

Kingston City School District
Board of Education
Meeting recap, January 10, 2024

The Board of Education met on January 10, 2024. The full meeting can be viewed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2obXShlhxA>

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for tragic loss of two students and the safe recovery of a third.

Actions coming out of Executive Session

Minute 1:26

- No action coming out of executive session.

Approval of Minutes

Minute 1:33

- December 13, 2023

Public Comment

Minute 1:55

- No issues raised.

Superintendent's Report

Minute 2:16

- Keeping the families and friends of students lost and injured in tragic accident in our thoughts. Supports are available to students, staff, faculty, and community members.
- Ulster BOCES presentation: iPark 87
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ongTT9cNq6y5441sttudvaygvp3GmqmP_ZBaxMiLLzg/edit#slide=id.g26299a36500_0_673

District updates:

- Parent teacher conferences coming up.
- Regents exam week, January 23 – 26, 2024.
- January 30th, pre-scheduled 2-hour delay for teacher professional development.
- Transportation issues: ongoing challenges, driver shortage, weather. Working on solutions, considering contracting with another bus company. The district communicates changes in bus schedule as soon as it is aware of them.
- Postponed multiple events (mostly athletic) because of the tragedy. These will be rescheduled.
- From BOE members: Thank you to KCS D staff for managing the crisis and working with students and families through such a difficult time.

BOE Reports

Minute 57:47

- Policy Committee: Policy passed: #8636 Artificial Intelligence.
- Audit & Finance Committee: November Treasurer's and Funds reports, tax collection update, new procedures are making it easier and more accessible for taxpayers to pay; discussion about free lunch and offering la carte items as option.
- BOE priorities for the 2024-25 budget: mental health awareness, programming, and support for students and staff, small class size in elementary grades, metal detectors, transportation, assistant coaches, ongoing professional development for new curriculum programs, continued investment in DEI.

Consent Agenda

Minute 1:17:19

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

Old Business

Minute 1:20:12

- BOE goals review, prior to the next BOE meeting, 5:30pm January 24, 2024
- Thank you to Mr. Spicer for organizing the cookie delivery and visits to schools prior to the holiday.
- Scheduling for the mental health awareness workshop

New Business

Minute 1:25:11

- UCSBA meeting with legislators on January 25. BOE members should send questions ahead of time.

Second Public Comment

Minute 1:27:31

- No issues raised.

Board Member Announcements

Minute 1:27:45

- Thank you to Dr. Padalino, administration, and all school staff for their work and support through the crisis, now and into the future.
- Support is available for KCSB alumni and the broader community. They should contact building administration if they are in need.

Adjourn

Minute 1:29:20

The next BOE meeting will be January 24, 2024 in the Meagher Boardroom. The agenda will be posted on January 19:

The January 24 meeting will feature discussion about the following, among other issues:

- Culturally Responsive Education conference
- Edson School presentation