

KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – April 20, 2015 Special Meeting

The Kent Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, CiCi Nielsen, Rob Ober and Dana Slaughter (Allan Priaulx was absent). Also present were: Principal Florence Budge, Region One School Board Member Jonathan Moore, Rita Limbos, and members of the press.

Chairman Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1. Approval of updated Superintendent's Joint Employment Agreement

- The Board reviewed the material changes to the Superintendent's Joint Employment Agreement. The only change identified was the addition of a Termination Clause. There was a short discussion.

Cici Nielson made a motion to:

Approve the Joint Agreement as presented and amended.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and the motion passed unanimously.

Cici Nielsen made a motion to:

Give authority to Chairman Paul Cortese to sign the Joint Agreement on behalf of the Kent Center School Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and the motion passed unanimously

2. Designation of Alternate to the All Boards Chairs (ABC) Committee

- Nominations were opened for Alternates to the All Boards Chairs (ABC) Committee.

Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

Nominate Jonathan Moore as Alternate to the ABC Committee. The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

Seeing no additional nominations, Chairman Cortese closed the nominating period.

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Chairman Cortese asked for a hand vote on the nomination of Jonathan Moore to Alternate to the ABC Committee. The nomination was passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of and Prioritization of Budget Changes in response to Board of Finance.

There was a discussion on the Kent Center School 2015-2016 Budget. The Kent Board of Finance has asked both the Board of Selectmen and The Board of Education to make clear what it would take to cut certain amounts from their budgets. The BoE was asked to determine what would suffer if \$100,000 were cut. Overwhelming consensus of the Board was to underscore savings already achieved organically and through the reduction of Regional Expenses in the current budget proposal that has a 1.45% increase. Consensus was to take the Budget as is to the Board of Finance and to the Town.

Cici Nielsen made a motion to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Cortese
Chairman, Acting Board Clerk