

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

<p>Date: September 14, 2020</p> <p>Time: 5:30 PM</p> <p>Place: Board – Boardroom Administrative Offices</p> <p>Public – Virtual by Zoom</p>	<p>Present:</p> <p>Mr. Todd Adams, Chair</p> <p>Mr. Kevin Clark</p> <p>Mrs. Brenda McCombs</p> <p>Mrs. Anita Parker</p> <p>Mrs. Kristina Cook</p> <p>Dr. Chip Buckwell</p> <p>Mr. Kevin Garay</p> <p>Dr. Jessica Grant</p> <p>Mr. Will Crabtree</p> <p>Ms. Kim Soryz</p> <p>Mr. Brandon McPherson, attorney</p> <p>Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder</p>
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 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. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Closed Session was recessed at 6:21 p.m. and Open Session was reconvened at 6:33 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. 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 no one requesting a leave of absence (for action), seven persons leaving employment (for information), thirteen persons recommended for employment (for action), and two persons 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.

Dr. Grant requested approval of the student assignment list as presented with one student granted release from and twenty-four students granted acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as amended. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and keep closed the Closed Session minutes from August 10, 2020. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and second from Mrs. Parker, the minutes from the August 10, 2020 Open Session and the July 27, 2020, credit card statement were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from McKnight Head Start and Child Development Center were recognized. Ricky Rodriguez has shown tremendous growth, both academically and emotionally, since starting at McKnight last year. McKnight staff is so proud of him and cannot wait to see what his future will bring. America Estrada is in her second year at McKnight. America is bright and well-spoken in both English and Spanish and is a true leader in her classroom. Jennifer Mejia served as an active volunteer during her two years as a Head Start parent. She became such a reliable volunteer and asset to the program that she was offered a position as a Teacher's Assistant, where she was well received by the entire staff for her positive attitude and willingness to do whatever was asked of her with kindness and enthusiasm. Elizabeth Yousey has served as a substitute when on break from school and has been substituting virtually for three-year-old students this school year. Her technical skills make her extremely valuable and she supports any teacher who calls upon her. Lindsay Glenn is currently a Four-Year-Old Teacher Assistant. She loves the children in her class unconditionally and wholeheartedly. Janis Durgin is currently a Four-Year-Old Teacher and feels like everything in her career has led up to serving at McKnight and Head Start! She is an insightful educator and a #WONDERful part of McKnight and KCS.

Lynn Dwyer, CTE Teacher at A. L. Brown High School, was recognized as the Hilbish Ford Outstanding Teacher for September 2020. Ms. Dwyer is very special to students at ALBHS where she serves as the Health Science Teacher. Four different students nominated her for this award noting not only her outstanding teaching but also her caring personality.

Board members also recognized Daryle Adams, Director of STEM and CTE. Earlier this year, Mr. Adams was named the state's top CTE Administrator for his outstanding leadership and efforts to ensure student and teacher success.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MOU

Dr. Grant overviewed the partnership with Kannapolis Police Department for the School Resource Officer program and the process for developing the Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer MOU as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

ATRIUM HEALTH TELEMEDICINE MOU

Dr. Grant also shared information on the telemedicine program that would be piloted at Fred L. Wilson Elementary School by October 2020. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the Atrium Health Telemedicine MOU as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHER MOU

Mrs. Soryz provided information on the student teacher agreement with GWU. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the Gardner-Webb University Student Teacher MOU as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Garay shared both an Accountability update and the Curriculum and Instruction overview for 2020-2021. He also overviewed the School Improvement Plan presentation schedule and the process for transitioning elementary students requesting to move from remote only to in-person hybrid at the start of the second nine-weeks.

POLICIES FOR SECOND READING

Dr. Buckwell presented Item P and recommended adopting the policies and repealing corresponding old policies as outlined. Mrs. Parker made a motion that the Board adopt all policies under Item P as presented on second read and, as indicated in Item P, repeal all corresponding old policies. Mrs. McCombs 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 8000 Fiscal Goals
- Policy 8110 Budget Planning and Adoption
- Policy 8210 Grants and Funding for Special Projects
- Policy 8220 Gifts and Bequests
- Policy 8230 Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures
- Policy 8300 Fiscal Management Standards
- Policy 8305 Federal Grant Administration
- Policy 8310 Annual Independent Audit
- Policy 8320 Depositories
- Policy 8325 Daily Deposits
- Policy 8330 Facsimile Signatures
- Policy 8340 Insurance
- Policy 8341 Limited Claim Settlement
- Policy 8350 Fixed Assets Inventory
- Policy 8410 Individual School Accounts
- Policy 8510 School Finance Officer
- Policy 8520 School Treasurer
- Policy 8530 Fidelity Bonds

Mrs. McCombs made a motion that the Board adopt Policies 8000-8530 as listed on the agenda on first read. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE

Mr. Crabtree shared that the 2020-2021 Budget Resolution. Mr. Clark made a motion that the board adopt the 2020-2021 Budget Resolution as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried. Mr. Crabtree also reviewed the monthly report.

Mr. Crabtree also outlined the COVID Relief funds available to the district and how the funds were being utilized.

Additionally, Mr. Crabtree recommended that the district not participate in payroll tax deferral currently being offered by the federal government. Mr. Crabtree noted that, as this was a deferral, employees would be responsible for having this taxes withheld in early 2021 in addition to their regular withholdings. He stated that if the deferral becomes a permanent tax break he would ask the board to reconsider the item.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree reported that the organization Save the Children have requested a land use agreement at G. W. Carver Elementary School for an Early Head Start program. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve a land use agreement at G. W. Carver Elementary with Save the Children for the purpose of Early Head Start. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

Closed Session was reconvened at 9:05 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 9:59 p.m.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair