

KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-NOVEMBER 2015 Minutes

KCS Scholar Awards and Reception

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Kent Center School at 6:00 p.m. The KCS Scholar Awards and Reception began at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Rob Ober, Florence Budge, Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain, and Jonathan Moore. Also present were members of the press and teacher Lee Sohl.

Call to Order – Patricia Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There will be a break in the meeting for the Scholar Awards at 6:30 p.m.

Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

- Patricia Chamberlain called for nominations for Chair. CiCi Nielsen nominated Paul Cortese and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to close and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.
- Patricia Chamberlain called for nominations for Vice Chair. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso nominated Allan Priaulx and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously. Paul Cortese made a motion to close and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.
- Patricia Chamberlain called for nominations for Secretary. Dana Slaughter nominated CiCi Nielsen and the motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously. Paul Cortese made a motion to close and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Patricia Chamberlain congratulated the members on their appointments.

Election of Officers:

- Chairman: Paul Cortese
- Vice Chairman: Allan Priaulx
- Secretary: CiCi Nielsen

1. Approval of Agenda

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting. Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

3. Communications:

a) High School Student Report

Megan Ackerman, a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on her experiences at the school. She noted that she is currently enrolled in all Advanced Placement classes. Meghan praised the Band program at the school and said that she has enjoyed being a part of this musical ensemble. Board members thanked Meghan for attending the meeting and wished her well in her final year at the school.

b) Comments from Board members / Public- None

c) Written- None

4. High School Report – Jonathan Moore -Written

Jonathan Moore gave an update on the recent happenings at HVRHS. He read highlights from the Kent BOE Report for Region One, ABC Committee Report, Budget Summary, and Special Education and Pupil Services. A Technology report is pending on the success of the Chrome books.

5. Principal's Report- Written

Florence Budge read highlights from the November Principal's report, including the fire safety program, Grandparent's Day, Courage to Speak program, Pumpkin Run Marathon Club, Student Council, field trips, and Nature's Classroom. Eversource will begin their second phase of replacing the bulbs and fixtures in all of the classrooms starting in December.

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to recess at 6:29 p.m. Dana Slaughter made a motion to recess for the KCS Scholar Awards and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx. The meeting resumed at 6:42 pm.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese gave an update on the Building Committee.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

CiCi Nielsen gave an update on the Budget

c) Health and Wellness – Alan Priaulx

Allan Priaulx reported that the Wellness policy would be completed and then presented to the Board of Education for final approval. There was a discussion about the possibility of new birthday celebration policy.

d) All Boards Chair – Jonathan Moore

The ABC committee met on Oct. 20 and reviewed the 7000 series and Budget process. It was suggested that we make sure everyone is working together as far as shared services.

7. Superintendent of Schools' Report:

a) Written-

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from her November Superintendent's Report.

b) Announcements

8. Old Business:

a) School Lunch Technology-

This presentation is tabled until the next meeting and will be at the top of the agenda in December.

b) Parenting Leave – Marci Saunders

Patricia Chamberlain recommended that the Board approve the maternity leave. Mrs. Saunders has also requested parenting leave for the start of 2016-2017. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the maternity and parenting leave and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

9. New Business:

a) Meeting Dates for 2016

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the Kent Board of Education meeting dates for 2016. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the meeting dates and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Kent Board of Education-Meeting Dates 2016:

Thursday, January 7, 2016
 Thursday, February 4, 2016
 Thursday, March 3, 2016
 Thursday, April 7, 2016
 Thursday, May 5, 2016
 Thursday, June 2, 2016
 Thursday, September 1, 2016
 Thursday, October 6, 2016
 Thursday, November 3, 2016
 Thursday, December 1, 2016

Meetings are held in the KCS Library at 6:00 PM

10. Comments

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Dana Slaughter made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by CICI Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristin K. Richards
 Board Clerk

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