

## KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes- June 2015

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Florence Budge, Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain, and Jonathan Moore (Rob Ober, absent). Also present were members of the press, and teacher Pat Ciccone.

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

- Allan Priaulx made a motion to:  
Approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2015 regular meeting and the May 21, 2015 special meeting.**

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the May 7, 2015 minutes. An error was pointed out and the minutes were approved as amended. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. (Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, abstain)
- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the May 21, 2015 minutes. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso. (CiCi Nielsen, abstain)

**3. Communications:**

a) Comments from Board members / Public-

The Kent Board of Education recognizes and honors the dedicated service of the retiring teachers to the children of Kent Center School. The most valuable assets of any school, and the most precious gifts for any child, are outstanding teachers. Kent Center School is fortunate to have an abundance of assets, but there will be a big withdrawal from that bank at the end of this year with the retirement of Al Coffill, Mark Scozzafava, and Rachel D'Ambrosio. They are beloved by their colleagues and students. They have given us uncountable riches over the years. They will be sorely missed, but their gifts will keep on giving for the lifetimes of their students.

b) Written - None

**4. Eversource – Lighting Retrofit Presentation**

Rich Cardita and Brian Logan from JK Energy Solutions gave a presentation on the Eversource Lighting Retrofit for Kent Center School. The existing lights at Kent Center School are to be retrofitted with LED lights that will use less wattage and ultimately cost less money. Paul Cortese asked for a motion to sign the SBEA Lighting Energy Project.

Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion to sign the SBEA Lighting Energy Project and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

**5. Principal's Report-(on file)**

Principal Florence Budge read highlights from the June Principal's Report. She also presented the KCS Schoolyard Habitat Newsletter and gave an overview of the progress of the KCS Schoolyard Habitat Program at Kent Center School.

**6. High School Report – Jonathan Moore (on file)**

Jonathan Moore read highlights from the Region 1 High School Report and from the Regional School District #1 Annual Report.

**7. Committee Reports:**

a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese gave an update on the Building Committee and there is no action for the Board to take at this time.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen- None

c) All Boards Chair – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese gave an update on the recent happenings of the ABC Committee and reported that the committee will have a meeting on June 17 to discuss the Superintendent's Cooperative Agreement.

d) Wellness – Allan Prialux

Allan Prialux gave an update on the Wellness Committee and reported that their last meeting was held on May 28. Recess was a topic of discussion and the committee hopes to extend the recess policy to Middle School students so that all of the students can have at least 20 minutes of recess per day.

**8. Superintendent of Schools' Report-**

Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from the June Superintendent's Report. She said that she is so proud of all of our schools and their accomplishments.

**9. Old Business:**

a) Policy 9435 *Public Meeting Conduct* – 4<sup>th</sup> reading

There was a discussion about the Rules of Public Comment and Participation document and the Board finalized the document. Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the revised Policy 9435. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the revised Policy 9435 document. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

b) Policy 5141.3 Sports Physical Exam

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to accept the policy revision for Policy 5141.3. Allan Prialux made a motion to accept the policy revision for Policy 5141.3 Sports Physical Exam. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

**10. New Business:**

a) Recommendation – New Hires

Superintendent Chamberlain recommended that Linda Miller be hired for the World Languages position at Kent Center School. CiCi Nielson made a motion to appoint Linda Miller as the new

World Languages teacher at Kent Center School. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Superintendent Chamberlain recommended that Cindy Wilson be hired for the Middle School Social Studies position at Kent Center School. Allan Priaulx made a motion to appoint Cindy Wilson as the new Social Studies teacher at Kent Center School. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

Superintendent Chamberlain recommended that Michael Spalinger be hired for the Middle School Math position at Kent Center School. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to appoint Michael Spalinger as the new Middle School Math teacher at Kent Center School. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

c) Graduation

Kent Center School Graduation will take place on June 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School.

**11. Comments-None**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. CiCi Nielsen mad a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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