

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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Kent Center School Board Of Education

Approved – Minutes December 6, 2017

The Kent Center School Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in the Kent Center School library. Present were: Chairman Martin Lindenmayer, Vice Chairman Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Melissa Cherniske, CiCi Nielsen, Rob Ober, Dana Slaughter, Principal Florence Budge, Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter. Also present were teachers Linda Miller, Marci Saunders, Ane Starr, Lee Sohl, HVRHS student Massyl Mallem and members of the public and press.

Call to order – Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Election Of Officers

Lisa Carter called for the election of officers.

- Lisa Carter asked for nominations for Chair. Dana Slaughter made a motion to nominate Martin Lindenmeyer and the motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso. The motion was approved unanimously. Cici Nielsen made a motion to close nominations and the motion was seconded by Melissa Cherniske. The motion was approved unanimously. Lisa Carter called for a vote and the Board voted unanimously to elect Martin Lindenmayer as Chair of the Kent Board of Education.
- Martin Lindenmayer took over the election of officers as Board Chair. Martin Lindenmayer asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Dana Slaughter made a motion to nominate Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Cici Nielsen. The motion was approved unanimously. Cici Nielsen made a motion to close nominations and the motion was seconded by Rob Ober. The motion was approved unanimously. Marty Lindenmayer called for a vote and the Board voted unanimously to elect Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso as Vice Chair of the Kent Board of Education.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Cici Niesen made a motion to approve the agenda. Dana Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 1, 2017 regular meeting

- Cici Niesen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017 regular meeting. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Communications

- a) High School Student Report – Massyl Mallem
Massyl is a senior student at HVRHS. He is originally from Algeria. Massyl shared that he would like to see better communication between Central office Administrators, teachers and students, including grading practices and scheduling. Massyl is passionate about the debate team and believes it is very beneficial to learning English, writing essays and to promote strong public speaking. He recommended the debate team for all exchange students.
- b) Comments From Public – Stephanie Raftery recommended that the Board open comments at the end of each meeting. Marty relayed that there currently is an agenda item at the end of each meeting to allow for comments.
- c) Written- None

5. Kent Teachers Forum – None

6. Principal's Report – Florence Budge

Florence shared highlights from the December Principal's Report including a summary of the FLEX program. She thanked all staff that participated in the program. There was professional development on December 6, 2017 on the new grading practices. All elements of the grading practices are being looked at and the teachers are moving forward. Florence reported that KCS has added two Assistant Principals under the current teacher contract, extra pay for extra duty. Michelle Mott and Lee Sohl will support Florence as needed. A copy of her report was submitted and filed.

7. High School Report – Jonathan Moore

Jonathan was not in attendance. Lisa Carter read highlights from his report.

8. Committee Reports:

- a) Building Committee – Martin Lindenmayer
Marty reported that he attended the School Facilities Conference along with Bill Hurley. The Building Committee is looking at the Capital Plan to include paving and plowing of the parking lot. The Building Committee will continue to look at grants for building improvements.
- b) Budget – CiCi Nielson
CiCi reported she will attend the January 16th BOF meeting. Budget workshops will be planned in January.
- c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso
Gonzo reported the Wellness Committee has updated the Wellness Policy which was reviewed by the BOE. The Wellness Committee is continuing their discussion on the

Breakfast Program. There was also a discussion on recess time for seventh and eighth grades.

d) ABC Meeting – Martin Lindenmayer

Marty reported on highlights from the ABC meeting. The Committee is looking at how to best prepare students for their next phase of schooling, including civics.

e) Grants Committee – Dana Slaughter

Dana mentioned a recycling grant may be looked at for next year.

9. Superintendent of Schools' Report – Pam Vogel, Superintendent

Pam was not in attendance. Lisa Carter read highlights from Pam's report. A copy of her report was submitted and filed.

10. Assistant Superintendent of Schools' – Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent

Lisa read highlights from her report. Lisa shared that she visited Kent Center, Salisbury Central and Lee Kellogg Schools, along with Bean Kallick and Allison Zmuda, to observe personalized learning. A copy of her report was submitted and filed.

11. Old Business: Instructional Coaching Position(s) – 2nd Reading

- Cici Nielsen made a motion to adopt the Instructional Coaching job description. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. At this time the current teacher trained as an Instructional Coach has assumed a classroom position

12. New Business:

a) Meeting Dates for 2018:

A motion was made by Melissa Cherniske to keep the first Wednesday of each month with a change in time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the regular monthly Kent BOE meetings.

Cici Nielsen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2018 Meeting Dates

(Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the KCS library, unless otherwise noted)

January 10, 2018 *

February 7, 2018

March 7, 2018

April 4, 2018

May 2, 2018

June 6, 201

***changed to second Wednesday due to the holiday**

b) Wellness Policy – 1st Reading

The Board reviewed the Wellness Policy as a first reading.

13. Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

- Lynn Harrington had a comment pertaining to the Wellness Policy as well as a question in regard to the Breakfast Program.
- Lynn Worthington asked that the Board vote on the intended Capital Plan submission. Marty will bring it to the January meeting for vote.

14. Adjourn

- Motion made by Cici Nielsen to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mary R. Cox, Board Clerk

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