

Minutes

The Kent Board of Education held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2014. Present were: Chairman Paul Cortese, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, CiCi Neilsen, Allan Prialux, Dana Slaughter, Assistant Superintendent of School, Diane Goncalves, Principal Florence Budge, and High School Board Member Jonathan Moore, Also present were: bookkeeper Rita Limbos, teachers Pat Ciccone and Lee Sohl, and members of the press.

Chairman Paul Cortese called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Allan Prialux made a motion to: Approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion followed to amend the agenda in order to add early retirement incentive under new business.

CiCi Neilsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion was seconded by Allen Prialux and approved unanimously.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** CiCi Neilsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedrosa.

Discussion: The minutes as presented were incorrectly submitted. CiCi Neilsen rescinded her motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dana Slaughter made a motion to table the approval of the minutes to the February 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedrosa and approved unanimously.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

a.) High School Student report: None

b.) comments from Board members/Public-none

c.) Written- none

4. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Florence Budge – Written (on file in office)

5. **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT** – Jonathan Moore reported that the regularly scheduled Board of education meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for January 13, 2014. The First Budget workshop was held January 14, 2014. Mr. Moore discussed particulars of the budget. He asked

for feedback on the early retirement incentive and adding teachers back into the budget that were cut from the 2013/14 budget.

6. **ABC REPORT:** Mr. Cortese discussed the athletic director position and shared information on the Kona presentation on health insurance and other insurance premiums for the region.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a.) Building committee Mr. Priaulx gave a report on the special meeting September 19, 2013. Mr. Cortese requested information and not opinion on the condition of the sections of the roof on the Kent Central School. Mr. Priaulx stated that there was no formal inspection of the roof, but the opinions of those on the building committee were considered. Discussion followed regarding warranty and the lifespan of roof sections. Principal Budge discussed options of consultation of roof needs and timelines.
 - b.) CiCi Neilsen discussed the need for a budget workshop, cafeteria sales are significantly down and salad bar, has a loss.
 - c.) Policy committee- Mr. Garcia-Pedrosa gave a report on IT policy revisions. Surveys are going out to faculty and staff. The next steps were reviewed and discussed. The IT policy will be placed on the agenda next month as a first read.
8. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT-** Diane Goncalves, Assistant Superintendent, reported for the Superintendent Common Core State Standards and SBAC. Reports are on file.
9. **OLD BUSINESS-** None
10. **NEW BUSINESS** – Budget workshops were set for January 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. and for January 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
11. **Executive Session:** A motion was made to move into executive session at 7:53 p.m. by CiCi Neilsen inviting in Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves and Bookkeeper Rita Limbos. Seconded by Mr. Garcia- Pedrosa.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. by CiCi Neilsen seconded by Allen Priaulx.

Respectively submitted by Diane Goncalves