

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

DRAFT- Minutes May 2017

The Kent Board of Education held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Allan Priaulx, Vice Chairman Martin Lindenmayer, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Principal Florence Budge, and Assistant Superintendent Pam Vogel. (Robert Ober, absent) Also present were teachers Susan Makarewich, Michelle Mott, Ane Starr, and members of the public and press.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

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

**2. Approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting**

- Marty Lindenmayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. CiCi Nielsen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**3. Communications:**

- a) High School Student report- None
- b) Comments from Public – Elsy Sadler asked a question about the budget vote.
- c) Written- None

**4. Kent Teachers Forum – Student Led Conferences**

Michelle Mott presented to the Board on student led conferences. She explained that they reached out to area schools to find a base outline and devised a reflection rubric to implement in the classroom. They began with a focus on student goals and gathered evidence from the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. Students created portfolios for their parents. There was positive feedback from parents, though many reported they would like to have one on one time with the teachers. Parents who wanted extra time used email and phone to communicate. Next year will still be a pilot program. Allan Priaulx thanked the teachers for their efforts.

**5. Principal's Report – Florence Budge**

Principal Florence Budge read highlights from the May Principal's Report. Mrs. Budge thanked the PTO and the Student Council for providing breakfast to students during the SBAC testing. The KCS Art Show is on May 11-12 and the students have done a tremendous job. Mrs. Budge shared a letter from the state of CT Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education stating that KCS was one of top performing schools in the summer reading program. Representatives for KCS were invited to the state capital on May

19. Mrs. Budge thanked the teachers, students, and Miss Morrow for their tremendous efforts.

#### **6. High School Report – Jonathan Moore**

Pam Vogel read Jonathan Moore's report in his absence. The title of the report was "Engaging the Disengaged Learner."

#### **7. Committee Reports:**

a) Building Committee – Marty Lindenmayer

Marty Lindenmayer reported that work will begin in June as planned.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

The Board of Finance has approved the budget. There will be a town meeting on Friday, May 5th at 7:30 to present the budget to the town.

c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso

Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso gave an update on the Wellness Committee. The JDRF spring walk will take place on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Kent Center School. 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will visit the Fife and Drum on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

d) ABC Meeting – Marty Lindenmayer (no report)

e) Grants Committee – Dana Slaughter

Dana Slaughter reported that she continues to look for other grant opportunities. Teachers need to put together a wish list for specific things.

#### **8. Superintendent of Schools' Report – Patricia Chamberlain**

Pam Vogel read highlights from the Superintendent's Report. There will be a meeting in May in order to come to a consensus of grading practices for all of the schools.

#### **Pam Vogel, Assistant Superintendent –**

Pam Vogel read highlights from her report, including information on mastery based learning, grading practices, professional development, and high school scheduling.

#### **9. Old Business:**

a) Budget- (on file)

- The 2017-2018 budget document was approved by the Kent Board of Education on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. As of that date the regional budget assessments were \$2,675, 130.
- Currently Kent's portion of the regional budget is \$2,653,314, which is a decrease of \$21,816. This results in a .48% increase compared to last year's budget.
- The total Kent Board of Education budget stands now at \$7,263,948, a 1.37% increase over last year.

#### **10. New Business:**

a) Retirements-

Pam Vogel announced the retirement of two beloved teachers at Kent Center School:

- Carolyn MacLeod, computer and technology teacher, was hired in 1985, and served as an educator for 32 years.
- Susan Makarewich, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, was hired in 1976, and served as an educator for 32 years (with a break between 1981-1991).

Allan Priaulx offered great thanks and gratitude to Carolyn MacLeod and Susan Makarewich on behalf of the Kent Board of Education for their work and dedication to Kent Center School over the years.

b) Healthy Food Certification

MOTION: Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

- 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 2017-2018 school year.

The motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso and was approved unanimously with one opposed (Martin Lindenmayer).

MOTION: Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

- 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 event, and the food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

The motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso and was approved unanimously with one opposed (Martin Lindenmayer).

MOTION: Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

- 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 occurring 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.

The motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso and was approved unanimously with one opposed (Martin Lindenmayer).

c) CAFE Response

**11. Comments**

Ginny Schullery asked a few questions about personal finance grants, after school enrichment, summer programs, assessment, and moving to standards based grading and report cards. Other members of the public had questions about the high school schedule.

**12. Adjourn –**

- Motion to adjourn: Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm. CiCi Nielsen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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