

KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
KETTERNG SCHOOL BOARD
November 30, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in special session on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Kettering Board of Education, 500 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

Council Members Present: Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Duke, Mr. Scott and Ms. Duvall

Council Members Absent: None

Total Members Present: (Seven) 7

School Board Members Present: Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Kane, Mr. Martin, Ms. Parks

City Staff Present: City Manager – Mark Schwieterman; Assistant City Manager – Steve Bergstresser; Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Director – Mary Beth O’Dell; Human Resource Director – Jenny Smith

School Staff Present: Superintendent – Scott Inskeep; Dan Von Handorf; Ken Lackey; Kari Basson; Jonelle Carroll; Carrie Hennessey; Gina Samson

Others Present: Mayor-Elect Lehner; Councilperson-elect Hall; Mr. Shane Sullivan; Mr. Todd Elsey

Mr. Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ambrose asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Mr. Ambrose introduced Mr. Von Handorf, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. Mr. Von Handorf, along with Ms. O’Dell and several Kettering City Schools staff members, gave a presentation to update members of City Council and the School Board on recent Partners for Healthy Youth (PFHY) initiatives.

Earlier in 2021, PFHY conducted two community round table discussions with approximately 38 participants. Three general themes emerged from the discussions: Youth and Family Mental Health Challenges, Parent and Family Engagement, and Access to Resources. The community discussions allowed PFHY to redirect their efforts and focus toward strengthening community facilitation while minimizing actual program delivery. PFHY has developed strategies with the goal of creating a holistic approach to build a supportive community for every youth in Kettering. The strategies include:

- 1) Strengthen our Kettering youth to develop attributes that increase the opportunity to build effective problem solving skills, increase empathy & kindness, emotional management, and new learning skills;
- 2) Develop a community network that utilizes similar language, programs, and interaction with youth to build a successful environment for all kids to succeed in Kettering; and,
- 3) Develop an evaluation tool that will measure the outcome and impact of the four program recommendations.

Four program recommendations came out of the strategy discussions, which include:

- 1) Provide applicable research, through Visible Learning Plus and Visible Learning Meta(x) tools, in eleven program areas that have been quantitatively measured to influence youth achievement and success: Parental Involvement, Positive Family & Home Dynamics, Engaged vs. Disengaged Fathers, Parental Programs, After School Programs, Service Learning, Play Programs, Creativity Programs, Outdoor/Adventure Programs, Exposure to Reading, and Drama/Arts Programs;

- 2) Encourage Organizations to adopt a school one day a week throughout the entire school year to work with small groups of students in each grade to develop After School Programs for reading skills or behavior needs;
- 3) Encourage all stakeholders to embrace the social-emotional learning concepts of building effective problem solving skills, increasing empathy and kindness, emotional self-management, & learning new skills, along with the Kettering Schools PBIS language (We Are Safe, We Are Responsible, We are Respectful), to create a common community language and programs that provide a safe & healthy place for children to live, learn, and grow; and,
- 4) Provide access to resources through the City/School Youth and Family Resource Coordinator.

PFHY will use a survey tool, similar to one conducted internally within the School District to measure program effectiveness, to gauge the effectiveness of these programs within the Kettering community. A video was displayed that showed the Schools' PBIS language in action, along with discussion about how these programs could benefit the Kettering community.

At the end of the PFHY presentation, Ms. Kane thanked Mr. Lautar for his eight years of service on the PFHY Board; outlining many initiatives that he helped lead during his tenure.

Mr. Ambrose then asked Mr. Inskeep to provide an update on Kettering City Schools. Mr. Inskeep was happy to announce that the District is meeting their goal of in-person learning, all-day, 5-days a week, in the midst of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The District-wide mask mandate has been effective; the number of students and staff currently in quarantine due to Covid-19 has been greatly reduced compared to the start of the school year. Mr. Inskeep also mentioned the recent grand opening of the cosmetology salon at Fairmont High School, and thanked City Council and City Staff for their participation in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Ambrose then asked Mr. Schwieterman to provide an update on the City of Kettering. Mr. Schwieterman explained that City Council has received the draft 2022 Annual Budget and will discuss the proposed budget during their Workshop session next Tuesday, December 8. The 2022 Budget includes allocations of the first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were received in 2021, with additional funds expected from the Federal government in 2022. The City anticipates receiving \$14 Million in total ARPA funds. Mr. Schwieterman also announced the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at Lincoln Park Civic Commons this Friday evening, December 3, beginning at 6:00 PM. Mr. Schwieterman also discussed the recent announcement that the Tenneco plant on Woodman Drive would be closing by the end of 2023.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Ambrose presented Mayor Patterson with a proclamation from the School Board, thanking him for his many years of service to the Kettering Community.

There being no further business to come before this special joint meeting of the Kettering City Council and the Kettering School Board, Mr. Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
CLERK OF COUNCIL