

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2020	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
		Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Time: 5:00 PM		Mrs. Brenda McCombs
		Mrs. Anita Parker
Place: A. L. Brown High School		Mrs. Kristina Cook
Media Center		Dr. Chip Buckwell
		Mr. Kevin Garay
		Dr. Jessica Grant
		Mr. Will Crabtree
		Ms. Ellen Boyd
		Mr. Brandon McPherson, attorney
		Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:09 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. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Closed Session was recessed at 5:50 p.m. and Open Session was reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as amended with recommendations for one student to be accepted into Kannapolis City Schools and one student to be denied acceptance into Kannapolis City School. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the list as amended. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Grant also requested approval of the personnel list as presented with two persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), nine persons leaving employment (for information), twenty-five persons recommended for employment (for action), and no persons recommended for employment changes (for information). Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the list as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and keep closed the Closed Session minutes from December 9, 2019, as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and second from Mrs. McCombs, the minutes from the December 9, 2019, meeting were approved as presented, as were the November 27, 2019, credit card statement and the December 2019 Head Start Policy Council minutes.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from A. L. Brown High School were recognized. Jillian Brim is an outstanding student who has had a tremendous impact on A. L. Brown High School. As the student body president, Jillian has been a constant advocate for her peers and her school. Alexis Maverick is another outstanding student who is having a big impact on A. L. Brown. Alexis worked with the school counseling staff to collect toothbrushes, soap, and other items to help students in need. Caroline Fongemy is a parent who is seemingly everywhere at A. L. Brown. As a teacher herself, she values education; however, her dedication to A. L. Brown goes far beyond the ordinary. Sara Pieper has been a long-term substitute at A. L. Brown since August, and she has become one of the family. She has attended professional development sessions, staff events, and extracurricular activities for her students. Whether it's acting in her role as the high school data manager or rallying teacher and families around students who face hardships and want to quit school, Susan Smith is always making a difference for students. Zaria Franklin followed her dreams and became the dance teacher at A. L. Brown in 2018. She not only chose a career that she believed in but also pursued a profession where she could do what she loved and impact students at the same time.

A check for \$100 from Mary Beth Burgess State Farm Insurance was presented to the ALB Assistant Principals to purchase books in honor of the A. L. Brown High School persons recognized this evening.

Board Chair Todd Adams recognized the coaches and athletes of the A. L. Brown 2019 NCHSAA State Cheerleading Championship team. Tanner Adams, Melvin Alcron, Anthony Almazan, Cayla Artis, Lilly Beaver, Emma Boswell, Nadia Dixon, Jakira Gaither, Justin Girdaldo, Mahayley Hauss, Isabella Ialluci, Juan Jacquez, Chloe Johnson, Queen Johnson, Niya Kerr, Anjelina Knight, Calvin Laliemtharixay, Koda Lemelin, Rexi Lemelin, Maggie Pittmon, Ruby Rios Ramirez, Kemari Sims, Morgan Tilley, and Riley Zimmerman were all recognized for their outstanding accomplishment and were presented with certificates to honor their achievements.

Stephanie Jordan, a Grade 1 Teacher at G. W. Carver Elementary School, was honored as the Hilbish Ford Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

As part of School Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Buckwell recognized our Board of Education and their commitment to students. He noted that they are strong advocates for public education and work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. He asked those present to join him in recognizing the dedication and hard work of our school board members and in working with them in their continued efforts to meet the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

HEAD START GRANT

Jennifer Baucom shared an overview of the grant request she is working to submit on behalf of the Kannapolis Board of Education Head Start program. Mrs. Baucom and Will Crabtree outlined the work that would be done with funds received. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the grant request as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT AND MOU WITH CABARRUS HEALTH ALLIANCE

Dr. Jessica Grant reviewed the funds received from the School Safety Grant and how the funds would be spent. She also informed board members of the Memorandum of Understanding between Kannapolis City Schools and Cabarrus Health Alliance that would address some of the work to be accomplished through the grant funding.

POLICIES FOR SECOND READING

Dr. Buckwell presented Item G and recommended adopting Policy 3470/7305 and Section 4000 policies, and repealing corresponding old policies as outlined. Mrs. Parker made a motion that the Board adopt all policies under Item G as presented on second read and, as indicated in Item G, 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 5000 Schools and the Community
- Policy 5008 Automated Phone and Text Messaging
- Policy 5010 Parent Organizations
- Policy 5015 School Volunteers
- Policy 5020 Visitors to the Schools
- Policy 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- Policy 5024/6127/7266 Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices
- Policy 5025 Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol
- Policy 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products
- Policy 5027/7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited
- Policy 5028/6130/7267 Automated External Defibrillator
- Policy 5030 Community Use of Facilities

- Policy 5040 News Media Relations

Mr. Clark made a motion that the Board adopt Policies 5000-5040 as listed on the agenda on first read with requested amendments. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

TEMPORARY RENAMING

Dr. Buckwell referenced the Temporary Renaming list included in the Board Packet that outlined current KCS policies with numbering conflicts as new policies are adopted. The KCS policies with numbering conflicts will be recognized by name only until they are replaced and repealed.

FINANCE

Mr. Crabtree presented Amendment 1 to State Fund (1) and Amendment 1 to Federal Fund (3). Mrs. McCombs made a motion that the amendments be approved as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

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

FACILITIES

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

Board Chair Todd Adams read the following Report of Settlement Agreement: “The Kannapolis City Schools Board of Education has entered into a negotiated settlement agreement with the architect for the Kannapolis Middle School project, Moseley Architect, P.C. (“Moseley”), and the civil engineer for the Kannapolis Middle School project, Davis-Martin-Powell and Associate, Inc. (“DMP”), Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Moseley and DMP agreed to pay the Board \$150,000 in full and final settlement of any and all claims the Board had made or could have made against them, and also agreed to waive any claims they might have against the Board. Moseley will pay \$100,000 of the settlement agreement and DMP will pay \$50,000.”

The Board went back into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings and events were discussed.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair