

Kingston City School District
Board of Education
Meeting Recap, October 24, 2023

The Board of Education met on October 24, 2023. The full meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVKT2pt3bD8>

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 0:53

- Stipulation of settlement and general release

Approval of Minutes

Minute 2:18

- September 6, 2023
- September 20, 2024

Public Comment

Minute 3:00

- Issues raised: timing and protocol for testing for lead in pipes, sinks, water fountains; availability of book in KHS library.

Superintendent's Report

Minute 8:14

- Presentation: Crosby Elementary School
[Crosby BOE 10.2023 \(canva.com\)](#)
- District updates:
 - Successful Homecoming weekend
 - Celebrating sports and music: Boys varsity soccer, Girls varsity field hockey, KHS Tiger Marching Band
 - Playgrounds: Additional testing being conducted this week, covering lead levels and other substances. Results will be reported to the community.
 - Calendar reminders: 10/26 parent/teacher conferences (PreK--4), 10/27 early dismissal (PreK--k-4), 11/2 County-wide emergency evacuation drill, early dismissal for all students (15 mins early), 11/7 election day, no school for students.
 - Dietz Stadium: Construction is proceeding, focus on the stands, track, concessions, lighting.

- PreK: KCSD has been awarded additional PreK funding. This is in addition to the increase received over the summer, which enabled the district to cover PreK for all 4-year-olds (funding is only available to 4-year-olds). The most recent funding will be used to increase the per-student allotment given to local PreK providers.
- Transportation: Meeting with bus companies to find solutions to driver/route challenges. Safety review of Camden/buses used for athletics and band was conducted. The company is out-of-state, but is certified in NYS and meets state and federal requirements (satisfactory rating, which is the highest). They have a good safety record.
- Greeters/monitors in elementary schools: Greeters/monitors will be in all elementary schools by next week. Raptor technology will be used to scan IDs of visitors to track visitors and to flag potential issues. Several different kinds of ID can be used.
- Technology: KCSD is a one-to-one district. Students in Grades K-4 have access to their Chromebook in the classroom; Grades 5-12 can take theirs home.
- Proposition 1: Proposition 1, which will appear on the ballot in November, would equalize NYS school districts' ability to finance school construction. Currently, small city school districts (of which KCSD is one) are at a disadvantage. For more information: <https://www.kingstoncityschools.org/nyprop1>

BOE Committee Reports

Minute 50:32

- Policy Committee: graduation ceremonies, alcohol and drug testing, community standard of dress, broadcasting and recording of BOE meetings.
- Facilities Committee: playgrounds, phasing of construction in capital plan, possibility of geothermal at eligible schools, community member on the committee.
- Teaching and Learning Committee: charter, curriculum updates, data about shift in policy for 9th grade ELA and history honors classes.

Consent Agenda

Minute 1:08:58

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

Old Business

Minute 1:09:43

- Follow up about testing lead in water/pipes
- Looking for funding to restart Lights On! Kingston, likely in March (space conflicts with winter sports).
- Board Goals

New Business

Minute 1:12:29

- Parent group meeting 11/1 6pm – 7pm in BOE room
- District Leadership Team (DLT), comprised of administration, faculty, staff, parents, BOE, and community members, began work over the summer and will continue to work throughout the year.

Second Public Comment

Minute 1:15:04

- Issues raised: support for book in the KHS library.

Board Member Announcements

Minute 2:36:51

- DLT meeting
- KHS Tiger Marching Band
- Ulster County School Boards Association

Adjourn

Minute 1:22:17

The next BOE meeting will be November 8, 2023 in the Meagher Boardroom. The agenda will be posted on November 6: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/Public>

The November 8 meeting will feature discussion about, among other issues:

- Presentation; JWB
- Communications Plan
- Phasing for 5-year Capital Project
- Report on NYSSBA convention
- BOE committee reports: Policy, Teaching and Learning

Upcoming BOE committee meetings, convened in the Meagher Boardroom:

- 11/3, 9:30am: Policy Committee
- 11/6, 9:30am: Teaching and Learning Committee