

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: April 20, 2020	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair Mr. Kevin Clark Mrs. Brenda McCombs Mrs. Anita Parker Mrs. Kristina Cook Dr. Chip Buckwell Mr. Kevin Garay Dr. Jessica Grant Mr. Will Crabtree Ms. Kim Soryz Ms. Rachel Hitch, attorney Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder
Time: 5:00 PM		
Place: Remote/Virtual - Zoom		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Parker that the Board convene in Closed Session, pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of student information that is confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and pursuant to Gen. Stat 143-318.11(a)(6) to prevent the disclosure of personnel information that is confidential under N. C. Gen. Stat. 115C-319 through -321. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Closed Session was recessed at 5:24 p.m. and Open Session was reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Soryz requested approval of the personnel list as presented with one person requesting a leave of absence (for action), six persons leaving employment (for information), one person recommended for employment (for action), and eleven person recommended for employment changes (for information). Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the personnel list as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as presented with seventeen requests being granted for release from and thirty requests being granted for acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion that the Closed Session minutes be approved as presented and opened. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried. Attorney Rachel Hitch asked for clarification of the date of the minutes. Mrs. Parker clarified that the motion was for the Closed Session minutes dated March 9, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and second from Mrs. Cook, the minutes from the March 9, 2020, March 15, 2020, and March 17, 2020, meetings were approved as presented, as was the February 27, 2020, credit card statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

COVID-19 RESPONSE RECOGNITION

Dr. Buckwell shared his thanks for the work done by the entire KCS staff on behalf of students and families in the Kannapolis community. Chair Adams echoed those sentiments on behalf of the Board of Education and thanked Dr. Buckwell for his leadership during this time.

RESOLUTION GRANTING EMERGENCY POWERS TO SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Buckwell presented a resolution, created with the guidance of the board attorneys, granting temporary emergency powers to the Superintendent, allowing the district to comply with changes to state and federal laws and regulations that conflict with current board policies. These temporary powers will remain in place until the NC Governor's State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic is rescinded or until the Board of Education rescinds this resolution, whichever comes first. Mr. Clark made a motion that the board approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

HEAD START GRANT REQUEST

Jennifer Baucom shared information regarding two current and two upcoming grant requests. The first grant for approval, the 2020 Disaster Relief Grant, would cover the following:

- Application 1 – roof, gutters, asphalt, washer/dryer, mental health
- Application 2 – modular with new square footage, plumbing, asphalt/drainage, project manager
- Application 3 – windows, generators, refrigerator, shelving, doors, storage for food
- Application 4 – classroom materials/furniture/equipment, outdoor equipment, family advocate training room

The second grant for approval is the combined 2020-2021 COLA and Quality Improvement Application. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the three Head Start grants as presented. This motion included the three grant parts, two of which were combined in one request. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Additionally, Ms. Baucom shared about two upcoming grants, one funding a four-week kindergarten-preparation summer program and one covering COVID-19 current and future expenses.

POLICIES FOR ADOPTION BY CONSENT

Dr. Buckwell shared four policies that were updated to include new legal requirements. Mrs. McCombs made a motion that the Board accept the technical corrections to Policies 1320/3560, 3460, 3620, and 4110 and adopt these four policies. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

POLICY 4316 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Dr. Buckwell presented Policy 4316 Student Dress Code and Regulation 4316-R Student Dress Code. Mr. Clark made a motion that the board suspend KCS Policy 6050 Uniform Dress Code and adopt Policy 4316 Student Dress Code and 4316R Student Dress Code as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried.

POLICIES FOR SECOND READING

Dr. Buckwell presented Item J and recommended adopting the policies and repealing corresponding old policies as outlined. Mrs. McCombs made a motion that the Board adopt all policies under Item J as amended on second read and, as indicated in Item J, repeal all corresponding old policies. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

POLICIES FOR FIRST READING

Dr. Buckwell shared the following policies for first reading as a part of the Policy Manual Conversion:

- Policy 4230 Communicable Diseases – Students
- Policy 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury
- Policy 6000 Support Services
- Policy 6100 Goals of Student Health Services
- Policy 6110 Organization of Student Health Services
- Policy 6120 Student Health Services
- Policy 6125 Administering Medicines to Students
- Policy 6140 Student Wellness
- Policy 6200 Goals of School Nutrition Services
- Policy 6210 Organization of School Nutrition Services
- Policy 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
- Policy 6225 Free and Reduced Price Meal Services
- Policy 6230 School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards

Mr. Clark made a motion that the Board adopt Policies 4230, 4270/6145, and 6000-6230 as listed on the agenda on first read. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Will Crabtree presented Amendment 4 to State Fund (1), Amendment 2 to Local Fund, Amendment 3 to Federal Fund (3), and Amendment 3 to Local Fund (8). Mrs. Parker made a

motion that the amendments be approved as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Crabtree also reviewed the monthly report with board members.

Mr. Crabtree presented a proposed budget request for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Once approved, the budget requests would be presented to Cabarrus and Rowan County Commissioners. Mrs. McCombs made a motion that the board approve the budget request as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree updated board members on current projects around the district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings and events were discussed.

Chairman Adams officially adjourned the Closed Session that had been recessed earlier and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair