

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: May 8, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: A. L. Brown High School
Media Center

Present: Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
Mrs. Danita Rickard, Vice-Chair
Mr. Kevin Clark
Mrs. Anita Parker
Mr. Daniel Wallace
Dr. Chip Buckwell
Dr. Kelly Burgess
Dr. Jessica Grant
Mr. Will Crabtree
Mrs. Kim Soryz
Mrs. Ellen Boyd
Mr. Brian Shaw, attorney
Mrs. Nancy Barger, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wallace requested amending the agenda to include a special recognition after the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month. Mr. Wallace made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mrs. Rickard gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rickard and second from Mr. Wallace, the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting were approved as presented. Mrs. Rickard requested clarification on one item from the credit card statement then made a motion to accept the credit card statement for the month. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Five persons from A. L. Brown High School were recognized: Langlie Simpson, student, was recognized not only because of her excellent grades but also because of her work ethic and personality. Her heart is with helping others and making A.L. Brown a better place. Marco Gonzalez is a remarkable student with an inspiring story. He has only been in the United States since 2010, but next year he will attend Duke University. He earned the prestigious Rubenstein Scholarship which will give him a full ride to Duke. He was selected from among more than 32,000 applicants, and he will be the first in his family to attend college. Club Vertical/Anson Phillips, volunteer, comes to A. L. Brown each Monday to lead students through Club Vertical, a program focused on leadership and character. Anson chose A.L. Brown as a site for Club Vertical because he wants to connect with the community and impact the young people of Kannapolis in a positive way. Alisha Ryan, Cyber Campus Facilitator, makes a very positive

difference for students every day, and is a tremendous asset to A.L. Brown and Kannapolis City Schools. A few of her responsibilities include serving as the liaison with the NC School of Science and Math, which includes supervising daily live broadcasts as well as facilitating enrichment programs and hands-on labs for KCS fifth graders. She is responsible for monitoring and supervising students who use other online learning options such as iKann, Credit Recovery, and North Carolina Virtual Public School courses. Belinda Rojo, teacher, is an outstanding and inspirational teacher that connects with students and gives of her time, energy, and even her pocket book to make students' lives better. She also gives of her time planning and organizing large school-wide events.

Kristina Cook, Mary Beth Ballantine Burgess State Farm Insurance, presented Todd Parker with a check for \$100 to purchase books in honor of the A. L. Brown High School persons recognized this evening.

Ute Lentz, Kannapolis Intermediate School, was honored as Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month.

Mr. Wallace recognized Keeon Johnson and Kalif Phillips, both recent college graduates and A. L. Brown alumni, for signing NFL Pro contracts following very successful high school and college football careers.

The following persons were recognized as the retiring class of 2016-2017:

Donna Baker	Annette Eudy
Nancy Hale	Kathy Hall
Janet Hill	Marshall Isenhour
Kathleen Kropa	Kelly Lackey
Kathy Lambirth	Cindy LeBaron
Charles McKinley	James Oliver
Martha Oliver	Susan Philips
Diane Rodgers	Mark Springer
Arlene Thomas	Karen Walter
Kay Wilhelm	Cathy Wingler

This group of educators gave a total of more than 425 years of outstanding service to Kannapolis City Schools and to North Carolina public education.

Chairman Adams called for a brief recess at 6:41 p.m. in order to congratulate the honorees.

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests

POLICY 6050 – UNIFORM DRESS CODE REVISION

Dr. Buckwell shared the proposed changes in Policy 6050 – Uniform Dress Code to include changes in shirt colors for grades 6-8 at Kannapolis Middle School to match the colors for grades

9-12 at A. L. Brown High School for second reading. Mr. Clark made a motion to accept the changes on second reading. Mrs. Rickard gave the second and the motion carried.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dr. Jessica Grant distributed a list of providers that will serve Kannapolis City Schools' students for before and after school care. It was noted that administration is still looking at other options for parents needing care for elementary students, particularly before school care since start times will be later next year.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING RESTORATION TO COUNTIES OF THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION OF LOTTERY FUND

Discussion regarding a Resolution on Lottery Funding was tabled until June in order to receive further information and numbers from the County.

GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVING PROJECT

Mr. Will Crabtree, Director of Business Operations, shared information regarding a guaranteed energy savings program that would help upgrade maintenance needs and provide energy savings. After discussion and by consensus, the board granted authority for administration to contact the energy office to begin to determine exacts needs for system.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT

It was noted that the contract with Schwartz and Shaw will expire at the end of June. Attorney Shaw will bring a proposal back to the board in June for consideration.

FINANCE

- Amendments and Transfers

Mr. Crabtree presented State Budget Amendment #6, Local Budget Amendment #5, Head Start Budget Amendment #3, and School Nutrition Budget Amendment #1. Mrs. Rickard made a motion to accept the amendments as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

- Monthly Report

Mr. Crabtree presented the monthly financial report. He also noted that Kannapolis City Schools is on target for spending at this time.

- Supplements for Non-Certified Staff

Mr. Crabtree stated that administration has discussed departing from the semi-annual payment of supplements for non-certified staff and rolling the amount of the supplement into the monthly salary. He noted that if the State were to issue a percentage raise for state employees, then this would actually raise the base pay. He proposed this change beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year. He will bring this back to the board in June for more discussion.

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree noted progress on Kannapolis Middle School has had some challenges. Administration is looking into alternate plans in the event the school is not completed by August. Renovations at G.W. Carver are also continuing and on target. He stated that a Grand Re-Opening will be held in conjunction with the City's Backpack Give-a-way on August 8.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Wallace read the motions to enter into closed session for personnel, and student matters.

Personnel Motion – Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6). I move that the Kannapolis Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of considering personnel matters as defined in and allowed by N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) and N.C.G.S. §115C-319.

To Prevent the Disclosure of Information that is Privileged or Confidential – Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a)(1) and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (c), for the purpose of discussing and reviewing a student’s official school records which are considered privileged and confidential as provided in N.C.G.S. §115C-402 and / or N.C.G.S. § 115C-114 and 20 U.S.C. 1232g-FERPA.

To Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege - Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S § 143.318.11(a)(3) and N.C.G.S § 143.318(c), to receive legal advice from our attorney which comes within the purview of the attorney-client privilege.

To Prevent the Premature Disclosure of an Honorary Degree, Scholarship, or Similar Award - Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143.318.11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.

Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman Adams declared the return to open session at 8:50 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Kim Soryz, Director of Human Resources, reviewed the personnel list and recommended no leaves of absence (for action), twelve persons leaving employment (for information), fourteen persons recommended for employment (for action), and four employment changes (for information). Mr. Wallace made a motion to accept the personnel list as amended. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Jessica Grant, Director of Student Services, requested approval of the student assignment list as amended this evening, with fifteen students to be released from Kannapolis City Schools for 2017-18 and two denied release. Twenty-six students were accepted into Kannapolis City Schools for 2017-18 and one denied. Mrs. Rickard made a motion to approve the list as amended. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion was approved.

The board returned to closed session at 8:51 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. and Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair