

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: March 8, 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 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:40 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Clark 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 6:14 p.m. and Open Session was reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. McCombs 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), twelve persons leaving employment (for information), seven persons recommended for employment (for action), and five persons recommended for

employment changes (for information). Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the personnel list as amended. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as presented with two students denied acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and release the Closed Session minutes from February 8, 2021. 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 February 8, 2021, Open Session, the January 27, 2021, credit card statement, and the February 2021 Head Start Policy Council minutes were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from Jackson Park Elementary were recognized. Berklee Krout walks in to Jackson Park each day with a smile on her face and stops to greet anyone who looks like they might need a friend. She contributes to every lesson, but respectfully encourages others to participate, as well. Toby Edwards moved to Jackson Park a few years ago from the west coast and fit right in because of his great personality and his outstanding work ethic. He is a model student as he always does what is expected in class, he cares for other people, and he cares about his school. Amanda Krout has been a pivotal part of Jackson Park since enrolling her first child as a Kindergartner. She is the lead on any and all parent endeavors, and has a unique skill for galvanizing parents to support all grade levels at our school. Jerry Faulkenbury is no stranger to KCS as he was a PE teacher here for 20 years before retiring. The teachers clamor to get Mr. F as their sub. Garrett Anderson is a natural at working with children. He has a very strong instinct and “knack” for being able to work in sync with every 4th and 5th grade teacher he serves. Carletta Klutz is so very deserving of this honor. Serving as Jackson Park’s Exceptional Children Resource Teacher, as well as a cornerstone of our school-level MTSS team and process, she has a unique position to see, and serve, the entire school program.

Jason Stegall is an amazing and dedicated CTE teacher at A. L. Brown High School, serving as an Engineering Teacher and also as the Robotics Advisor for the Beta Club. We feel privileged to have Jason on the KCS teaching staff and as a part of the Wonder Family and are delighted he is being honored as the Hilbish Ford Outstanding Teacher of the Month for March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for Public Comment.

DISTRICT COVID IMPACT UPDATE

Dr. Buckwell shared updated data from COVID briefings and the current state of KCS with regards to the COVID pandemic.

CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Kim Soryz presented a calendar draft with a later school start date than the calendar previously approved by the Board for the upcoming school year. Both administration and board members expressed disappointment in the lack of calendar flexibility for local school systems. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar as presented. As there was no second, the motion died. Chair Todd Adams shared that Attorney Rich Schwartz had advised against approving a calendar that did not meet with current legislative restrictions and that work was being done to advocate for local calendar flexibility. Mrs. Parker reintroduced the previous motion. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

HEAD START GRANT PROPOSAL

Jennifer Baucom gave an overview of the 2021-2022 Refunding grant application and requested approval from the Board. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the grant proposal. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

SUMMER RETESTING SCHEDULE

Kevin Garay presented the proposed schedule for Summer Retesting. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the Summer Retesting Schedule as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Will Crabtree presented the amendments and transfers for review. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve State (1) Amendment 6, Local (2) Amendment 5, and Federal (3) Amendment 4 as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Crabtree also shared the monthly report and the monthly superintendent travel and expense report.

Additionally, Mr. Crabtree shared a proposed 2021-2022 Facilities Rental Fee Schedule. Board members requested some additional information before approving the revised schedule. Mr. Crabtree will present that additional information at the April meeting.

Mr. Crabtree reviewed the proposed Budget Request for 2021-2022. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the budget request as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree presented the lease agreement with Save the Children Head Start for use of land at G. W. Carver for the Kannapolis Early Head Start program. Mrs. Parker made a motion to adopt the agreement as presented contingent upon Save the Children receiving grant approval. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

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

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Chair Todd Adams introduced Dr. Eddie West with The Masonboro Group. Dr. West shared that the application for the Superintendent position had been completed and would be posted the following day. A survey would be shared online with the community for feedback. Additionally, school level meetings and public forums would be held.

Chair Todd Adams adjourned the recessed Closed Session at 8:34 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

Chair Todd Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair