

**Kingston City School District**  
**Board of Education**  
**Meeting recap, November 8, 2023**

The Board of Education met on November 8, 2023. The full meeting can be viewed here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRpv7y69SI8>

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 1:12

- No action coming out of executive session.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minute 1:14

- October 11, 2023
- October 24, 2023

**Public Comment**

Minute 1:53

- Issues raised: parent involvement in shared decision-making process, ensuring safety of playground surfacing.

**Superintendent's Report**

Minute 12:07

- Presentation: Bailey Middle School  
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CXCHGV487C2A/\\$file/BOE%20Presentation%20JWB.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CXCHGV487C2A/$file/BOE%20Presentation%20JWB.pdf)
- Presentation: Capital Project Update  
[https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CXCHH3488334/\\$file/KCSD-KSQ-BBL%20BOE%20Meeting%20231108%20\(Rcv%2001\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/files/CXCHH3488334/$file/KCSD-KSQ-BBL%20BOE%20Meeting%20231108%20(Rcv%2001).pdf)

District updates:

- Playgrounds: The district has hired a firm to conduct testing of playground surfaces, testing for a battery of chemicals and substances. Results of that testing, as well as the testing protocol, will be communicated to the community.
- Shared decision-making process being developed through the District Leadership Team.
- Athletic fields: Continued focus on athletic fields at Miller, prep the fields for winter so they will be ready for the spring season.

- Superintendent’s conference day on Election Day, November 7, 2023. Professional development day for teachers, no school for students.
- Lead testing of pipes and water fountains will begin January 2024.

### **BOE Reports**

Minute 1:32:58

- New York State School Boards Association conference
- Policy Committee: First readings: policy #5605 student voter registration and pre-registration, policy #6710 purchasing authority, policy #9520 rights of employees to express breast milk in the workplace. Committee also discussed policy #8210 use of surveillance cameras on school property (new number), and policy on shared decision making.
- Teaching and Learning Committee: reports on DEI initiatives, culturally-responsive education, update on curriculum audit, Equity in Action Committee, demographic enrollment of students in accelerated courses at the middle schools, demographic enrollment of students in band and chorus at the middle schools, continued focus on Montessori at GW.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minute 1:56:33

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

### **Old Business**

Minute 2:00:48

- Pre-k and Meagher Pre-school

### **New Business**

Minute 2:01:49

- Parent group meeting 11/15 6pm – 7pm in BOE room (Note: was subsequently changed to online meeting)

### **Second Public Comment**

Minute 2:02:29

- No issues raised

### **Board Member Announcements**

Minute 2:02:37

- Fall recognitions: field hockey, boys’ soccer, cross country, girls’ swimming, band

## **Adjourn**

Minute 2:03:29

The next BOE meeting will be November 29, 2023 in the Meagher Boardroom. The agenda will be posted on November 22: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/kingcsd/Board.nsf/Public>

The November 29 meeting will feature discussion about, among other issues:

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion initiatives
- Library presentation
- BOE committee reports: Audit and Finance

Upcoming BOE committee meetings, convened in the Meagher Boardroom:

- 11/14, 9:00am: Audit and Finance