

## KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes- September 2015

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Florence Budge, Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain, and Jonathan Moore (Rob Ober, absent). Also present were members of the press, teachers Lee Sohl and Pat Ciccone, Bill Hurley and Sam Herrick.

Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

- Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

Amend the agenda to strike the approval of the June 20 Special Meeting minutes, as there was not a meeting held on that day, and to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

- Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

Amend the agenda to move item 11b to between 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting

- Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

3. KCS Roofing Project

Chairman Paul Cortese invited Bill Hurley and Sam Herrick to the meeting to give an update on the roofing project that took place at Kent Center School over the summer. The work commenced the first week of August and the project went smoothly. Sam Herrick presented an update on the project (see written document) and reported that everything went well with no major issues. There were two smaller issues, including a leak during installation in the music room. The carpet in the music room will be replaced. The project was under the budget by about \$50,000. Final inspection will occur in the next few weeks. The Building committee will be making a recommendation to the Board and 90% of the work will be eligible for the state grant.

Paul Cortese asked motion to revise the Ed specs to not include the roof above the gymnasium. Allan Priaulx made the motion and it was seconded by Dana Slaughter. Sam Herrick said that Bill Hurley did a fantastic job on the project. On behalf of the board, Allan Priaulx expressed appreciation to Bill Hurley and all of the custodians for sticking with the project all summer long.

### 3. Communications:

- a) High School Student Report - None
- b) Comments from Board Members/Public- None
- c) Written – Paul Cortese read a letter from Mr. Coffil, who offered his sincere thanks for the board’s encouragement for the art program at Kent Center School. Mr. Coffil was honored at opening day at the region.

### 4. Principal’s Report

Principal Florence Budge read highlights from her September Principal’s Report. A Technology Update from Summer 2015 from Charlie Taylor (see written) and Building Summer Upgrades 2015 were also presented.

#### a) Summer School Report - Lee Sohl

Lee Sohl gave a summary of the KCS Summer Skills 2015 program (see written report). Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain thanked Mrs. Sohl for her continued efforts with the summer skills program. Mrs. Sohl said that the church and Kent Children’s Center were very cooperative in making the transition from the childcare center to the summer school. Allan Priaulx will write a letter on behalf of the board to the church thanking them for the use of the building.

### 5. High School Report – Jonathan Moore

The Region One board met three times over the summer. Jonathan Moore reported that Policy 5118 is currently being revised in view of declining enrollment, and tuition will be provided for any certified full-time employee in the region. Students will be reviewed yearly to make sure that these students are not costing the school more money. CiCi Nielsen led a discussion about the importance of taking a closer look at the impact of special education students and the added costs involved. The ABC Committee met three times over the summer. The Joint Employment for the Superintendent was finalized and signed. The town of Falls Village filed a complaint over the appointment. The committee approved the new contractual situation for the Superintendent, adding one year to the contract for a retirement in 2017. A contract for Mr. Herrick was also approved with a 3% increase and a 3-year contract.

### 6. Committee Reports: (see written email)

#### a) Building – Paul Cortese

The Building committee has not met. See previous notes about the roofing project.

#### b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

CiCi Nielsen suggested a recap of last year’s budget and reported the importance of making a commitment that the budget will be shared on a monthly basis with the treasurer and Board of Finance. It is important to work together to share information with each other.

#### c) All Boards Chair – Paul Cortese

Jonathan Moore presented an update in his report.

7. Superintendent of Schools' Report (see written report)

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from her September Superintendent of Schools report. She discussed the opening day activities, where new faculty and staff were introduced, including the new Asst. Superintendent. The Superintendent is excited and looking forward to a good school year.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business:

a) 2015-2016 Healthy Food Certification Statement

Each year we need to decide whether we will comply with the healthy food compliances. Paul Cortese asked for three motions:

1. Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the participation of Kent Center School in the State of Connecticut's Healthy Food Certification Program will all of its rules and regulations for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was seconded by Allan Prialux and approved unanimously.
2. CiCi Nielsen made a motion 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 approved unanimously.
3. Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso made a motion 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 sales 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 Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Allan Prialux made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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