

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, CiCi Nielsen, and Dana Slaughter, Rob Ober and Allan Priaulx (absent Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso) Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, several teachers and members of the press.

Paul Coretese called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

**Approve the agenda.**

The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

**Approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting.**

The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting.**

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- 3) **COMMENTS:** None

- 4) **COMMUNICATIONS:** a) High School Student Report- None

b) Written - None

- 5) **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** (report on file)

- 6) **ABC COMMITTEE UPDATE** – Paul Cortese – Transportation contract was discussed and a recommendation will be made to the Regional Board to approve the contract that was negotiated with All Star Transportation

- 7) **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT** – (report on file)

- 8) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** a) Building Committee – Allan Priaulx reported that the windows scheduled to be replaced are a necessity. A professional survey on the roof will be done in the Spring.

9) **GOALS WORKING GROUP** - none

10) **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**– (report on file)

11) **OLD BUSINESS:** Following a discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of an early retirement plan, Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

**Not to offer an early retirement incentive.**

The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote (Rob Ober voted against the motion).

12) **NEW BUSINESS:** a) Budget - The Board took a first look at the 2014-2015 budget. Transportation is up 6.5%, Health Insurance is up 22.9%. The Board is trying to increase the pay scale for para professionals since KCS is the lowest level pay in the region; new math textbooks are needed and technology needs to be looked at carefully.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Paul Cortese would like see a one percent reduction in the KCS budget.

b) Regional Technology Consultant – There was a discussion on how best to provide support to Kent Center School for the implementation of PowerSchool. The Board Consensus is to bring in temporary, specialized resources either from PowerSchool or other service provider to assist. Chairman Cortese asked Principal Budge to put together her school's requirements and provide an estimate of cost.

Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

Adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chamberlain  
Superintendent of Schools