

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

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| Date: January 11, 2021 | 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 Mr. Brandon McPherson, attorney Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder |
| Time: 5:30 PM | | |
| Place: Board – Boardroom Administrative Offices | | |
| Public – Virtual by Zoom | | |

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:38 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 6:24 p.m. and Open Session was reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. McCombs made a motion to amend the agenda to make a statement as Point of Personal Privilege after the Adoption of Agenda and to add item III A. Board Comment following Public Comment. Mrs. Parker 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), no persons leaving employment (for information), eleven persons recommended for employment (for action), and no persons recommended for employment

change (for information). Mr. Clark 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 one student granted release from and five students granted acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and release the Closed Session minutes from December 14, 2020. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and second from Mrs. Parker, the minutes from the December 11, 2020, December 14, 2020, and December 15 2020, Open Sessions and the November 27, 2020, credit card statement were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from A. L. Brown High School were recognized. Trenton Thompson is an amazing student at ALB. He is a scholar and an athlete; however, he is in possession of something far greater than both of those talents, and that is the gift of a good heart. As an ALB senior, Grace Parker is known as a responsible, exceptional, young, inspiring woman. She sets an example for others to follow. Meg Lemelin is the proud parent of three amazing young ladies who have attended ALB. She is also the ALB PTA President and gives her time and energy to support the school. Jane Jacobs routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty with respect to her responsibilities as a substitute teacher. She is using her incredible teaching background this semester to teach three sections at the high school. Jessica Ramsey is a truly sincere person and, as daunting a job as it is to serve as the financial secretary for ALB, she has worked in during her tenure in that role to help ALB get on-track financially. The work Dr. Sara Newell does for students, staff and the greater ALB community is nothing short of heroic. There is absolutely nothing she is incapable or unwilling to do.

Suzanne Lentz is a wonderful example of the amazing teachers we have in KCS. As a fully remote teacher this year, she continues to hold students to high expectations while providing a classroom environment that fosters high growth. Suzanne was honored as the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for Public Comment.

DISTRICT COVID IMPACT UPDATE

Dr. Buckwell shared updated data from COVID briefings and recommended that district remain in Plan C through February 15, 2021. After discussion by board member, Mr. Clark made a motion that the district remain in Plan C through February 15, 2021. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mr. Garay presented key points and current snapshots on attendance, testing/assessment, and growth. Administration fielded additional questions from board members.

POLICY 9125 PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY BUSINESS

Dr. Buckwell recommended that, after the public hearing on December 15, 2020, the board adopt a 10% goal for Policy 9125. Attorney Brandon McPherson advised that the policy recommended was consistent with state law and the proposed goal was in keeping with surrounding districts. Mr. Clark made a motion that the board adopt the 10% goal for Policy 9125. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Will Crabtree presented the amendments and transfers for review. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve State (1) Amendment 4 and Head Start (7) Amendment 1 as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried. Mr. Crabtree also shared the monthly report and the monthly superintendent travel and expense report.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree presented the data used to create the Five to Ten Year Facility Plan. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Crabtree updated board members on the status of district projects.

Chair Todd Adams adjourned the recessed Closed Session at 8:23 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed. As January is Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Buckwell thanked board members for their service to the district and support for students, staff and families.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair