

**KENT CENTER SCHOOL**

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**KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

APPROVED-Minutes-May 2016

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Kent Center School at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Florence Budge, and Jonathan Moore (absent Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and Rob Ober). John Mauer, Lee Sohl, and members of the press were also present.

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to move the Principal's contract to Old Business. Allan Priaulx made a motion to amend the agenda, the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting**

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting. Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. Paul Cortese abstained.

**3. Communications:**

- a) Comments from Board members / Public - None
- b) Written - None

**4. High School Report – Jonathan Moore**

Jonathan Moore gave an update on the recent happenings at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He reported that 70% of the senior class will be attending a 4-year college next year. The 7000 Series has been approved and the next vote is next month for building project. Information on the Civic Life Project can be found at [www.civiclifeproject.com/vote](http://www.civiclifeproject.com/vote).

**5. Principal's Report (Written)**

Florence Budge read highlights from the May Principal's Report.

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

There will be a Building Committee meeting in May. The Committee is in the process of scheduling the date and time.

- b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

The public Budget hearing is tomorrow and Paul Cortese will present the Kent Board of Education 2016-2017 Budget. Allan Priaulx will also attend the hearing.

- c) Health and Wellness – Alan Priaulx

Allan Priaulx reported that the Wellness Committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Spring Kids Marathon program has 14 kids participating, and they are using the pedometers that were a gift of KELF. There is a possibility that an indoor floor hockey tournament might happen in the fall. The Fife and Drum received their thank you note from the kids.

**7. Superintendent of Schools' Report- Patricia Chamberlain**

Patricia Chamberlain reported that veteran Kent Center School teacher Pat Ciccone has submitted her retirement request. She also gave an update on the Elementary Secondary Education Act and Every Child Succeeds Act. Kent Center School graduation will take place on June 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

a) Assistant Superintendent of Schools' Report (Written)

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from the report in Pam Vogel's absence, including information on Personalized Learning, Curriculum Development, and Professional Learning. Florence Budge is working with a leadership team.

**8. Old Business**

a) Principal's Contract –

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to authorize the Principal's contract for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. It is a two-year contract. Allan Prialux made the motion, the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

**9. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

a) Healthy Food Certification

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to:

- Motion: To approve the participation of Kent Center School in the State of Connecticut's Healthy Food Certification program with all of its rules and regulations for the 2016-2017 school year.

CiCi Nielsen made the motion, the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- Motion: To exclude from certification, food items that do not meet the CT Nutrition Standards, provided that the food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the vent, and the food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

CiCi Nielsen made the motion, the motion was seconded by Allan Prialux and approved unanimously.

- Motion: To permit the sale of beverages that do not meet the CT Nutrition Standards, provided that the beverages are sold in connection with an event after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the event, and the foods and beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Dana Slaughter made the motion, the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

b) Motion for New Pickup Truck Purchase

From Sam Herrick: On Friday, April 29th we received 9 bids for a new pickup truck from 8 dealerships. We recommend that the BOE accept the bid from Litchfield Ford in the amount of \$26,013 for a 2016 Ford F250 pickup truck. This truck will replace the 2001 GMC purchased for \$24,000 16 years ago.

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to accept the bid from Litchfield Ford in the amount of \$26, 013 for a 2016 Ford F250 pickup truck. CiCi Nielsen made the motion, Paul Cortese seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**10. Comments- None**

**11. Adjourn**

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Allan Prialux made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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