

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: February 14, 2022	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
		Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Time: 5:30 PM		Mrs. Anita Parker
		Mrs. Kristina Cook
		Mrs. Brenda McCombs
Place: Kannapolis City Schools		Mr. Kevin Garay
Administrative Offices		Dr. Chris Triolo
		Dr. Jessica Grant
		Ms. Kim Greek
		Mr. Will Crabtree
		Mr. Brian Shaw, Attorney
		Mrs. Ashley Forrest, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:37 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 6:23 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Greek requested approval of the personnel list as presented with one person requesting a leave of absence (for action), eight persons leaving employment (for information), twenty-one

persons recommended for employment (for action), and one person recommended for employment changes (for information). It was also noted that one person rescinded his retirement. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the personnel list as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as presented with one request for acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and close the Closed Session minutes from January 10, 2022 as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STATEMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and second from Mr. Clark, the minutes from the January 10, 2022, Open Session, the December 27, 2021, credit card statement, and the January 2022 Head Start Policy Council minutes were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from McKnight Head Start were recognized: Cannon Worthington is such a bright light at McKnight. He always has a smile on his face and says “hey” to everyone he sees. Dylan Morales is always friendly and engages with staff and students throughout the building each and every day. Rosemary Anderson has been a substitute teacher at McKnight for five years, and has been invaluable at the center since the first day she substituted. Nancy Veloz has served at McKnight Child Development Center for 12 years. During that time, she has been a Bus Driver, Teacher Assistant, and Bilingual Family Advocate. Sheree Russell has been an outstanding teacher assistant at McKnight Child Development Center for 8 years. Since working at McKnight, Mrs. Russell has earned her Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education. Claudia Velarde is currently a four-year-old teacher, but during her 10 years with McKnight, she has also served in the roles of Family Advocate and Teacher Assistant.

The Board also recognized the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month, Belinda Rojo, Social Studies from A. L. Brown High School. Students noted she pushes them to do more and teaches lessons on responsibility they will carry with them.

Janice Haynie retired from KCS on February 1, 2022, after serving nearly 30 years in public education and more than 22 of those with KCS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Royer and Mitchell Meisenholder, both parents of KCS students, requested board members vote to remove the current mask mandate.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Garay shared current COVID data for our community. Mr. Garay recommended that, effective February 21, 2022, KCS move to optional masking for students, staff, and visitors in KCS buildings; masks will continue to be required while using KCS transportation (yellow

buses, activity buses, driver's education). Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR REVISION

Mrs. Greek shared a draft of a revised calendar that included a change to the end of the school year. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the revised calendar as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

RETENTION SCHEDULES

Mr. Garay shared that the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources recently updated records retention and destruction schedules that affect school districts. He also noted that the district would be working with department leads to make them aware of the sections that are most applicable to their area. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the *General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies (2021)* and the *2021 Program Records Schedule for Local Public School Units* as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

POLICY REVISIONS – FOR SECOND READ

Mr. Garay shared the policies revisions submitted for second read:

- 2125/7315 Confidential Information
- 3100 Curriculum Development
- 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability
- 3460 Graduation Requirements
- 4120 Domicile or Residence Requirements
- 4316 (and R) Student Dress Code
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 7130 Licensure
- 7262 Communicable Diseases – Employees
- 7340 (and R) Employee Dress and Appearance
- 8305 Federal Grant Administration
- 8310 Annual Independent Audit

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the policies listed on second read as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Mr. Crabtree reported there was no Superintendent travel or amendments/transfers for the previous month.

Mr. Crabtree presented the 2022 Audit Contract with Anderson, Smith and Wike. He noted there was no change in terms from last year. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Crabtree then presented the 2022-2023 Budget Request to be shared with the Cabarrus County Commissioners. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Request for a total of \$2,560,000.00 as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Additionally, Mr. Crabtree shared the School Mental Health Support Personnel Report. KCS currently has seven School Psychologists, fourteen School Counselors, five Social Workers, and two district-employed School Nurses. This report has been submitted to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree updated board members on current projects within the district. Then Mr. Garay and Mr. Crabtree reviewed the A. L. Brown Campus Study and possible funding opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Kevin Garay, Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair