

Kent Center School Board of Education

April 23, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

The Kent Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, and Dana Slaughter. Also present were: High School Board Member Jonathan Moore and a member of the press.

Chairman Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Discussion and approval of modified 2015-2016 Budget.

There was a discussion about the Kent Board of Education 2015-2016 Budget and how it can be modified to meet the needs of the town. Paul Cortese and CiCi Nielsen updated the Board of Education on the results of the April 21 meeting with the Board of Finance.

- On April 7th, The Board of Finance had asked the Board of Education to identify what would suffer if it were to remove \$100,000 from its budget.
- The Board of Education in its special meeting of April 20th had agreed to not provide an itemized list to the Board of Finance but rather identify and underscore responsible budgeting and that approximately \$100,000 was already removed from the Board of Education Budget leaving a net increase of 1.45%.
- The Board of Finance did not accept that proposal as operating within the spirit of their request. Later in that same meeting on April 21st, it was identified that the Town of Kent would receive approximately \$125,000 of State Grant Reimbursement on the Kent Center School roofing project set to kick off on July 1. That reimbursement is expected to be deposited back in to the Unexpired General Fund.
- The Board of Finance voted to move \$125,000 from that Unexpired General Fund account in to the Operating budget to keep the tax increases at a reasonable level.
- As a result of that, the Board of Education was asked to cut \$25,000 from its current budget for 2015-2016

It was noted that the job of the Kent Board of Education is to maintain the quality of the education provided to the students at Kent Center School. Board members discussed all of the options to meet this demand. There will be an undesignated budget reduction of \$25,000 in the Contingency area. The percentage of increase on the Kent Center School budget was reduced from 1.45 % to a 0.91%.

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to approve the Kent Board of Education 2015-2016 Budget of \$6, 978, 517.00. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

2. Roof Project

Motion 1:

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to accept the educational specifications for the 2015 Kent Center School partial roof replacement project.

Dana Slaughter made a motion to accept the educational specifications for the 2015 Kent Center School partial roof replacement project. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen. (Allan Priaulx, abstain)

Motion 2:

Paul Cortese asked for a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to complete the necessary architectural drawings and submit an application to the State Department of Education.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to complete the necessary architectural drawings and submit an application to the State Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.

There was a pending question to be discussed and therefore, the motion was withdrawn by CiCi Nielsen.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to complete the necessary architectural drawings and submit an application to the State Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.

CiCi made a motion to adjourn at 7:15p.m. and the motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk