

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes-September 2016

The Kent Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Kent Center School at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman) Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Florence Budge, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Rob Ober, Patricia Chamberlain, Pamela Vogel, and Jonathan Moore. Also present were: John Mauer, Martin Lindenmayer, KCS teachers Carolyn Macleod, Nancy Ackerman, Ane Starr, Michelle Mott, Kathleen Robey, Linda Miller, and members of the press.

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 May 5, 2016 meeting & May 19 Special Meeting

- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 regular meeting. Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso abstained.
- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 special meeting. Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso abstained.

3. Communications:

a) Comments from Board members / Public – Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso thanked Florence Budge and the Kent Center School staff on behalf of the Board for their dedication to KCS students.

b) Written – Letter from Michelle Mott
KCS Teacher and KEA President Michelle Mott read her letter to the Board regarding a video that was completed about the Lighthouse Project by the Region One Board and she expressed concern over the offensive tone used in the video. Pam Vogel thought there was a misunderstanding by staff on the intent of the video. A discussion followed.

4. Principal's Report (Written)

Florence Budge read highlights from the September Principal's Report. (on file)

5. High School Report – Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore gave an update on the recent happenings at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the Region One Board.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Building Committee – Allan Priaulx
Allan Priaulx will be returning to the Building Committee and there will be a new report presented at the October meeting. Allan Priaulx reported that the Wellness Committee needs a new Board member. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

7. Superintendent of Schools' Report-

a) Opening of School- Asst. Superintendent Pam Vogel gave an update on the

- b) CEN- The Connecticut Education Network-The state of Connecticut no longer subsidizes schools and libraries with their internet. The fees will need to be factored into the school budget accordingly.

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business:

- a) Appointment of New Board of Education Member

During the Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m., the remaining five Board members interviewed three candidates for the vacancy on the Kent Board of Education. The candidates were Jim Perkins, Susan Schullery, and Martin Lindenmayer. An executive session followed. Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve Martin Lindenmayer as a new member of the Kent Board of Education. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made the motion and it was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- c) Fire Alarm System

A new fire alarm was installed and completed on August 29th by Northwest Alarm. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve a payment of \$32, 985.00. The motion was seconded by Robert Ober and approved unanimously.

- d) New Teachers

Florence Budge briefed the Board members on new teachers at Kent Center School.

- e) Calendar Dates

Calendar dates for Kent Board of Education meetings need to be set for 2017. This item will be placed on the November agenda.

9. Comments

Allan Priaulx and Board members expressed their thanks to former Chairman Paul Cortese for all of his work as President of the Kent Board of Education. Allan Priaulx will write a letter on behalf of the Board.

10. Executive Session anticipated – Collective Bargaining

Executive session ended at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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