

Kinnikinnick CCSD No. 131
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024
7:00 P.M.
Kinnikinnick School

I. Call to Order/Public Comment/Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The following persons were present: Craig Carter, Lynsey Welch, Heather Johnson, Trisha Tousant, Joe Tomilonus, Brett Hruby, Keli Freedlund and Crystal Ellis.

There was no public comment.

II. New Business

A. RMS Nursing position

The District continues to search for a full time nurse for RMS. At this time, Sue Bergstrom and Sarah Stender have shown interest in job sharing between Nov. 1 and Christmas Break. Mr. Kaufman has only one applicant that is relocating here over Christmas that is currently interested in the position. If we are unable to fill the position, we will be reaching out to contract agencies.

B. Request for proposal updates (Track, Transportation)

Mrs. Freedlund, Mr. Hruby and Mr. Freedlund met with representatives from Arc Design to inspect the RMS track and begin preparations for a request for proposal process. It is estimated to complete preliminary work by winter break and look for approval to release the bid in January.

Mrs. Freedlund asked for Arc Design to look into a temporary fix to two seam cracks prior to the Spring track season. Some of the other items noted in discussions were:

- Entrance Gate closer to north end of track
- Redesign of sand pits
- Possible redesign of pole vault
- Request: pit on both ends of field
- Additional detailed track painting

The Board had informally discussed the addition of sign advertising/sponsorship to the fencing around the track. Board member Johnson will seek information from the Jr. Indian program on their signage as we consider this program. Mrs. Freedlund will seek information from the high school. The BOE will continue discussion around the program around these topics: size, message, annual fee, upkeep/replacement, policy, etc.

The area Superintendents met with First Student management to discuss renewal of the current contracts in place. Cost considerations for First Student include replacement of 50 buses over the next 2-3 years, collective bargaining and the increase of expenses due to the Illinois Paid Leave act. A final proposal is requested by the first week in November.

C. School Improvement Forecast

Illinois State Report cards are embargoed until the end of the month. We continue to dive deeper into our data and target specific students for growth toward stretch growth so that learning loss indicators decrease. At the next regular meeting admin will present the SIP process and how we are resetting goals

with the ongoing strategies and targeted approaches to decrease deficit areas.

D. Student Disciplinary matters 5 ILCS 1202 (c)(9) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (10) Closed Session.

The Board went into closed session at 7:38 PM and came out of closed session at 8:01.

III. Good of the Order

There was nothing for the Good of the Order.

IV. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 8:02 PM.

NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS A MEETING TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOLD DISCUSSION OF TIMELY TOPICS. THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Carter, President



Heather Johnson, Secretary