b>
8.	BUSINESS			
	A. Treasurer's Report			
	The Corporation treasurer was not available to answer questions regarding the treasurer's report.			
	B. Vendor Usage Report			
	The Corporation treasurer presented a vendor usage report to the Board.			

C. Claims **Mr. Kemble Mr. Bennett 7-0**  
The Superintendent recommended the Board approve claims numbered 242 through 340 and food service claims 1019-1021. *(Mr. Yankauskas was present to vote on this item.)*

D. Approval of Bids **Mrs. Ritchie Mr. Fletcher 7-0**  
The Superintendent recommended the approval of bids for summer projects. Ron Cassidy, project engineer and Tim Pitts, EMCOR representative, gave a short presentation regarding upcoming projects. These bids were located on page 71 of the board packet as well as projected for the public during the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the roof at the high school and HVAC units at the high school.

Dr. Reichhart stated that there will be approximately three hundred (300) tons of stone removed from the KHS roof and he has called around to see if anyone can use it. He stated that the Starke County Highway Department said they would take whatever is left.

Dr. Reichhart said that rebates will be coming in around \$12,000.00 from NIPSCO as well as energy savings from the KMS new hot water heater and variable frequency drives.

Dr. Reichhart reviewed the project list with patrons.

Mr. Yankauskas asked about secure entry ways at the buildings. Dr. Reichhart said that will be coming up in the future.

Discussion was held regarding filling in the pit at the high school. Dr. Reichhart said the architects said it is a liability and needed to be addressed.

E. Building Project Claims **Mr. Fletcher Mrs. McIntire 7-0**  
The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the building project claims as listed on page 72.  
Dr. Reichhart stated that the Corporation has received the five (5) million dollars from the bond sale.

F. Park Board Presentation  
Mr. Dulin, the Board representative on the Knox Park Board, gave a presentation on upcoming projects and events including movies in the park, splash pad, new concession stand and the skate park is under construction.  
Park board members in attendance were Glenn Barnes, Ruth Bailey and Autumn Ferch.  
Mr. Dulin discussed the Park Board's Five (5) Year Plan and acquiring land east of Hwy 35 and possibly developing a dog park, extend the walking path and relaxation areas.

## 9. INSTRUCTION

A. Starke County Community Foundation's Hardesty Memorial Endowment  
Miss Shidaker discussed with the Board the \$15,000.00 grant from the Starke County Community Foundation's Hardesty Memorial. The grant is to be used for the Kindergarten Countdown program, a signature program of the Starke United Fund.

Miss Shidaker said that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for the Kindergarten Countdown. She said this year there will be two (2) camps with a total of forty (40) students. Miss Shidaker said the camp will be held June 4-21 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with free breakfast and lunch.

Miss Shidaker stated that Mrs. Ray & Mrs. Sullivan will be the teachers again this summer along with two (2) aides. She also stated that transportation is provided for those students in need. Miss Shidaker commended Sarah Orieger from the Community Foundation for her assistance with this project.

- B. Relocation of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes **Mr. Bennett Mr. Kemble 7-0**  
The Superintendent recommended the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes be moved to the middle school beginning at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Dr. Reichhart shared with the Board the Guiding Principles for moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the middle school.

Mr. Bennett stated that if our educators feel this is a good move and not negatively affecting our students' education then why not do it.

Mr. Fletcher said teachers seem excited for the move.

Mr. Dulin said he likes the idea of moving our students out of the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade rooms because of the condition of the rooms.

Mrs. McIntire stated that everyone is afraid of change but attitude plays a major role and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers seem to have a good attitude about it.

The Board thanked Dr. Reichhart for meeting with the groups and answering everyone's questions.

10. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM ADMINISTRATORS & THE BOARD

Mr. Barnes bid a fond farewell to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and said they will be missed at KCES.

Mr. Barnes thanked the Board as a parent for moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to KMS.

Mr. Barnes thanked all those who assisted with ISTEP.

Mr. Pugh welcomed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaches to KMS.

Mr. Pugh stated that all is going well with ISTEP at KMS.

Mr. Pugh reported that middle school students attended a convocation facilitated by Prosecutor Bourff. He said that Mr. Bourff's theme was on school safety and his key phrase for the students to remember was "See something, say something."

Mr. Pugh said that there will also be an anonymous tip line number, 411, for reporting safety concerns to local law enforcement. Mr. Pugh stated that KMS staff will be reinforcing this with the students.

Dr. Ratliff said KHS has several events planned this week and next week.

Dr. Ratliff stated that Work One has scheduled a job fair at KHS for April 26<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that a recruiter will visit with the seniors during the day and then the job fair will be open to the community after school.

Dr. Ratliff said that on May 3<sup>rd</sup> a mock car crash will be held at the high school. She stated that she was approached by EMS staff and was asked that we present this to our students before prom.

Dr. Ratliff said that these EMS staff members are also parents of KHS students.

Dr. Ratliff said the program will be open to students with a drivers license and other students without a drivers license will be participating in convocation with Prosecutor Bourff.

Dr. Ratliff said that prom will be held again at the Community Center.

Dr. Ratliff said that they love the new lights in the gym.

The Board welcomed Dawn Bailey.

Mr. Bennett thanked the Park Board for attending the board meeting.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Barnes if the previous elementary PTO has assisted in contributing to the updates on the elementary playground. Mr. Barnes stated they have not. Mr. Bennett said that is disappointing to hear.

Mr. Bennett asked if the construction projects will disrupt summer school at KHS. Dr. Ratliff said that there will be no summer school at KHS this year.

Mr. Bennett thanked the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and parents for attending the board meeting.

Mr. Bennett asked if the Corporation has received any feedback on eLearning days.

Miss Shidaker said we are going to do another survey before moving forward with it again next year.

Dr. Reichhart said we understand it isn't a replacement for attending school but it is better than going after Memorial Day and he has not heard any negative comments in the community.

Mr. Dulin thanked the Board for allowing him to be the Board representative on the Knox Park Board.

Dr. Reichhart reported that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row the Knox Community School Corporation has received the Best Community for Music Education Award.

Dr. Reichhart stated that he will be playing in the donkey basketball fundraiser game this Friday evening.

Dr. Reichhart reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:30

**Mr. Bennett**

**Mr. Fletcher**

**7-0**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be May 15, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m.