

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2021	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
		Dr. Jessica Grant
		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 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. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Closed Session was recessed 6:29 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 6:33 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. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Keaton requested approval of the personnel list as presented with two persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), eight persons leaving employment (for information), fourteen persons recommended for employment (for action), and four persons recommended for

employment changes (for information). Mrs. Cook 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 presented with two students granted release from Kannapolis City Schools, and 1 student denied and five students granted acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment lists as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and close the Closed Session minutes from September 13, 2021. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STATEMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and second from Mr. Clark, the minutes from the September 13, 2021, Open Session and the August 27, 2021, credit card statement were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Eight persons from G. W. Carver Elementary were recognized: Ariel Herrera is a second grade superstar at GWC. He is such a kind and caring student who is always thinking about others. Shakeem Daniels is a fourth grade student at GWC who is a kind hearted and respectful young man. Gene Correll and the partners at Journey Church have been a tremendous asset to GWC for years; they have worked extremely hard to support students and staff. Brenda Carter has been a strong support for GWC, serving as a substitute teacher this year. Cynthia Roberts took on the responsibility of head custodian last year and works day-in and day-out to ensure Carver staff and students have a clean, safe, and welcoming school. Melissa Stanley integrates the arts into her all of her lessons, and her instructional practice and delivery of content are always geared to what her learners need. Blake Sigmon does an outstanding job with the students on his bus! He has created so many positive relationships with his riders over the years.

The Board also recognized the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month, Audrey Lewis, a fourth grade teacher at Shady Brook Elementary. Miss Lewis' students relate to her young spirit and respect her presence, and she goes above and beyond to enrich her students' lives.

KCS had one employee retire since the last retiree recognition, Ronald Pruitte. Mr. Pruitte was present at the Board meeting and board members thanked him for his service to KCS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Cash had submitted a request to make public comment, but was not present at the meeting. No other requests for public comment were received.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Garay shared current COVID data for our community. Mr. Garay recommended that KCS continue with its current masking and other COVID-related protocols through the November 2021 board meeting. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried unanimously.

BEGINNING TEACHER PLAN

Board members had reviewed the Beginning Teacher Plan for 2021-2022. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the Beginning Teacher Plan as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

REMOTE LEARNING / VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

Dr. Chris Triolo reviewed the plan submitted to the state for both remote and virtual learning and the key components of Senate Bill 654. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the plans as presented and submitted. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

KCS HOMESCHOOL AND ATHLETICS

Mr. Garay informed board members of one change to the guidelines for homeschooled students wishing to participate in KCS athletics. They must still be participating in two ALB courses but now both courses can be either online or on campus.

FINANCE

Mr. Crabtree reported there was no Superintendent travel for the previous month and no update to the state budget. Chair Todd Adams requested a spending report based on last year's budget at the November Board meeting if a new budget had still not be passed. He also shared the School Nutrition Retention Bonus plan using superficially allocated Federal funds. Mr. Crabtree shared that Anne Treanor had recommended dividing the funds equally among the KCS School Nutrition staff employed November 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

FACILITIES

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

BOARD ATTORNEY REVIEW

Mr. Garay shared that the Board Attorney firm, Schwartz & Shaw, had sent a letter to Chair Todd Adams. Chair Adams asked Board Attorney Brian Shaw to review the contents of the letter and the action required by the Board. Attorney Brian Shaw advised that Schwartz & Shaw was separating as a firm as of November 1, 2021 and that the Board had multiple options for proceeding. After several questions from board members and administrators, Mr. Clark made a motion that KCS be represented by Poyner Spruill. Mrs. Cook gave the second. Chair Adams requested a two-year retainer contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session was formally adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Kevin Garay, Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair