

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Kent Board of Education met on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Kent Center School. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, CiCi Nielsen, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, and Dana Slaughter (absent Rob Ober and Allan Priaulx) Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Patricia Chamberlain, Principal Florence Budge, High School Board Representative Jonathan Moore, several teachers and members of the press.

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

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

**Add Student Representative – Laura Kraft to the agenda.**

The motion was seconded by Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Approve the amended agenda.**

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

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

**Approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 regular meeting.**

The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

- 3) **COMMENTS:** John Mauer commented that the Board of Finance is concerned about changes to the Capital Plan.
- 4) **COMMUNICATIONS:** a) High School Report – Senior Laura Kraft reported on her participation in sports (Captain of the Swim Team; also participated in tennis). She was in the Honors Program and took AP courses. She was happy with the new guidance counselor who helped her with her college application and helped choose the college with the best fit for her. Last year, she traveled to Quebec. She feels there is a strong school spirit at Housy.
- b) Paul Cortese read a statement on the Teacher Contract. There is an FOIA request from Barbara Bishop.
- 5) High School Report: Jonathan Moore reported that: Housy students are excelling in sports; he attended a CUBE meeting; there are new officers on the Region 1 BOE; the budget process has begun; there is an estimated 20% increase in health insurance; he is hoping to have budget meetings at town halls in various towns.

- 6) **ABC COMMITTEE UPDATE** – Paul Cortese – The Committee has not met yet. The next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from December 10<sup>th</sup>).
- 7) **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT** – Florence Budge – see attached.
- 8) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** a) Building Committee – Paul Cortese gave an update from an email he received from Allan Priaux. A meeting is planned with the full Building Committee and the Head Custodian regarding window and roof needs. They will submit another request for capital needs for 2019. Also, pine trees are leaning toward the building and are also clogging drains. The trees will be removed and roots will be ground to ground level. A partition will be added in the computer room to separate Charlie Taylor’s space.  
  
b) Budget Committee – CiCi Nielsen will be scheduling budget workshops to begin work on the budget. The Cafeteria is one of the areas to be looked at during the budget process.
- 9) **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**– Patricia Chamberlain – see attached.
- 10. **OLD BUSINESS:** Physical Activity and Student Discipline (5000 Series)

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Approve the Physical Activity and Student Discipline Policy.**

The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter and approved unanimously.

- 11. **NEW BUSINESS:** 2014 Meeting Dates: Gonzo Garcia-Pedrosa made a motion to:

**Approve the meeting dates for 2014** (see attached).

The motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

CiCi Nielsen made a motion to:

**Adjourn at 7:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chamberlain  
Superintendent of Schools