

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved Minutes-January 2017

The Kent Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Library at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Allan Priaulx, Vice Chairman Martin Lindenmayer, CiCi Nielsen, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Robert Ober, Patricia Chamberlain, Pamela Vogel, Florence Budge, and Jonathan Moore. (Dana Slaughter, absent). Also present were: KCS Teachers Michael Spallinger, Marci Saunders, Ellen Diker, Ane Starr, Lee Sohl, Michelle Mott, and Kathleen Robey.

Call to Order – Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions/Amendments to agenda:

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to amend the agenda to:
 - Add Physical Education to Item #4
 - Move Item #10B to Item #8
 - Add to New Business Item # 10B: Discuss and action to designate an alternate to the chair on the search committee for the assistant superintendent of Region 1.

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and the motion was seconded by Martin Lindenmayer and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of meeting of the December 1, 2016 meeting

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting, the motion was seconded by Martin Lindenmayer and approved unanimously.

3. Communications:

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

4. Kent Teachers Report - Grading Practices and Physical Education

- Michael Spallinger (7th & 8th Grade Math) gave an overview of some of the grading practices that he incorporates into his work with students at Kent Center School. He discussed some grading challenges and stressed the importance of having many different choices for assessment.
- Ellen Diker (Art) gave an overview of her assessment methods for Art. She discussed the importance of studio works habits and academic learning in the classroom.

- Marci Saunders (Physical Education) presented an overview of the CT State Fitness Testing at Kent Center School. Students in Grades, 4,6, and 8 are required to participate in the state fitness testing in the fall. A student must pass all four tests in order to pass the state fitness testing. (Mile Run, Push-Ups, Curl-ups, and Sit-and-reach). She prepared a chart with a comparison of the CT State Fitness Test to the SBAC Tests. The Board thanked all of the teachers for presenting at the meeting.

5. Principal's Report – Florence Budge

Florence Budge read highlights from the January 2017 Principal's Report and gave an overview of upcoming events.

6. High School Report – Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore updated the Board on the recent happenings at Housatonic Regional High School and gave an overview of the process for hiring the new Assistant Superintendent. Allan Priaulx thanked Jonathan for his efforts on behalf of the Board.

7. Committee Reports:

- a) Building Committee – Capital Plan – Marty Lindenmayer

Marty Lindenmayer presented the Conceptual Budget Cost Estimate prepared by Jacunski Humes for Kent Center School to the Board. He also gave an overview of the process for completing the Town of Kent 2018-2022 Five Year Capital Planning. (see written)

- b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

CiCi Nielsen reported that the Budget Committee is in the process of setting up meetings to work on the Budget. CiCi Nielsen, Martin Lindenmayer, Dana Slaughter, Allan Priaulx, and Rita Limbos are scheduled to attend the upcoming meetings.

- c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso

Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso reported that the next meeting of the Wellness Committee will be held on January 26, 2017.

- d) ABC Meeting – Jonathan Moore (no meeting)

- e) Grants Committee – Dana Slaughter (absent)

8. Superintendent of Schools' Report –

Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent- Patricia Chamberlain presented the 2016-2017 Enrollment Projections and Historical Enrollment for Kent, CT and for Region 1. She also presented the Board with a draft of the Regional Calendar for 2017-2018.

Pam Vogel, Assistant Superintendent-

Pam Vogel gave an overview of two articles that she had asked Board members to read before the meeting and a discussion followed.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business:

- a) Draft Capital Plan-

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to submit the two-year plan with the gross amount to the Board of Finance. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.
- a) Discuss and action to designate an alternate to the chair on the search committee for the assistant superintendent of Region 1.
- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to appoint Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso to be the alternate for the chair, Allan Priaulx, on the search committee for the assistant superintendent of Region 1. The motion was seconded by Martin Lindenmayer and approved unanimously.

11. Comments

Martin Lindenmayer suggested that the Board salute the flag at each meeting.

12. Adjourn

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., the motion was seconded by Rob Ober and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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