

KENT CENTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Kent Center School. Present were: Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, and Rob Ober. Also present - Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, High School Board Representative Jonathan Moore, several teachers and members of the press.

Allan Priaulx called the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Amend the agenda to add: 3c) Public comment.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Dana Slaughter made a motion to:

Approve the agenda, as amended.

The motion was seconded by Rob Ober and approved unanimously..

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting, as written.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- 3. COMMUNICATIONS:** a) High School Student Report: Senior Olivia LaFontan reported on the immense opportunities offered at HVRHS.

b) Written – A letter was read from Marci Saunders regarding a maternity leave followed by unpaid family leave. The Board congratulated Marci.

c) Public Comments – Rick Levy asked the Board to consider having an office at KCS for the Resident State Trooper. The Board will entertain the request and research the possibility.

- 4. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** Jonathan Moore gave an overview of the current budget for the next referendum. The changes were reviewed (see attached).

- 5. ABC COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Jonathan Moore reported that the 7000 Policy Series was discussed. It is the feeling of the Kent Board that our attorney should review the roles and practices of the ABC Committee and the Region One Board, and how they compare with State Statutes.

Mr. Epstein and Mr. Mauer expressed their opinions regarding the budget for Region One. Rob Ober questioned on how to move forward.

Mr. Epstein commented on the Paige settlement. Mr. Moore and Mr. Mauer commented on the settlement.

6PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: See attached.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS: a) Building Committee – Allan Priaulx reported the committee will meet next Thursday. Current building needs and long range needs pertaining to the 2019 Capital Plan will be discussed.

8. GOALS WORKING GROUP REPORTS: None

9. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT: Patricia Chamberlain – a) The October enrollment for Kent is 272 (one more than last October 1).

b) LCS Student – Alice Benjamin is Kent Superintendent's Award recipient.

c) Announcements – The Physical Activity and Student Discipline Policy was handed out. There will be a first reading at the November meeting. Sixty-six students attended summer school from July 8-25, four days a week.

10. OLD BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS: Update – Town of Kent Capital Plan – see Building Committee Report above.

12. COMMENTS: None

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chamberlain
Superintendent of Schools