

## KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 2015

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaux, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, CiCi Nielsen, and Dana Slaughter (Rob Ober, Jonathan Moore, and Patricia Chamberlain, absent). Also present were teachers Carolyn Macleod and Pat Ciccone and members of the press.

Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

- Allan Priaux made a motion to:  
Amend the agenda to include a motion for board approval of the district technology grant to support new standards, and to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2015 minutes.

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:  
Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

**3. Communications:**

- a) High School Student Report- None
- b) Written- None
- c) Public/Board Comments

There was a discussion about creating more convenient options for parents to buy lunch tickets at school. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso offered to assist with the project of a more modernized lunch ticket system.

**4. High School Report – Jonathan Moore- None****5. ABC Committee Update – Paul Cortese - None****6. Principal's Report- Written (on file)**

Principal Florence Budge read highlights from the April Principal's Report. She commented that Lee Sohl was appointed Director of the summer school program and that planning was in progress. The summer school will have to take place off site due to the upcoming roof replacement project.

**7. Committee Reports:**

- a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese gave an update on the progress of the upcoming roof replacement project at Kent Center School. The start date for the project is scheduled for July 1, 2015.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

CiCi Nielsen gave an update on the budget that was presented to the Board of Finance. There were questions about the hiring of four new teachers to replace those retiring this June, but there are no changes expected in the budget. The goal is to hire the best teachers for the positions.

d) Wellness – Allan Priaulx

Allan Priaulx gave an update on the current happenings of the Wellness Committee. The Wellness Policy for Kent Center School is under revision and will be presented to the Board for final approval. The Classroom in a Restaurant field trip was a great success on March 19, 2015. Fourth grade students dined at the Fife and Drum restaurant and learned about restaurant etiquette. Thank you to the Fife and Drum and the Wellness Committee for providing this opportunity for the students.

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

a) Written Report- None

**9 Old Business:**

a) Board of Education Policy 9435 – Public Meeting Conduct – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

There was a discussion about the current policy 9435 and the board made recommendations for the policy revision. A 3<sup>rd</sup> reading will take place at the May meeting.

b) Hazing and Bullying Policy 5131.911 – addition of a teen dating violence section

There was a discussion about the revision of the policy and the Board added the required section of a teen dating violence section. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the policy as amended. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

c) Foreign Language Program

There was a discussion about Kent Center School's current language offering of French and whether or not the school should also offer Spanish or other languages. Results of the parent population survey were discussed. There was a discussion about the opening in the Language department at Kent Center School and a new teacher will be hired in the upcoming months.

**10. New Business:**

a) Tuition Paying Students

Paul Cortese read four requests from tuition paying students and asked the Board for approval.

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve Margaret Barth as a tuition-paying student in 2015-2016. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.
- Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve Jack and Leah Darby as tuition-waived students in 2015-2016 under Policy 5118. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve Aiden Vega as a tuition-waived student in 2015-2016 under Policy 5118. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.
- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve Sophia and Max Mennitti as tuition-waived students in 2015-2016 under Policy 5118. The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

b) Board approval of the district technology grant to support new standards to be tabled until the May meeting.

Motion to move into executive session at 7:30 p.m. by Allan Priaulx. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

## 11. Executive Session

The board left Executive Session @ 8:16 PM

Dana Slaughter made a motion to grant Chairman Cortese authority to renew and sign the Principal's contract with the following changes: to extend the contract one year making the effective end-date June 30, 2018 and change the salary to \$118,800 inclusive of contribution to annuity.

The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx

There was no discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Allan Priaulx made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kristin K. Richards  
 Board Clerk

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