

**KANELAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 302**  
**47W326 Keslinger Road**  
**Maple Park, Illinois 60151**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of Kaneland Community Unit School District No. 302 met in Regular Session at the Learning Resource Center/Library, Kaneland High School, on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

President Lisa Wiet, Superintendent Charles McCormick, and members Kenneth Carter, Elmer Gramley, Deborah Grant, Cheryl Krauspe, and Robert Myers were present. Diane Piazza arrived at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Jeff Schuler (Associate Superintendent) and Julie-Ann Fuchs (Asst. Supt. for Business).

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gramley, seconded by Myers, that the agenda be approved as presented.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers. Aye - 6; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Introduction of Guests

The guests were introduced.

Public Comments

Jack Hansen addressed the Board regarding his request to retain the current grading system—time better spent on budget issues.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Myers, seconded by Krauspe, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

G-1: Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll

that Julie-Ann Fuchs, School Treasurer, be authorized to issue Accounts Payable checks in payment of the accounts due the vendors of Kaneland Community Unit School District No. 302 through January 15, 2010. The accounts were duly listed and presented to the Board of Education in Regular Session on January 11, 2010. An itemized listing of these bills may be found in the Accounts Payable Ledger. Amounts expended for December 2009 are herein listed:

Education Fund, \$1,221,833.18; One Million, Two Hundred Twenty-one Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-three and 18/100 (Dollars)

O & M Fund, \$297,362.86; Two Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-two and 86/100 (Dollars)

Debt Services 37, \$885,000.00; Eight Hundred Eighty-five Thousand and no/100 (Dollars)

Transportation Fund, \$344,274.85; Three Hundred Forty-four Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-four and 85/100 (Dollars)

IMRF, \$41,191.30; Forty-one Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-one and 30/100 (Dollars)

FICA/Medicare, \$62,443.36; Sixty-two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-three and 36/100 (Dollars)

Capital Projects, \$649,286.83; Six Hundred Forty-nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-six and 83/100 (Dollars)

Fox Valley Career Center, \$57,113.62; Fifty-seven Thousand, One Hundred Thirteen and 62/100 (Dollars)

FVCC Child Care, \$4,303.17; Four Thousand, Three Hundred Three and 17/100 (Dollars)

#### Payroll

that Julie-Ann Fuchs, School Treasurer, be authorized to issue payroll checks in payment of the Regular P/R #11 and 12, December 15 and 18, 2009 and #13, January 15, 2010 payrolls for employees of Kaneland Community Unit School District #302. Amounts expended for December, 2009 are herein listed:

Education, \$1,612,116.94; One Million, Six Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Sixteen and 94/100 (Dollars)

O & M Fund, \$30,687.70; Thirty Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-seven and 70/100 (Dollars)

Transportation Fund, \$95,174.21; Ninety-five Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-four and 21/100 (Dollars)

Fox Valley Career Center, \$47,435.57; Forty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-five and 57/100 (Dollars)

FVCC Child Care, \$7,818.14; Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighteen and 14/100 (Dollars)

#### G-2: Approval of Treasurer's Report

That the Kaneland Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

#### G-3: Approval of Minutes

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented.

#### G-4: Approval of Resignations/Employment of Staff

that the Kaneland Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Maria Taylor** as a paraprofessional at John Stewart Elementary School, effective January 15, 2010.

that the Kaneland Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Michelle Springborn** as a paraprofessional at John Shields Elementary School effective December 18, 2009.

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the employment of **Nathan Johnston** as the Webmaster effective January 5, 2010 at an annual salary of \$49,000.

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the employment of **Doug Ecker** as Head Girls Track Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the employment of **Patrick Sheetz** as Assistant Girls Track Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the employment of **Andy Drendel** as Assistant Boys Track Coach (30%) for the 2009-2010 school year.

G-5: Approval of Student Suspensions

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the suspensions of the following students:

Student 1-1	Misconduct	3 days out-of-school
Student 1-2	Misconduct	3 days out-of-school
Student 1-3	Misconduct	10 days out-of-school
Student 1-4	Misconduct	5 days out-of-school
Student 1-5	Misconduct	3 days out-of-school
Student 1-6	Misconduct	6 days out-of-school
Student 1-7	Misconduct	10 days out-of-school
Student 1-8	Misconduct	10 days out-of-school

G-6: Approval of Executive Session Minutes

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the Executive Session Minutes from June 22, 2009 to December 14, 2009; further, that said Executive Session minutes shall remain closed.

G-7: Approval of Board Policy 4.140 (Student Fees)

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve Board Policy 4.140 (Student Fees) on second reading and approval as presented.

G-8: Approval of Sale/Disposal of Vehicles – Fox Valley Career Center

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the sale/disposal of vehicles at the Fox Valley Career Center as presented.

G-9: Approval of the Resignation from Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the resignation of Bill Mangers from the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC).

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers. Aye - 6; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Agenda Item H-1: Review and Approval of the 2008-2009 Audit

The 2008-09 Audits for Kaneland School District #302 and Fox Valley Career Center were presented to the Board.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the 2008-09 audits for Kaneland School District and Fox Valley Career Center as presented.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Wiet. Aye - 6; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Agenda Item H-2: Approval of Updated Policies from PRESS – First Reading

Motion by Krauspe, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the following Board policies on first reading:

- 1.20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
- 2.40 Board Member Qualifications
- 2.110 Qualifications, Terms and Duties of Board Officers
- 3.40 Superintendent
- 4.40 Incurring Debt
- 4.150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4.160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5.20 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 5.90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5.120 Ethics
- 5.220 Substitute Teachers
- 5.250 Professional Leave – Leaves of Absences
- 5.280 Duties and Qualifications
- 6.15 School Accountability
- 6.50 School Wellness
- 6.300 Graduation Requirements
- 6.340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7.190 Student Discipline
- 8.100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Wiet, Carter. Aye - 6; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Agenda Item H-3: Budget Reduction Process

At the December meeting, the Board of Education adopted a resolution directing the administration to develop the FY 2011 budget and eliminate the excess of estimated expenditures over estimated revenue. Based on the most recent projections from PMA, the target reduction number is \$2,600,000. Tonight, the administration presented an initial cost reduction plan.

