

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-January 2016 Minutes

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Kent Center School at 6:00 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 teachers Lee Sohl, Pat Ciccone, and Carolyn Macleod, members of the press John Mauer and Lynn Worthington, and First Selectmen Bruce Adams and Jeffrey Parkin.

Call to Order – Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

3. Communications:

- a) High School Student Report- None
- 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 Housatonic Valley Regional High School. There is a proposed renovation of the Science classrooms and locker rooms, including a replacement of the tanks and boiler. The total cost is estimated to be approximately 4.2 million dollars. There was also a discussion about a shift in the educational paradigm, as outlined in the CAGE PowerPoint presentations from November. At the February meeting, Patricia Chamberlain and Sam Herrick will present the high school renovation project.

5. Principal's Report- Written

Florence Budge read highlights from the January Principal's report, including details about the KCS basketball season, Winter Concert, Special Recognition, and Jump Rope for Heart. Student Council will be engaged in Operation Gratitude for the troops.

6. Committee Reports:

- a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese gave an update on the Building Committee. The building committee has been revamped. John Mauer has been appointed to the building committee and he has been instrumental in facilitating the activities of the committee. John Mauer commented on the window replacement project and the long range Capital Plan. Patricia Chamberlain suggested that the Board take a tour of the school before the next Board meeting in order to give members of the Board a better idea of any potential renovations. There will be a Special Meeting scheduled in order to give Board members an opportunity to review the

school facility. A look at the air conditioning and windows will be covered under New Business in February.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

CiCi Nielsen gave an update on the Budget. Meeting dates will be covered under New Business.

c) Health and Wellness – Alan Priaulx

The last Wellness Committee meeting was held on December 3, 2015. The next meeting will take place on January 28, 2016. The new Wellness Policy will be presented to the Board of Education for final approval during the New Business portion of this meeting.

d) All Boards Chair – Jonathan Moore

The primary business was the election of officers to the All Boards Committee. They are still working on the 7000 series, which will be completed soon.

7. Superintendent of Schools' Report:

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from her January Superintendent's Report. There was a discussion of No Child Left Behind, Updated Restraint and Seclusion Policy, Small District & Declining Enrollment, and Google Slides. The Policy Committee should meet with Florence Budge and Patricia Chamberlain to review the Restraint Policy 5144.1. There was a discussion about the Regional Calendar and Patricia Chamberlain asked the Board for their input on this proposed calendar. There was a discussion about the roles of the Board of Education and the Board of Finance and reading material was distributed on this topic.

8. Old Business-Discussion and Possible Action

a) School Lunch Policy

Gonzo Gonzalo-Pedroso presented Lunchtime Software, in which there is a parent portal for parents to conveniently deposit money in their children's lunch accounts. Children would have a card to buy lunch. The initial cost would be \$5, 000, with the addition of \$400 a year for software maintenance. There will be a demonstration of the software program at the next meeting.

9. New Business- Discussion and Possible Action

a) Capital Plan

John Mauer gave an update on the Proposed Five Year Capital Plan. There was a discussion about the utility truck, window replacement, renovation of original building, and the roof project. Suggestions were discussed as far as how each item will be paid for in subsequent fiscal years. The building committee should meet and make a motion to close the roof project. This should be included in the minutes for the meeting. The Board of Selectmen is supportive of the window replacement project taking place at the school as soon as possible.

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion for the Board of Education to close the roof and the security projects and to ask the Board of Finance to transfer the remainder for both said projects to fiscal year 2017 to be used for window replacement. \$100,000 in 2018 remains as entered for window replacement. Allan Priaulx made a motion and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.
- Paul Cortese asked for motion to remove \$40,000 for the utility truck from fiscal year 2017 and to leave the \$850,000 in fiscal year 2022 for the renovation of the original building and leave in \$300,000 in 2023 for the roof project. CiCi Nielsen made the motion and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to table the Wellness and Restraint Policies until the February meeting. CCI Nielsen made the motion and the motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx.
 - b) Revision of Transportation Policy 3541– 1st reading
- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to accept the Revision of Transportation Policy 3541. The motion was seconded by Robert Ober.
 - c) Revision Wellness Policy 6142 – 1st reading - Tabled
 - d) Restraint Policy 5144.1- Tabled
 - e) Budget Committee Workshop Dates

The first meeting of the Budget Committee will take place on January 27, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Kent Center School's Principal's Conference Room. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled to work on the budget.

10. Comments

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Allan Priaulx made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristin K. Richards
 Board Clerk

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