

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: March 3, 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
Dr. Mandi Campbell
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. Parker 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. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:34 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 no persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), eight persons leaving employment (for information), ten persons recommended for employment (for action), and three persons 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. Clark made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from February 10, 2025, as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and a second from Mrs. Cook, the minutes from the February 10, 2025, Open Session, the January 27, 2025, credit card statement, and the February 13, 2025 Head Start Policy Council minutes were approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from Shady Brook Elementary School were recognized: student Cesar Penaloza Pontifes, student Charlotte Newsom, volunteer Joey Adkins, bus driver Thaddeus Smith, data manager and financial secretary Patty Hipp, and teacher Deslyn Phillip-Sutherland. North Kannapolis STEM teacher Jennifer Brazee was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month, as was retiree Mike Booth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

HEAD START GRANT REQUEST

Dr. Jennifer Baucom presented her 2025-2026 Refunding Application for a total of \$1,737,255. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the grant request application as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

2024-2025 SUMMER PROGRAM PLAN

Dr. Triolo presented the Summer Program Plan. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Summer Program Plan as presented. Mrs. McCombs 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 REGULATIONS

Mr. John Basilice recommended two new regulations related to student assignment. Mrs. Cook made a motion to approved the regulations as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

- 4130 R – Student Standards & Expectations for Students Enrolled Through Discretionary Admission

- 4150 R – Student Standards & Expectations for Students Enrolled Through Approved Transfers

BOARD POLICIES FOR SECOND READ

Mr. John Basilice reviewed the requested revisions to policies related to student assignment. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approved the revisions as presented. Mrs. Parker 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. He also shared how much of the FLW Owner’s Contingency had been used for the new construction to date and the plans as the renovations of the existing building begin.

FINANCE UPDATE

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

Ms. Greek also reviewed the monthly budget report for Board review. She presented four amendments:

- State Fund Amendment #1
- Federal Fund Amendment #2
- Capital Fund 4 Amendment #1
- Local Fund 8 Amendment #1

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Buckwell shared budget updates with the Board that included the request being made to Rowan County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements and upcoming events were discussed.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:49 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

Dr. Mandi Campbell requested one additional person recommended for employment be added to the personnel list. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the personnel list as amended. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Dr. Chip Buckwell, Interim Superintendent

Todd Adams, Chair