

# KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes- September 2014

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, and Rob Ober. (Dana Slaughter, absent). Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, High School Board Member Jonathan Moore, Principal of HVRHS Dr. Jose Martinez, Teacher Pat Ciccone, and members of the press.

Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## 1. **Approval of Agenda-**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Amend the agenda to include an introduction to Dr. Jose Martinez, a discussion of Board Committees, and to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx.

Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion to:

Approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

## 2. **Approval of the Minutes-**

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Approve the minutes of the June Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

## 3. **Comments from Board Members/Public**

Chairman Paul Cortese discussed the exciting roofing project that will take place at Kent Center School over the course of the upcoming year.

## 4. **Communications:**

- a) High School Report- Introduction of Dr. Jose Martinez, new Principal at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

High School Board Member Jonathan Moore read the press release about Dr. Jose Martinez to the Board and Board members welcomed Dr. Martinez, who expressed his appreciation for being chosen as the new Principal for Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Dr. Martinez gave an overview of school happenings, including comments about the opening of school, orientation, and the Advisory system.

- b) **Written**-None

## 5. **High School Report** – Jonathan Moore

Representative Jonathan Moore gave a summary of the happenings at HVRHS, including a discussion about summer meetings of the High School Board.

Chairman Paul Cortese reviewed the recent activities of the Board and stated that it is important to create an approach that will include language that is agreed upon by Board Members. The ABC agreed to go forward with one statute for the Superintendent. There will be an Executive Session meeting on Monday, September 24 to discuss upcoming litigation.

**7. Principal's Report** (report on file)

Principal Budge read highlights from her September Principal's Report, including a discussion about the current and upcoming events at Kent Center School. Principal Budge expressed thanks to Selectman Bruce Adams, Trooper Andrew Fisher, and the KCS staff for their help with a successful opening day of school. Principal Budge thanked longtime teachers Al Coffil, Nancy Ackerman, Sharon Hurlburt, and Linda Miller for their service to KCS. Principal Budge also gave an overview of technology work, building summer upgrades, and the Student Council.

**8. Committee Reports:**

a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Chairman Paul Cortese will serve as the Board's liaison to the Building Committee and a meeting will be held in September.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen- None

**9. Superintendent of Schools' Report** (report on file)

a) Announcements

Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from her Superintendent's Report, including a discussion of opening day, new teachers, teacher recognition, Initiatives and Priorities, enrollment, and legislative updates. There was a discussion about the teacher evaluation process.

**10. Old Business:** None

**11. New Business:**

a) New Teachers

Principal Budge welcomed new staff members Josh Szwed, Anne Dealy, Barbara Egenes, and June Kelly to Kent Center School. Marty Lindemayer and Deborah Morin have been hired to coach the KCS Boy's and Girl's Soccer teams this year.

b) Plan a Dedication for the fountain honoring Lenny Gulotta

There was a discussion about planning a spring dedication ceremony.

c) Discussion of Board Committees

Chairman Paul Cortese discussed changes in the board committees. Paul Cortese will serve as Chair of the Building Committee. Allan Priaulx will partner with nurse Betsey Levesque on the Wellness Committee, and Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso will serve as Chair of the IT Technical Committee. Paul Cortese asked Board Members to think about this year's Board Goals and to bring proposals to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Allan Priaulx. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin K. Richards  
Board Clerk