

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2023	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
		Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Time: 5:30 PM		Mrs. Brenda McCombs
		Mrs. Anita Parker
		Mrs. Kristina Cook
Place: Kannapolis City Schools		Mr. Kevin Garay
Administrative Offices		Dr. Chris Triolo
		Dr. Jessica Grant
		Ms. Kim Greek
		Ms. Grace Pennerat, Attorney
		Mrs. Ashley Forrest, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:30 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 6:20 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 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. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Greek requested approval of the personnel list as presented with four persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), six persons leaving employment (for information), four persons recommended for employment (for action), and one person recommended for employment change (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 two students granted release from and one student denied acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and close the Closed Session minutes from December 12, 2023. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

Upon a motion by Mr. Clark and a second from Mrs. Cook, the minutes from the December 12, 2022, Open Session, the November 27, 2022, credit card statement, and the December 2022 Head Start Policy Council minutes were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Seven persons from G. W. Carver Elementary School were recognized: Student Walker Mingo, Student Rhyllann Langley, Volunteer Andrea Van Beek, Substitute Taneyah Partee, Bus Driver Iriana Lopez, Instructional Assistant Michelle Morgan, and Teacher Alyssa Holt. The Board also recognized Micah Kelly, Teacher at Kannapolis Middle School, as the Hilbish Ford Teacher of the Month and three retirees: Frances Brown, Kay Cress, and Annie Parker.

Mr. Garay recognized the contributions of our Kannapolis City Board of Education and thanked them for their service to our district, students, staff and family as a part of School Board Appreciation Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. Chip Buckwell and Mr. Garay shared information about an Emergency Funds grant request for McKnight to cover some of the items lost during the recent flooding in that building resulting from burst pipes during the recent winter storm. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the grant request as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Buckwell then updated board members on the several other current projects.

FINANCE UPDATE

Ms. Greek shared that there were no expenses related to Superintendent travel to report for the previous month.

Ms. Greek reviewed the monthly financial report and noted there were no amendments for the month.

2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Mr. Garay reviewed two calendar options presented for Board review, one with an early spring break and one with an Easter spring break. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the calendar option with the early spring break. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Attorney Grace Pennerat spoke to the contract options shared by Attorney Brian Shaw for services with Poyner Spruill. Board members requested additional information before finalizing a decision.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS FOR FIRST READ

Mr. Garay shared the policy revision for first read:

- 7241 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the Board Policy Revision as listed on the agenda on first read. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS FOR SECOND READ

Mr. Garay shared the policy revisions for second read:

- 3220 Technology in the Educational Program
- 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
- 4130 Discretionary Admission
- 4240/7312 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
- 4300 Student Behavior Policies
- 7130 Licensure

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the Board Policy Revisions as listed on the agenda on second read. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Chair Todd Adams adjourned the previous Closed Session at 7:44 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Kevin Garay, Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair