

KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 2014

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, and Rob Ober (Chairman Paul Cortese absent). Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, High School Board Member Jonathan Moore, Lee Sohl, and members of the press.

Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Allan Priaulx made a motion to: Approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

2. **Approval of the Minutes:** CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

3. **Communications:**

- a) High School Student Report-none
- b) Comments from Board Members / Public-

There was a discussion about the need for the minutes of the Committee meetings to be posted to the Committee website by the next meeting.

- c) Written-

Florence Budge read a note from a student about the benefits of the Enrichment program.

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

Florence Budge read highlights from the April Principal's Report, including a discussion of the current and upcoming events at Kent Center School. Allan Priaulx gave thanks to Kent Center School's Faculty and Staff for their hard work and effort on behalf of the Board.

5. **High School Report:** Jonathan Moore -

Representative Jonathan Moore gave an overview of the current happenings at HVRHS. There was a discussion about technology and the importance of creating a learning plan to accompany the implementation of devices. There is a goal to have students bring their own devices. There was also a question about the science labs at the school and the need to make a plan to retire old inventory before replacing it.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Building Committee** – Allan Priaulx
Allan Priaulx reported that there was no meeting in March.

- b) **Budget** – CiCi Nielsen

The Kent Board of Education proposed budget for 2014-2015 was accepted by the Kent Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will meet on May 2.

c) **All Boards Chair** – Paul Cortese - None

7. **Goals Working Group Reports**

CiCi Nielsen recommended that this topic be revisited at a later time and included on the agenda for the next two meetings. There was a discussion about Marketing and Public Relations to create better linkage between the school and town. There is also a group to promote Global Citizenship.

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

a) Written Report

Patricia Chamberlain presented the Superintendent's Report for April 2014, including an update on the HVRHS Principal Search. Finalists will be interviewed in May. There was a discussion about Connecticut Nutrition Standards and the Healthy Food Certification Statement. The Superintendent Evaluation Worksheets were presented and there was a discussion about the evaluation process for teachers and the Superintendent. In terms of evaluation, some possible options were explored, including redesigning the committee or adopting a state model.

9. **Old Business-**

Residency Policy – 2nd Reading

Board members are to review the new and old Residency Policies and submit any questions to Florence Budge. Principal Budge will compare and contrast the two policies and draft a new policy. A residency policy committee was suggested to contribute to the process. Questions were asked about how general or specific the policy should be. The new draft of the policy should be available for the next meeting.

10. **New Business**

a) Healthy Food Certification Program

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

- To approve the participation of Kent Center School in the State of Connecticut's Healthy Food Certification program with all its rules and regulations for the 2014-2015 school year.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

- To exclude from certification, food items that do not meet the CT Nutrition Standards, provided that the food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the event, and the food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

- To permit the sale of beverages that do not meet the CT Nutrition Standards, provided that the beverages are sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the event, and the food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

11. Comments

There was a discussion about the need for the Residency Policy to be specific in order to avoid any issues.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. by Allan Priaulx.
Respectfully submitted by Kristin Richards, Clerk