

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Kannapolis City Schools  
Board Room

Present: Mr. Todd Adams, Chair  
Mr. Kevin Clark  
Mrs. Anita Parker  
Mrs. Brenda McCombs  
Mrs. Kristina Cook  
Dr. Chip Buckwell  
Dr. Chris Triolo  
Mr. John Basilice  
Ms. Kim Greek  
Mr. Brian Shaw, Attorney  
Mrs. Ashley Forrest, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:31 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. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

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. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Kim Greek requested approval of the personnel list as presented with one person requesting a leave of absence (for action), nine 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.

Mr. John Basilice requested approval of the student assignment list with one student granted acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as amended. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from January 13, 2025, as presented. 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 January 13, 2025, Open Session and the December 27, 2024, credit card statement were approved as presented.

### RECOGNITIONS

Eight persons from Forest Park Elementary School were recognized: student Ayden Humphreys, student Addison Thomas, FP PTO volunteers, bus driver Latoya Borders, instructional assistant Carrie Gentry, BT1 Evelyn Craig, BT2 Juliana Ballin, and teacher Daniel Safrit. Shady Brook teacher Savannah Johnson was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month, as was retiree Dale Bullock. Board members also recognized Beryl Torrence as the North Carolina nominee for the RISE award.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Peek with Peek into a New Horizon Nex Gen introduced himself and his non-profit after-school and enrichment program.

### FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Andy Deal with Anderson, Smith & Wike shared his report from the financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2024. He issued an unmodified opinion with one finding that was already corrected.

### BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Board meeting dates for 2025-2026 were reviewed by the Board. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the calendar of dates as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

### ACADEMICS UPDATE

Dr. Chris Triolo shared the tailored support visit with the NCDPI Regional Support Team led by Dr. Heather Mullins, Director of the Southwest Region. He provided an overview of the visit, the data collected, and the follow up with principals, as well as next steps.

#### BOARD POLICIES FOR FIRST READ

Mr. John Basilice reviewed recommended revisions to policies related to student assignment. After discussion, amendments were made to policy 4130 to include some additional clarifying language. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the policies as amended on first read. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

- 4130 Discretionary Admission and Release
- 4150 School Assignment

#### OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Scott Rodgers shared updates on current projects in the district.

#### FINANCE UPDATE

Ms. Greek shared there was no superintendent travel to report for the previous month.

Ms. Greek also presented the monthly budget report for Board review.

Dr. Buckwell, Dr. Triolo, and Mr. Rodgers shared budget updates with the Board that included current and planned budget reductions, the budget request timeline, and the KCS budget priorities to be included in the request.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

#### ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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Dr. Chip Buckwell, Interim Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair