

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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KENT CENTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED-Minutes-November 2016

KCS Scholar Awards and Reception – 6 pm

Congratulations to the following KCS Scholar Award recipients: Astrid vonSeufert, Lydia Klingebiel, Brendan Stewart, Daniel Agostinho, Cole Branson, Chloe Hannan, Morgan Killen, Brogan Lamb, Isabella Brown, Melissa Mauri, Ivan Pascasio, Elle Raftery, Abby Coolbeth, and Ryan Dorn. KCS is very proud of these young scholars.

The Kent Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the Kent Center School at 6:30 p.m., (following the Awards Ceremony and reception). Present were: Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman Allan Priaulx, CiCi Nielsen, Dana Slaughter, Florence Budge, Martin Lindenmayer, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, Patricia Chamberlain, Pamela Vogel, and Jonathan Moore. (Robert Ober, absent). Also present were: John Mauer, Joshua Szwed, Lesly Ferris, Lynn Worthington, and Bruce Adams.

Call to Order – Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move item #10c to item #4c and to move Item #6a to Item #4d. CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and the motion was seconded by Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso and approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of October 13, 2016

- Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 special meeting at 6:00 p.m. Martin Lindenmayer made a correction to the minutes clarifying that he abstained from Item #12 in the minutes. The correction was made on the final draft. Martin Lindenmayer made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

3. Schoolyard Habitat Presentation – Josh Szwed

Science teacher Josh Szwed gave a presentation outlining the recent happenings of the KCS Schoolyard Habitat Committee. The Committee consists of parents, teachers, staff, and Board member Dana Slaughter. Students are observing, identifying, and counting birds and other wildlife. They are also constructing bird nesting projects, planting wildlife-friendly plants and shrubs. The Committee is proposing to create an outdoor classroom space and plans are in progress for the project. Josh started the Schoolyard habitat project after being inspired after attending a conference in 2015. And what the committee has accomplished and plans to accomplish is made possible by help from local shops, grants, private donations and fund raisers.

4. Communications:

- a) Comments from Public-

Lesly Ferris mentioned that Red out day was last Wednesday and kids dressed in red to help promote the program that keeps kids safe from drugs and alcohol. She also mentioned an article in the newspaper highlighting the school's level of high participation in the summer reading program.

b) Written- None

c) Town's Emergency Shelter Site – Lesly Ferris

Lesly Ferris, the Chairperson for the Safety Committee, asked the Board to consider having Kent Center School be a possible location for the town of Kent's Emergency Shelter Site. The town has received grant money for a generator, which would provide power in the event of an outage. Patricia Chamberlain suggested that a different committee be formed to work with the criteria and to discuss concerns. The group is to coordinate with Lesly Ferris.

- Alan Priaulx asked for a motion to move Item #6 up to Item #4d. Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso made the motion and it was seconded by CiCi Nielsen and approved unanimously.

d) Maddie Sheldon – High School Student

Housatonic Valley Regional High School student Maddie Sheldon discussed her positive experiences participating in sports at school. As a field hockey captain she has learned to lead a team, create energy, and to help players bond together as a team. In terms of academics, she explained the importance of challenging yourself and growing as a student. Maddie explained that her teachers at KCS helped her to prepare for high school. The Board thanked her for her efforts.

5. Principal's Report – Florence Budge

Florence Budge read highlights from the November Principal's Report, including the recent happenings at Kent Center School. She also gave an update on Professional Learning Communities, Grading, Student Led Conferences, and Data Analysis, and Upcoming Events.

6. High School Report – Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore gave an update on the recent happenings at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the Region One Board. Allan Priaulx thanked Jonathan on behalf of the Board for his hard work on the Board.

7. Committee Reports:

a) Building Committee – Capital Plan – Marty Lindenmayer and Allan Priaulx
Allan Priaulx appointed Martin Lindenmayer to the Building Committee. Jacunski will do a comprehensive and thorough survey of Kent Center School. A preliminary report has been completed. The report will be completed before the November 18th deadline for the submission of the Capital Plan. The Board has to approve Capital plan before it is presented.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen
CiCi Nielsen gave an update on the budget.

c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso

Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso gave an update on the Wellness Committee that met on October 27. He reported the success of the Kids Marathon and gave a preview of the upcoming Walkathon and Jump Rope for Heart. The next meeting is in January.

d) ABC Meeting – Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore gave an update on the ABC Committee. The Committee will vote on 11/15 to change the meeting day to 7 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month starting in January. ABC is formally recommending developing the EL position as well as hiring Mary Broderick to conduct the search for the new Asst. Superintendent.

**8. Superintendent of Schools’ Report – Patricia Chamberlain
Pam Vogel, Assistant Superintendent**

Patricia Chamberlain read highlights from the November Superintendent’s Report, including the Education Cost Share Grant by Town for 2016-2017, Legislation, and 2016-2017 Per Pupil Cost.

Pamela Vogel read highlights from the Asst. Superintendent Report, including Curriculum Development, Student Achievement, and Smarter Balance Assessment.

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business:

- a) Appointment of High School Board Representative
 - Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to appoint Jonathan Moore as High School Board Representative for a two-year term. Martin Lindenmayer made the motion, it was seconded by CiCi Nielsen, and approved unanimously.
- b) Meeting Dates for 2017
 - Allan Priaulx asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Dates for 2017.

Dana Slaughter made the motion, CiCi Nielsen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

KENT BOARD OF EDUCATION
2017 MEETING DATES
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:00 PM AT KENT CENTER SCHOOL
The Board does not meet in July and August
JANUARY 4
FEBRUARY 1
MARCH 1
APRIL 5
MAY 3
JUNE 7
SEPTEMBER 6
OCTOBER 4
NOVEMBER 1
DECEMBER 6

d) Medication Policy – 1st Reading
The Board reviewed the policy and there will be a second reading at the next meeting.

11. Comments

John Mauer made comments to the Board.

12. Adjourn

Alan Priaulx asked for motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm. CiCi Nielsen made the motion and Dana Slaughter seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin K. Richards, Board Clerk

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