

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Date: May 10, 2021	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
		Mr. Kevin Clark
Time: 6:30 PM		Mrs. Brenda McCombs
		Mrs. Anita Parker
Place: Kannapolis Middle School		Mrs. Kristina Cook
Auditorium		Dr. Chip Buckwell
		Mr. Kevin Garay
		Dr. Jessica Grant
		Mr. Will Crabtree
		Ms. Kim Soryz
		Mr. Brandon McPherson, attorney
		Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STATEMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and second from Mrs. Parker, the minutes from the April 19, 2021, Open Session and the March 27, 2021, credit card statement, were approved as presented, with Chair Adams abstaining due to being present only a portion of the April 19, 2021, meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from Shady Brook Elementary were recognized. Jayvon Barrett is new to the KCS family but truly represents what it means to be a Bulldog and future Wonder. Jayvon is confident, polite, funny and extremely helpful. Kennedy Yow strongly but quietly leads her class. She embodies everything you could think of when you think “role model.” Delinda Rodgers is a Wonder through and through. She has spent her time since retiring from KCS volunteering and in service to others. Joanne Evans-Hoover is so special to Shady Brook because she loves our EC students and our students love her! When she comes to work at Shady Brook she jumps right in and helps students with their classwork or just makes sure they are doing okay. Donna Anderson is a wonderful addition to second grade classrooms. She is always beyond helpful with anything we need and gets the job done so well. Meghan Lowder has shown care and concern for all aspects

of her students' lives this year. She has welcomed students from other KCS schools and taken the time to get to know each of them.

Alexandra Medley is a phenomenal fourth grade teacher at Jackson Park Elementary; the kind of teacher children remember for a lifetime. KCS is extremely proud that Alexandra is part of our family, and we are delighted to present her with the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month Award.

The following persons were recognized as the retiring class of 2020-2021:

- Fil Acosta, G. W. Carver Elementary School
- Don Blake, Transportation
- Chip Buckwell, Central Office
- Audrey Donnelly, Transportation
- Larry Efird, A. L. Brown High Schools
- Todd Hagler, A. L. Brown High School
- Mack Harris, G. W. Carver Elementary School
- Mike Hazeltine, A. L. Brown High School
- Eddie Hoglen, Forest Park Elementary School
- DeLores Lambert, Kannapolis Middle School
- Suzanne Lentz, Forest Park Elementary School
- Pat Marsh, G. W. Carver Elementary School
- Pearl Melchor, Kannapolis Middle School
- Christy Parker, G. W. Carver Elementary School
- Michele Pitts, A. L. Brown High School
- Becky Plummer, Kannapolis Middle School
- Meredith Spry, Kannapolis Middle School
- Deryl Wallace, G. W. Carver Elementary School
- Nita Whitaker, Forest Park Elementary School
- Leigh Yelton, Forest Park Elementary School

This amazing group of educators gave a total of 345 years of outstanding service to Kannapolis City Schools and more than 445 years to North Carolina public education. The Board of Education and administration are extremely grateful for all their contributions.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for Public Comment.

#### SHADY BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CTE INTEGRATION

Ingrid Doehle shared the Shady Brook Elementary vision and mission for integrating CTE into their classrooms and instruction. They overviewed their plan and timeline, as well as the meetings and preparations already underway.

### DISTRICT COVID IMPACT UPDATE

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

### BOARD MEETING DATES

Dr. Buckwell presented the proposed board meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the board meeting dates for 2021-2022 as presented. Mrs. McCombs 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 8, Local (2) Amendment 7, Federal (3) Amendment 6, School Nutrition (5) Amendment 2, Head Start (7) Amendment 3 and Local Fund (8) Amendment 5 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 KCS Facilities Rental Fee Schedule for 2021-2022, the A. L. Brown Stadium Fee Schedule for 2021-2022, the Rules and Regulations Governing Use of KCS Facilities, the Rules and Regulations Governing Use of the KMS Auditorium, and the Rules and Regulations Governing Use of the KPAC. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the schedules and regulations as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

### FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree presented a proposed Second Amendment to Agreement for Joint Use of Facilities with the City of Kannapolis, removing a field that would no longer be available and updating the Rules and Regulations. Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

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

### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Chair Adams recognized Dr. Eddie West with The Masonboro Group. Dr. West updated board members on the interview process.

### CLOSED SESSION

At 8:21 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. McCombs 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. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Closed Session was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session.

#### ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Soryz requested approval of the personnel list as amended with one person requesting a leave of absence (for action), eleven persons leaving employment (for information), twenty-one persons recommended for employment (for action), and four persons recommended for employment changes (for information). Ms. Soryz also requested approval of the Summer Employment 2021 list and the recommendations for one, two, and four-year contract. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the personnel list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as amended with nine students granted release from Kannapolis City Schools and forty-five students granted acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and release the Closed Session minutes from April 19, 2021. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board members selected Kelsey Allen to receive the \$500 Byerly scholarship for 2021.

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair