

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, November 8, 2013 at Kent Center School. Present were: Vice Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Dana Slaughter, and Rob Ober. Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, High School Board Representative Jonathan Moore, several teachers and members of the press.

Superintendent Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

The first order of business was the election of officers.

Ms. Chamberlain called for nominations for Chairman from the floor.

**Allan Priaulx nominated Paul Cortese for Chairman, seconded by CiCi Nielsen. Hearing no further nominations for Chair, the nominations were closed. A vote was called and passed unanimously.**

Ms. Chamberlain called for nominations for Vice Chairman from the floor.

**Dana Slaughter nominated Allan Priaulx for Vice Chairman, seconded by CiCi Nielsen. Hearing no further nominations for Vice Chair, the nominations were closed. A vote was called and passed unanimously.**

Ms. Chamberlain called for nominations for Secretary.

**Allan Priaulx nominated CiCi Nielsen for Secretary, seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso. Hearing no further nominations for Secretary, the nominations were closed. A vote was called and passed unanimously.**

Ms. Chamberlain called for nominations for the Regional School District #1 Alternate.

**CiCi Nielsen nominated Paul Cortese as Alternate, seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso. Hearing no further nominations for Regional School District #1, the nominations were closed. A vote was called and passed unanimously.**

The meeting was then turned over the Chairman Paul Cortese.

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Cortese called for a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session for Collective Bargaining with anticipated possible action following the Executive Session. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Include the executive session.**

The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

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

**Approve the minutes of the October 3, 2012 regular meeting.**

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved. (Paul Cortese abstained and all others voted yes to approve.)

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 special meeting.**

The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

3) **COMMUNICATIONS:** a) High School Student Report: none

b) Written – none

c) Public Comments – Comments were made by Lynn Worthington and John Mauer regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

4) **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** Jonathan Moore reported on the happenings at the high school including several handouts regarding Guidance and Special Education. He reported on the results of State competitions in athletics. Students at HVRHS have been participating in activities that support anti-bullying messages, tolerance and antiviolence through such programs as *Jungle Red*. Mr. Moore also reported on the ABC meeting

5) **ABC COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Paul Cortese reported that:

-The ABC members reported that their boards are interested in having Attorney Brochu review the 7000 Series and provide the Committee with changes to bring the Policy in line with State Statutes in order to clarify roles and responsibilities to the Regional Schools Service Center (RSSC).

-The ABC discussed the regional bus transportation contract which ends on June 30, 2014. Further, the Committee discussed the recommendation to hire Mark Walsh to consult with the Business Manager and Superintendent in developing the bus transportation contract.

-The Committee was also updated on the athletic director position.

-The ABC suggested an FOIA workshop for all Boards of Education members and Town Board members as well.

- 6) **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** See attached.
- 7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** a) Building Committee – Allan Priaulx - see attached.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Put \$300,000 in the Capital Proposal for Roof Section 3 and \$100,000 for the Window Project in the year 2019.**

The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

- b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen requested that the budget process would benefit if major needs are identified at the next meeting to facilitate Budget Committee planning and development.
- 8) **GOALS WORKING GROUP REPORTS:** IT Policy Revisions - Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso reported that he has reviewed the Technology Policies and has considered possible revisions necessary to update to today's standards. He has had multiple meetings and will continue to reach out for input for the Technology Policy and needs.
- 9) **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT:** Patricia Chamberlain – see attached.
- 10) **OLD BUSINESS:** The Physical Activity and Student Discipline Policy was discussed as a first reading.
- 11) **NEW BUSINESS:** a) The Teacher Contract negotiations progress was noted.
- b) The Residency Policies and Procedures were tabled until next month.

Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

**Go into Executive Session at 8:10 for the purpose of Collective Bargaining, with possible action to be taken after the Executive Session.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:37 and came into public session.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Kent Board of Education and the Kent Faculty Association for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.**  
(Patricia Chamberlain and Florence Budge were invited to sit in.)

The motion was seconded by Allan Priaulx and approved unanimously.

Allan Priaulx made a motion to:

**Adjourn at 8:47 p.m.**

The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chamberlain  
Superintendent of Schools