

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rickard and second from Mr. Wallace, the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved as presented, as well as the Head Start credit card statement for the month, and Head Start Policy Council Training meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Jessica Grant recommended six persons to be accepted in Kannapolis City Schools for 2016-17. Mr. Wallace made a motion to accept the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Kim Soryz reviewed the personnel list and recommended four leaves of absence (for action), five persons leaving employment (for information), twenty-six persons recommended for employment (for action), and three employment changes (for information). Mrs. Rickard made a motion to accept the personnel list as presented this evening. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Rickard made a motion to approve and close the closed session minutes of September 12, 2016. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Five persons from Fred L. Wilson Elementary School were recognized: Zaeda Murray, fourth grade student, was recognized as having a heart of gold and always going above and beyond to be friendly towards others. Zaeda has worked extremely hard to perform at her fullest potential at school and finds great joy in making her teachers and mom proud of her. Jacob Devoe is a respectful and hardworking fourth grader at Fred L. Wilson Elementary School. He loves learning and is always ready to greet his teachers with a great big hug. Jacob is helpful, a good friend and a role model for others. Barbara Best is a dedicated volunteer who is always willing to help with anything. She is the "Box Top" queen, can count over a thousand boxes of doughnuts for fundraisers and the kids love having her help with duty free lunch. Anita Massey is an EC Resource Instructional Assistant and Bus Driver at Fred L. Wilson Elementary School. She absolutely loves her job and this is evident by the smile she always has on her face. Anita does an excellent job working with students, pushing them to reach their full potential. Lauren Dobbin, third grade teacher, is an exemplary teacher who always puts her heart into her teaching. She is a dedicated teacher who always goes the extra mile for her kids and is truly invested in what she does.

Nine EC Teachers of Excellence were recognized: Natasha Sifford, McKnight; Christine Anderson, Forest Park; Rebecca Knipp, Fred L. Wilson; Elizabeth Ritchie, Jackson Park; Sarah Chapman, Shady Brook; Lisa Strahan, Woodrow Wilson; Rhonda Hodge, Kannapolis Middle; and Mark Linn, A. L. Brown. Kristin Heinzl, Kannapolis Intermediate School, was honored as the KCS EC Teacher of Excellence.

Kristina Cook, Mary Beth Ballantine Burgess State Farm Insurance, presented Dr. Mandi Campbell with a check for \$100 to purchase books in honor of the Fred L. Wilson persons recognized this evening.

Colleen Barrese, Jackson Park Elementary School, was recognized as the Hilbish-Ford Teacher of the Month.

Doug Vernon, Kannapolis Education Foundation, presented Kannapolis City Schools a check in the amount of \$20,000 to use in STEM education.

Chairman Adams called for a brief recess at 6:28 p.m. in order to congratulate the honorees.

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Requests

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Summer Reading Camp

Ingrid Overcash and Emily Wolcott, Instructional Coaches from Forest Park and Fred L. Wilson Elementary Schools, shared information and highlights from the 2016 Summer Reading Camp. They noted that 216 students attended camp. Results showed a very definite decrease in the “summer slide” that is usually shown over the summer and also resulted in a large number of students closing the gap and meeting expectations for their grade level. Plans are already in progress for the 2017 Summer Camp.

- AdvanceEd Accreditation or Local Process

Dr. Kelly Burgess, Assistant Superintendent, announced that 2018 would be the year in which Kannapolis City Schools would be up for renewal for AdvanceEd Accreditation. She shared that while we could continue with the national AdvanceEd process, we could also pursue another option to partner with other local districts and complete our own method of accreditation. She noted that Cabarrus County had not participated in the AdvanceEd process for a number of years. By consensus, the Board asked Dr. Burgess to explore the local option.

POLICIES

- Policy 2900 – Competitive Bidding

Mr. Shaw noted that some legislative changes needed to be incorporated into Policy 2900. Mrs. Rickard made a motion to accept the revision to Policy 2900 on second reading as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion unanimously carried.

- Policy 6801 – Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Dr. Burgess presented Policy 6801 – Participation in Extracurricular Activities and noted that the administration from A. L. Brown High School would like to recommend a revision to the policy. KCS attorneys have been consulted and have made input into the proposed changes. Discussion was held and Mrs. Rickard made a motion to accept the revision as presented this evening. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion unanimously carried. The policy will be brought back to the November meeting for second reading.

NEW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES

Dr. Buckwell shared another map of slightly revised attendance zone area than was previously announced.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TIERS UPDATE

Mr. Crabtree updated the board on a proposed plan for transportation beginning August 2017. He noted that with the reconfiguration plan, start times would need to be changed from the current times. He shared that there has been some concerns with the later start for elementary schools; however, administration is discussing options for early parent drop-off. He stated that KCS is trying to make the best decisions for all students. The proposed start times will also align better with the community college programs for high school students.

The proposed times are as follows:

Kannapolis Middle School: 7:15 – 2:00

A. L. Brown High School: 8:00 – 2:55

Elementary Schools: 8:45 – 3:45

He also noted that the times could vary by several minutes.

FINANCE

- Amendments and Transfers

Mr. Crabtree presented State Budget Amendment #1, and Federal Budget Amendment #1. Mr. Clark made a motion to accept the amendments as presented. Mrs. Rickard gave the second and the motion carried.

- Monthly Report

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

FACILITIES

Mr. Crabtree updated the board on the process of the new middle school. He noted that while they have been working through a few site issues, he was comfortable with the proposed timeline at this time. He also noted progress being made on the renovations at Kannapolis Intermediate School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming events were discussed.

Mr. Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Daron C. Buckwell, Ed.D., Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair