

## Kent Center Board of Education

Minutes Draft- May 2, 2018

The Kent Center School Board of Education held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Kent Center School library. Present were: Chairman Marty Lindenmayer, CiCi Nielsen, Melissa Cherniske, Dana Slaughter, Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso, Principal Florence Budge, Superintendent of Schools Pam Vogel, and Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter. Also present were KCS teachers Katie Moore, Josh Szved, Lee Sohl, Michelle Mott, Ane Starr, Marci Perrotti, Linda Miller, and members of the public and the press.

Call to order- Martin Lindenmayer called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **1. Additions to the agenda-**

- a. School habitat committee presentation
- b. High school student presentation
- c. Move special recognition in the agenda

#### **2. Approval of agenda items-**

Melissa Cherniske made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Dana Slaughter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **3. Public Comments-**

None

#### **4. School habitat project presentation was made by Josh Szved and students.**

#### **5. KCS Recognition**

Special recognitions and thanks were awarded to Meghan Robb, Jos Spelbos, and the KCS PTO.

#### **6. Written Communications-**

Sharon Hurlbutt- attached  
State of CT to Dr. Vogel-attached  
Rob Ober- attached

#### **7. Region One Board Report-**

- a. Stephanie Raftery reported that though she has not been an official member of the Board yet, she has attended their meetings for about a year.
- b. Marty Lindenmayer asked Pam Vogel about the structure of the High School going forward with a new principal. Dr. Vogel responded that the high school will continue with a vice-principal and will expand the leadership team.

#### **8. Committee Reports-**

- a. Facilities and Safety- Martin Lindenmayer asked for the Board's permission to approach the Kent Board of Finance and ask to move funds for windows closer to the present time.

- b. Budget- CiCi Nielsen reported that the informational meeting is this Friday at 7 pm at Town hall. Twenty-five thousand dollars in undesignated funds was removed from the budget per the Board of Finance's request.
  - c. Wellness Committee- No report
  - d. ABC Meeting- M. Lindenmayer reported that the committee is developing job descriptions for the superintendent position and for principals. A NARCAN policy is also under discussion.
  - e. Personnel- No report
  - f. IT- Assurances were made that Chromebooks had the flexibility to be able to handle the tasks required for KCS students.
  - g. Community Relations- M. Lindenmayer reported on the many organizations that were helpful in completing work on the baseball dugouts.
9. Administrative Reports
- a. Principal's report- attached
  - b. Superintendent's report- attached
  - c. Assistant Superintendent's report- attached
10. Business
- a. Region One District Job Description for Superintendent- Specific changes desired should be sent electronically to the Chair. No action was taken
  - b. Mastery Based Learning/ Acceleration Report- Motion to accept policy was made by Dana Slaughter, seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Open Forum- Grading Report- M. Lindenmayer thanked teachers, Principal Budge, and parents for their participation in the event.
  - d. HVRHS BoE Representative- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to appoint Stephanie Raftery as the Kent representative to the Region One Board of Education; the motion was seconded by Melissa Cherniske. Motion passed unanimously. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to appoint Melissa Cherniske as the alternate representative to the Region One Board of Education; Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso seconded the motion. The motion passed; Cherniske abstained.
11. Public Comment- Amy Raskin suggested that the Board edit the document for the Superintendent's position. Sue Schullery asked about the principal search committee.

At 7:04 pm the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the principal search.

At 7:55 pm the Board resumed its regular meeting. A motion was made by Melissa Cherniske to appoint the Kent Board of Education as the executive search committee for the new principal of Kent Center School and to invite 4 groups to conduct first round interviews: Board members; KCS teachers; KCS support staff; and parents and community members. Dana Slaughter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn

- a. Motion made to adjourn by CiCi Nielsen at 7:57, seconded by Melissa Cherniske. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CiCi Nielsen

Board Secretary