The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet on January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the initial cost reduction plan. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, the board will convene a short meeting to conduct necessary business and then adjourn so the administration can host a community forum. An administrative panel will be present to answer questions and listen to feedback offered by community members. Community members will also have an opportunity to provide feedback offered through the public comment portion of the Board meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. After considering all input provided by our staff and community, final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education in March

Agenda Item H-4: Initial Report Regarding Grading Scale

The Superintendent presented A Study of Kaneland Grading Policy and Practices.

Motion by Krauspe, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education concurs that the original plan of the Curriculum Department should be followed and that further consideration of the grading scale should occur next year, as planned. Furthermore, this discussion should occur in the context of consideration of grading purposes, philosophy and criteria. The scale itself is probably less important than the philosophy underpinning its application. However one should not be changed without considering the other.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Krauspe, Myers, Wiet, Carter, Gramley. Nay: Grant, Piazza. Aye - 5; Nay - 2. The motion was carried.

Motion by Gramley, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education affirm Board Policy 6.280, last adopted in 2001, which clearly delegates to the administration and professional staff the responsibility for establishing a system of grading and reporting academic achievement. The process of reviewing grading and the grading scale should allow for input from the broad array of stakeholders that they affect.

The motion was withdrawn.

Agenda Item H-5: Review of Change Orders

Motion by Carter, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the recommended change orders as indicated in the following table:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Perform modification work To miscellaneous steel items	\$ 6,581.00	Field condition	Approve
Furnish and install backsplash Panel and shield in kitchen area Per SD and RPA	\$ 1,222.00	Field condition	Reject—not needed
Kitchen renovation work to Expand dishwashing area	\$ 60,860.00	Field condition	Approve
Exterior signage for room numbers	\$ 4,918.00	PD Request	Reject – deferred

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Electronic door strikes in entrances	\$ 8,928.09	Owner Request	Approve
Install two additional emergency Roadway signs	\$ 530.00	Village request	Approve
Long jump area corrective work	\$ 36,711.00	Field condition	Approve
TOTAL CO's (to be approve)	\$113,610.00		

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Myers, Piazza, Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Agenda Item H-6: Approval of Donations

Motion by Piazza, seconded by Gramley, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Dennis and Karen Goodenough to Kaneland High School library.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Piazza, Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Gramley, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Dennis and Karen Goodenough to be used at John Stewart Elementary School Library.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Piazza. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Motion by Gramley, seconded by Carter, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from BP Fabric of America Fund to be used for new playground equipment at John Shields Elementary School.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Carter, Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Piazza, Wiet. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

Superintendent/Board Report

1. Dr. McCormick reported that on February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board will be meeting for a Self-Evaluation with the representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards at 5:30 p.m.
2. Dr. McCormick reported that the District-wide spelling bee will be Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Dr. McCormick reported on the Health Day with Sean Stephenson on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. Dr. Schuler reported that the Elburn Lions Club will be holding their Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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5. Dr. Fuchs reported that \$2.4 million is owed to Kaneland by the State of Illinois for categorical programs. Dr. Fuchs anticipates requests for transfer of funds.
6. We have received several FOIA requests (vendor lists and superintendent benefit report).
7. Dr. Fuchs reported on the progress on the three-way stop at Dauberman and Keslinger Roads.
8. Dr. Fuchs reported that the next FAC meeting will be held on Tuesday night at which time deposits of tax levy/cash management will be discussed. The possibility exists for earning additional interest revenue.

Public Comments

Jonathan Berg commented on the grading scale, urging the Board to raise expectations and standards and keep process close to teachers.

Jack Hansen urged the Board to allow the grading scale to remain the same and to allow professional educators to determine the process.

Executive Session

Motion by Myers, seconded by Gramley, that the Kaneland Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and appointment/employment/compensation/discipline/performance/dismissal of personnel.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Gramley, Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Piazza, Wiet, Carter. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

The Board of Education of Kaneland Community Unit School District #302 reconvened in Regular Session at 11:36 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 at the Learning Resource Center/Library, Kaneland High School. President Wiet, Superintendent McCormick, and members Kenneth Carter, Elmer Gramley, Deborah Grant, Cheryl Krauspe, Robert Myers, and Diane Piazza were present. Also present were Jeff Schuler (Associate Superintendent) and Julie-Ann Fuchs (Asst. Supt. for Business).

Letter of Agreement

Motion by Krauspe, seconded by Myers, that the Kaneland Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement dated January 4, 2010 between the Kaneland Education Association and the Board of Education.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Grant, Krauspe, Myers, Piazza, Wiet, Carter, Gramley. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

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Adjournment

Motion by Piazza, seconded by Wiet, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Krauspe, Myers, Piazza, Wiet, Carter, Gramley, Grant. Aye - 7; Nay - 0. The motion was carried.

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President, Kaneland #302

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Secretary, Kaneland #302