

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: November 6, 2017

Present:

Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
Mr. Daniel Wallace, Vice-Chair
Mr. Kevin Clark
Mrs. Anita Parker
Mrs. Danita Rickard
Dr. Chip Buckwell
Dr. Kelly Burgess
Mr. Will Crabtree
Mrs. Kim Soryz
Mrs. Ellen Boyd
Mr. Brian Shaw, attorney
Mrs. Ashley Forrest, recorder

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Administrative Office
Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Rickard read the motions to enter into closed session for personnel, student matters, and attorney-client privilege.

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.

Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 5:03 p.m.

Chairman Adams declared the return to open session at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wallace made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Kim Soryz reviewed the personnel list and recommended two leave of absences, three persons leaving employment (for information), sixteen persons recommended for employment (for action), and four employment changes (for information). Mrs. Rickard made a motion to accept the personnel list as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Burgess presented the student assignment list and recommended one person be granted release, six persons be granted acceptance and two persons be denied acceptance for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Clark made a motion to accept the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Rickard made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from October 2017. Mr. Wallace gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Wallace and second from Mr. Clark, the minutes from the October 9, 2017, meeting were approved as presented, as well as the credit card statement for the month, and the minutes from the Head Start Policy Council meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from McKnight Head Start were recognized: Nathan de la Cruz has an artistic side that his teachers have been able to tap into to help him transform as a student. When he arrives at school, a smile is plastered across his face. Mercades Patterson is in her second year of attending McKnight Head Start. She is a role model and encourages her peers to use their manners. Kim Peugh has the reputation of a woman with a heart of gold. The staff had many stories to share about her voluntary support of students and families. Oranda Maddox is now substituting at McKnight Head Start after retiring as a teacher there. She is not merely dependable but goes far beyond that to volunteer on many levels. Stephanie Troutman serves in the critical position of Environmental Specialist with McKnight Head Start. She regularly exceeds the expectations of her job and is known for her strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail and ability to do any job without batting an eyelash. Barbara Lindskog's approach to being a teacher assistant extend far beyond the classroom. She is dedicated to providing individualized and unique experiences for students and is skilled in partnering with teacher to bring to life the many ideas that pique her interest. In her short time at McKnight Head Start, Keyonia Blair has made a large impact on the children and staff. She takes great pride in harnessing students' independent spirits and enabling their growth.

Kristina Cook, Mary Beth Ballantine Burgess State Farm Insurance, presented Jennifer Baucom with a check for \$100 to purchase books in honor of the McKnight Head Start persons recognized this evening.

Tiffany Fulton, English Teacher at A. L. Brown High School, was honored as Hilbish Ford Teachers of the Month.

Kannapolis Education Foundation Chairperson, Kristina Cook, presented a \$50,000 check from KEF to Superintendent, Dr. Chip Buckwell. The funds will be used to provide educational resources for district students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests

CABARRUS COUNTY GOVERNMENT BRANDING INITIATIVE

Kristin Bunton, Outreach Coordinator for Cabarrus County Government, presented the county's new "America Thrives Here" brand. Ms. Bunton shared the process leading to the brand. More than a hundred A. L. Brown High School students were surveyed and their thoughts and ideas were incorporated into the branding process.

CALENDAR

Ms. Soryz presented the proposed 2018-2019 school calendar for review. The Board asked that the calendar be reworked to make November 6, 2018, Election Day, a non-student day as many of the school sites are used for polling places.

POLICIES

Policy 5450 – Internet & Social Media Use and 5450 R&P were presented by Dr. Burgess for first reading. Mr. Wallace made a motion that the policies be approved on first reading. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and the policies were approved.

FINANCE

- Amendments

Mr. Will Crabtree reported that there were no amendments for approval.

- Monthly Report

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

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree noted the new media furniture delivered to G.W. Carver Elementary School. He also noted construction at Kannapolis Middle School was progressing.

The board returned to closed session at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Adams declared the return to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Bill Laughlin, Moseley Architects, and Mark Kolb and David Pofahl, both of Edison Foard, were present for this portion of open session. Board members requested information on the current status of the Kannapolis Middle School project, anticipated completion date, reasons for delays and open change orders.

Change Order 06 for the Kannapolis Middle School construction project was presented. Mr. Shaw recommended adding the wording, “reserving all legal rights”. Mr. Clark made a motion to pay Change Order 06 with recommended clause added. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings and events were discussed.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair