

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes February 2016

The Kent Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Kent Center School Library.

Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Florence Budge, Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain, Asst. Superintendent Pam Vogel, and Jonathan Moore. Also present were teachers Lee Sohl, Pat Ciccone, Carolyn Macleod, and Marilyn Dwyer, members of the press, First Selectmen Bruce Adams, and members of the public. Board member Rob Ober arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Allan Priaulx made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting

- Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

3. Grades 5 and 6 – Enrichment Speech & Debate Students

Kent Center School students presented their Declamation Speeches under the direction of Enrichment teacher Marilyn Dwyer. The following students presented their speeches: Lily Scofield, Max Foote, Julia Cortese, Zoey Greenbaum, Lindsay Smith, Leah Darby, and Linnea Saxton. Principal Budge and Board members thanked the students for presenting their public speeches.

There was a brief recess at 6:33 p.m.

4. Communications:

- a) Comments from Board members / Public

Members of the public commented about the Selectman's office proposal to present the "Faster Saves Lives" Program to the Board of Education.

- b) Written- None

5. Review of Regional Budget / Building Project – Jonathan Moore

Sam Herrick and Jonathan Moore presented a review of the Regional Budget and Building Project. In September 2014, administrators began discussing a proposed building project at the high school to be included in the 2016-17 Budget summary by object for Regional School District No. 1. The project is to involve renovating the boys' and girls' locker rooms, science building, and football locker room. Sam Herrick presented a PowerPoint with the following outline:

Building Project-

- Renovations & Code Updates
- Proposed Building Project 2017-2018

- Housatonic Valley Regional High School
- Building Committee Process, Building Committee Rationale
- Highest priorities-Boiler replacement \$300,000
- Propane vs. fuel oil, underground storage tanks, partial roof replacement
- Update on the current science center, proposed science renovation
- Boys and girls locker renovation
- Visitor locker room \$4,292,512 net amount
- Next steps: BOE and Building Committee
- Prepare for referendum May 2016

There was a 5 minute recess at 7:44 p.m.

6. **Principal's Report**

Florence Budge presented highlights from the February 2016 Principal's Report.

7. **Committee Reports:**

a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese

Paul Cortese thanked John Mauer for the work he has done to this point in the budget cycle. The Board appreciate his work. Two members have recently been appointed, George Hetson and Marty Lindenmeyer.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen

There was a budget meeting on January 27 at 4:30 p.m. at Kent Center School. The next Budget meeting will take place on Wed. Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at KCS.

c) Health and Wellness – Alan Prialux

The last meeting was held on January 28, 2016 with 10 items on the agenda, including the Healthy Child Healthy Minds program. There was a discussion about continuing to work on extending the recess time for students.

d) All Boards Chair – Jonathan Moore

The ABC Committee finalized the 7000 series and the 1st reading will be next Month.

8. **Superintendent of Schools' Report**

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from the February 2016 Superintendent's Report, including the CAFE 2016 Legislative Priorities. Asst. Superintendent Pam Vogel also presented information on (see written report) the CAFE and CAPS conference, which focused on personalized learning.

9. **Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

a) School Lunch Technology- tabled

b) Restraint Policy 5144.1 – 1st reading

Paul Cortese proposed to table this policy until the next meeting. CiCi Nielsen made a motion and the motion was seconded by Allan Prialux and approved unanimously.

c) Wellness Policy 6152 – 1st reading

There will be a second reading of this policy at the March meeting.

10. **New Business – Discussion and Possible Action- None**

11. **Comments-** John Mauer mentioned that Jacunski Humes will do an architectural review of the school. This needs to be approved and put on next month's agenda. Allan Prialux mentioned that in late March or early April, The Fife and Drum is to host Grade 4 for a lunch. Members of the public commented on the Board of Selectman's proposal to present the "Faster Saves Lives" program.

Paul Cortese requested a motion to enter to Executive Session inviting Florence Budge and Patricia Chamberlain to discuss Personnel. The motion was made by Allan Priaulx and seconded by CiCi Nielsen. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:37 PM.

12. **Executive Session - Personnel**

The Board resumed its regular Session at 8:56 PM. There was no action taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Allan Priaulx and seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin K. Richards
Board Clerk

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