

**Kingston City School District**  
**Board of Education**  
**Meeting Recap, October 11, 2023**

The Board of Education met on October 11, 2023. The full meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QNUX05uzVo>

Below each heading is the approximate time that agenda item can be found on the YouTube livestream video.

**Actions coming out of executive session**

Minute 3:05

- Appointment of hearing officer

**Approval of minutes**

Minute 4:30

**Public comment**

Minute 5:20

- Issues raised: district response to community communication, availability of book in KHS library, district response to concerns at GW, parent participation at GW, safety of playground surfaces, importance of diversity of KCSD staff, praise for the Educators of Color Network.

**Superintendent's report**

Minute 25:51

- Presentation: KCSD staff diversity report  
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CWHTX57971F3/\\$file/BOE%20Presentation%2010-11-23%20Final.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CWHTX57971F3/$file/BOE%20Presentation%2010-11-23%20Final.pdf)
- Presentation: 2023 external audit  
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CWHTWL795E26/\\$file/2023%20KCS D%20Audit%20Presentation.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CWHTWL795E26/$file/2023%20KCS D%20Audit%20Presentation.pdf)
- District updates:
  - Homecoming: October 20, 5pm, homecoming parade, route from GW to KHS; October 20, 7pm, pep rally and crowning of the court, Kate Walton Fieldhouse; October 21, 2pm, football game against Newburgh, Rondout Valley High School football field.
  - GW: Montessori coach will soon be hired, start date Jan, 2024.
  - Transportation: still some challenges with transportation, particularly specific routes at KHS. Administrative team will meet with bus companies on this matter. Transportation

office is looking into safety certifications with buses, including compliance with federal and state regulations and driver certification requirements.

- Dietz Stadium: renovations are in progress. Monthly meetings between KCSD and City of Kingston administration begin next week; KCSD director of facilities attends weekly construction meetings.
- Playground surfaces: surfaces are “Poured in Place”. Testing shows lead well below EPA standard and absence of other harmful chemicals. District will pursue additional testing of more samples.

### **BOE Committee Reports**

Minute 1:53:29

- Policy Committee
- Teaching and Learning Committee
- Audit and Finance Committee
- Board Goals

### **Consent Agenda**

Minute 2:18:43

- Approvals of: professional personnel, civil service personnel, business and operations, student services

### **Old Business**

Minute 2:20:16

- Greeters at the elementary schools
- Lights On Kingston

### **New Business**

Minute 2:21:24

- Policy regarding processes for review of library books and parental control over books their own children can borrow
- KCSD parent group, first meeting will be in October
- Managing student cell phone use in school

### **Second Public Comment**

Minute 2:29:13

- Issues raised: Safety of playground material; TOPS as opportunity for after-school enrichment; implementation of Montessori at GW; tenor of PTO meetings; parent participation on BLT

### **Board member announcements**

Minute 2:36:51

- Road construction around GW
- Home football games at Rondout Valley High School

### **Adjourn**

Minute 2:38:32

The next BOE meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023 in the Meagher Boardroom. The agenda will be posted in the afternoon on October 20:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/Public>

The October 24 meeting will feature discussion about, among other issues:

- Presentation; Crosby Elementary School
- BOE annual goals
- BOE committee reports: Teaching and Learning, Facilities