

KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-February 2015

The Kent Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, and Dana Slaughter. (Chairman Paul Cortese, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Rob Ober, absent). Also present were: Principal Florence Budge, Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, High School Board Member Jonathan Moore, teacher Lee Sohl and members of the press.

Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He noted the absence of a quorum and that no official business would be conducted at the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda- No Action Taken
2. Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2015 special meeting- No Action Taken
3. High School Report – Jonathan Moore
Housatonic Valley Regional High School student Christopher Moore gave an informative presentation on his work in Art History and praised his art teachers for all of their efforts in helping him with the project. Christopher recently started a blog at retrogradecanvas.wordpress.com and he gave the Board an overview of his work.
4. Communications: None
 - a) Public/Board Comment-
John Mauer commented that the high school will receive new laptops next year after 17 years. It was mentioned that the Kent Scholarship Committee needs a Board member for the organization. Dana Slaughter mentioned that she attended Mr. Szwed's first Schoolyard Habitat meeting and praised the group for their efforts.
 - b) High School Student Report (written)
Jonathan Moore read highlights from his High School Report.
 - c) Written Communication
5. ABC Committee Update -None
6. Principal's Report
Principal Budge read highlights from her February Principal's Report.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a) Building Committee – None
 - b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen
CiCi Nielsen gave a brief overview of that day's Budget workshop. The next meeting will take place on February 25 at 4:30 p.m. at Kent Center School.
 - d) Wellness – Allan Priaulx

Grade 4 will go the Fife and Drum Restaurant on March 19 to enjoy a lunchtime lesson in restaurant etiquette and to receive a tour of the kitchen.

8. Superintendent of Schools' Report:
 - a) Written Report
Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from her February Superintendent's Report.
 - b) Announcements
There will be a change in Region One's summer school programming. Each town will be responsible for arranging their own summer school sessions, as there will no longer be a Region One summer camp offered. Increases in transportation costs contributed to the change.

9 Old Business:

a) Board of Education Policy 9435 – Public Meeting Conduct – 2nd reading-No Action Taken

11. New Business

School Climate Plan updates to Hazing and Bullying policy 5131.911 will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting. A teen dating violence section needs to be added to the current policy.

12. Public Comments

Lee Sohl commented about the exciting possibilities for the future of the school's summer program. A meeting will take place on Monday at Kent Center School to consider the options and to make recommendations for the model.

The meeting came to an end at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin K. Richards
Board Clerk

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