

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: March 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
		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 5:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:31 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 6:30 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair 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

Ms. Greek requested approval of the personnel list as presented with no persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), fourteen persons leaving employment (for information), ten persons recommended for employment (for action), and one person recommended for

employment changes (for information). Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the personnel 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 February 14, 2022 as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STATEMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and second from Mrs. McCombs, the minutes from the February 14, 2022, Open Session, the January 27, 2022, credit card statement, and the February 2022 Head Start Policy Council minutes were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from Kannapolis Middle School were recognized: Ryan Fowler is an exceptional young man. He is a passionate leader who is also passionate about baseball and has goals to be a sports journalist some day. Emma Hamilton is not only a kind and compassionate student, she also excels in her academics and share her school spirit as a cheerleader. Josh Shepard has stepped in and juggled being a long-term substitute while serving as both a full-time youth pastor and the KMS 7th grade boys' basketball coach. Sonya White is not only a fabulous Teacher Assistant but also one of the best bus drivers serving Kannapolis Middle School. Kayla Crayton is exceptional with the EC students in her classroom, while also coaching basketball and volleyball. Micah Kelly teachers 8th Grade Math and Math I at KMS. She goes above and beyond for her students to make learning fun.

Emma Wallace, a Senior at A. L. Brown High School, was recently selected by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to move forward to the next round of the U. S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The Board also recognized the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month, Corinne McAuley, an amazing 8th Grade Science Teacher at Kannapolis Middle School. She exemplifies what it mean to be an exceptional teacher through her character, supportive nature, and obvious love for teaching.

Traci Anderson retired from KCS on March 1, 2022, after serving just over 20 years in public education and the last of those with KCS in Exceptional Children's classrooms at A. L. Brown High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Garay shared current COVID data for our community. Mr. Garay recommended that KCS continue optional masking for students, staff, and visitors on KCS property, including KCS buses and vehicles, through at least April 11, 2022. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried unanimously.

ESS – SUBSTITUTE STAFFING SOLUTION

Mrs. Greek introduced two representatives from ESS who presented about the benefits of using their substitute staffing solutions. During the Board's review of the materials and agreement, Attorney Brian Shaw advised that all substitutes serving in Kannapolis City Schools must comply with board policies. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the agreement with ESS for substitutes staffing services as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

HEAD START GRANT PROPOSAL

Jennifer Baucom shared the Head Start Refunding grant request/application. She noted that the request was a slight increase from last year. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the grant request as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

SUMMER TESTING PLAN

Mr. Garay shared the 2021-22 Summer Program Plan to be submitted to NCDPI. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

POLICY REVISIONS – FOR FIRST READ

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

- 3220 R&P Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
- 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the policies listed on first read as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Mr. Crabtree reported there were two expenses associated with Superintendent travel; one for \$135.72 and one for \$67.86 for mileage reimbursement to and from the Next Generation Superintendent Development Program.

Mr. Crabtree presented the following amendments: State (1) Amendment #1, Local (2) Amendment #1, Federal (3) Amendment #1, School Nutrition (5) Amendment #1, Local (8) Amendment #1. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Crabtree then presented the Public School Building Capital Fund for the North Carolina Education Lottery to be used for 2021-22 Debt Service for construction, repairs, and maintenance. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Additionally, Mr. Crabtree reviewed the Cabarrus County budget request and Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund application processes and timelines.

Lastly, Mr. Crabtree and Heather Edmisten presented the MetroNet agreement for Fiber Optic Internet for connections to all schools. A Request for Proposal was done with E-Rate. While the project expenses are projected to be \$60,000, KCS will use E-Rate discount and DPI funding to cover all of the costs. Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

FACILITIES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Kevin Garay, Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair