

KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 2014

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

Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** CiCi Nielsen 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 December 5, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

3. **Comments:** There was a discussion about the use of paper vs. technology for the meeting materials. Jonathan Moore made a motion to amend the agenda to include further discussion and to approve the agenda as amended.

4. **Communications:**

- a) High School Student Report-none
- b) Written-none

5. **High School Report:** Jonathan Moore -(report on file):
Representative Jonathan Moore presented the March Region 1 Report, including budget news and a summary of the regular meeting. There was a discussion about the Principal search for HVRHS. Committee member Jonathan Moore and Tracy Horosky from Kent have expressed interest in serving on the screening committee for the Principal Search.

6. **ABC Committee Update – Paul Cortese**

Paul Cortese discussed the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the central office's school library. He is seeking volunteers to attend on his behalf.

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

Florence Budge read highlights from the March Principal Report, including a discussion of the upcoming pilot testing at Kent Center School.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Building Committee – Allan Priaulx**

Allan Priaulx reported that the chief custodian did not have any major building events to report and that the roof had been successfully cleared of all of the snow. The papers from

2003 have still not been found regarding the roof repair. A professional survey on the roof will be done in the Spring. Paul Cortese proposed a subcommittee consisting of Florence Budge and Allan Priaulx to explore options for grants from the state for the windows.

b) **Budget** – CiCi Nielsen

There was a discussion about the Kent Board of Education proposed budget for 2014-2015. Allan Priaulx made a motion to amend the agenda for comments from the public on the budget. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. There was a discussion about the particulars of the budget plan, including questions and comments about the budget from members of the Kent Board of Finance and public members in attendance. Paul Cortese made a motion to approve the total Kent Board of Education expenditures for 2014-2015. CiCi Nielsen approved the budget and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

9. **Goals Working Group Reports** – None

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

a) Written Report

Patricia Chamberlain presented the Superintendent's Report for March 2014, including a discussion of enrollment projections, the proposed regional calendar, educator evaluation, and an update on the HVRHS Principal Search. Information was reviewed from the New England School Development Council's 2013-2014 Enrollment Projections document, which is on file.

11. **Old Business**- None

12. **New Business**

a) Tuition Students

Paul Cortese read letters from parents requesting that their children attend Kent Center School for 2014-2015 academic year.

- A motion was made by Allan Priaulx to accept Maggie Barth as a tuition-paying student. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.
- A motion was made by CiCi Nielsen to accept Sean and Alyssa Holback as tuition-paying students. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx.
- A motion was made by CiCi Nielsen to waive the tuition for faculty children Leah and Jack Darby. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.
- A motion was made by CiCi Nielsen to waive the tuition for faculty child Aiden Vega. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.
- A motion was made by Allan Priaulx to waive the tuition for faculty children Sophia and Max Mennitti. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

b) Residency Policy

There was a discussion about the old vs. new Residency Policies and a motion was made by Patricia Chamberlain to add a second reading to next month's agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

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