

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes-October 2016

The Kent Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Kent Center School at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Florence Budge, Martin Lindenmayer, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Robert Ober, Pamela Vogel, and Jonathan Moore. Also present were: John Mauer, and KCS teachers Nancy Ackerman, Ane Starr, and Michelle Mott.

Call to Order – Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2016 special meetings at 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 meeting

- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 special meeting at 5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.
- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 special meeting at 6:00 p.m. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

3. Communications:

a) High School Student Report – Katherine Starr

Housatonic Valley Regional High School student Katherine Starr discussed her efforts to improve school spirit and to help in the community. They sponsored a Senior Citizen Prom at Noble Horizons and a Mr. Housatonic fundraiser. Katherine explained that her teachers at KCS helped her with writing essays and public speaking. The Board thanked her for her efforts.

b) Comments from Board members / Public - None

c) Comments from John Mauer / Written Communication

John Mauer made comments about last month's meeting and made suggestions on how things could have been done differently. Rob Ober responded and thanked Jonathan for his report.

4. Principal's Report- Florence Budge

Florence Budge read highlights from the October Principal's Report. (written/on file)

a) Kent Long Range Strategic Plan

Florence Budge gave an overview of the strategic plan, which is modeled after the regional plan that began in June 2014 where staff members looked at the mission and goals at Kent Center School.

- b) Executive Summary of Kent Center School Strategic Plan (written)
- c) SBAC test results summary 2015-2016 (written)

Florence Budge read highlights from Kent Center School student performance on the SBAC tests for 2015-2016.

5. High School Report- Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore gave an overview of the happenings at Housatonic Regional High School. He read a letter from the Region One Board regarding the video about the Lighthouse Project. He reported that 81% graduates went on to college last year and that the SAT scores were slightly higher than state average. Jonathan's term is up as of the November election and he has volunteered for another two-year term. This item will be placed on agenda for next month.

6. Committee Reports:

- a) Building Committee – Allan Priaulx

Allan Priaulx reported that the Building Committee will meet on October 19 with architect Jacunski for a comprehensive review of building. There will be a report at the next meeting. The Wellness committee meets at 8:00 am on the first Thursday of each month and Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso volunteered to represent the Board.

- b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen - None

7. Superintendent of Schools' Report – Pamela Vogel (written)

Asst. Superintendent Dr. Pamela Vogel read highlights from Patricia Chamberlain's October 2016 Superintendent Report, including information of current enrollment and the Teacher/School Leader Evaluation Plan. Dr. Vogel gave an overview of the Asst. Superintendent Report, including information on professional development and student achievement.

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business- None

10. Comments- None

11. Executive Session (Anticipated action, review of Kent Certified Contract)

Alan Priaulx asked for motion to move into executive session at 7:47 pm for the purpose of Collective Bargaining, with possible action to be taken after the Executive Session.

CiCi Nielsen made the motion and Dana Slaughter seconded, and it was approved unanimously. Pamela Vogel and Florence Budge were invited to attend.

Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:08 pm. CiCi Nielsen made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Rob Ober.

12. Kent Certified Contract (Anticipated Ratification)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:08 pm and came into public session. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Kent Board of Education and the Kent Faculty Association for the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Rob Ober and Martin Lindenmayer abstained.

13. Adjourn

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk