

KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Date: September 8, 2025	Present:	Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
		Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Time: 5:00 PM		Mrs. Anita Parker
		Mrs. Brenda McCombs
		Mrs. Kristina Cook
		Dr. Sara Newell
Place: Kannapolis City Schools		Dr. Erin Anderson
Board Room		Dr. Jennifer Brinson
		Mrs. Nicole Keaton
		Mr. John Basilice
		Mr. Brian Shaw, Attorney
		Mrs. Sara Royer, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:02 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Cook that the Board convene in Closed Session, 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. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:31 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

Mrs. Nicole Keaton requested approval of the personnel list as amended with four persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), thirteen persons leaving employment (for information), fourteen persons recommended for employment (for action), and two persons recommended for employment change (for information). Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the personnel list as amended. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. John Basilice requested approval of the student assignment list as presented with no students granted acceptance and one student denied acceptance to Kannapolis City Schools, and no students granted release from 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.

#### APPROVALS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Parker and a second from Mrs. Cook, the minutes from the August 4, 2025, Open Session, the August 27, 2025, credit card statement, and the Superintendent Resolution were approved.

#### RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Gary Andersen was recognized as a nominee for CTE Teacher of the Year by NCCAT and DPI. Gage Whitney and Desire Stout-Bennett were also recognized for their acceptance and completion of the Governors School. Six persons from Jackson Park Elementary School were recognized: student Willa Fink, student Alan Cervantes, teacher Josh Sherrill, teacher assistant Teresa Dotson, bus driver Rick Mills, volunteer English Smith. Lou Mueller, Social Studies Teacher at Kannapolis Middle School 7/8, was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month for September.

#### NC HEAD START APPROVAL

Dr. Jennifer Baucom presented a NC Head Start grant for a kitchen remodel to McKnight and repair pipes that are original to the building from the 1930's. Mrs. Kristina Cook made the motion to approve the plan and Mr. Kevin Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

#### STATE DATA REPORT

Dr. Jennifer Brinson shared celebrations and areas for growth around the district from the newly released State Data Report.

#### DAKTRONICS PRESENTATION

Mr. Adam Monteith presented a possibility for a video board for the Kannapolis Memorial Stadium with Daktronics. The approximate cost of the project would be \$300,000-\$350,000, with the plan to sell sponsorship and finance the project. The Board unanimously agreed for Mr. Monteith to pursue the possibility with local businesses for sponsorship opportunity to see if the project has the potential to move forward.

#### BOARD POLICIES FOR FIRST READ

Dr. Newell presented policy revisions recommended by the North Carolina School Board Association in their Spring/Summer PLS Update, and reviewed by Poyner Spruill. Mr. Clark

made a motion to approve the policies as presented on first read. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

- 7130 Licensure

#### BOARD POLICY FOR SECOND READ

Dr. Newell presented one policy for second read. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

- 1510 School Safety
- 2302 Remote Participation in Board Meetings
- 2342 Voting Methods
- 3225 Technology Responsible Use
- 3400 Evaluation of Student Progress
- 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability
- 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
- 4040-7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4240-7312 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
- 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
- 6330 Insurance for Student Transportation Services
- 7100 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
- 7340 Employee Dress and Appearance
- 9210 Care and Maintenance of Grounds and Outdoor Equipment

#### OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Rodgers provided an update on the status several projects, including the FLW parking lot lighting, digital sign for FLW, RFQ's for JP and ALB additions and the cutting down of the tree at ALB in front of the cafeteria.

#### FINANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Forrest shared there was no superintendent travel for August. She also shared a budget update, budget timeline, and a budget amendment. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented and Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried. There have also been significant Windstream savings through SkyGlass, and that will continue throughout the school year.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements including the FLW BOE visit on 9/16, as well as the NCSBA Regional Meeting being held at KCS CO on 9/18. All BOE members will be attending on 9/18. Dr. Sara Newell proposed changing the date of the 6/8 BOE meeting to 6/1, and Mr. Kevin Clark made a motion to approve the date change, and Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board returned to Closed Session at 9:01 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:24 p.m.

Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from August 4, 2025, as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Dr. Sara Newell, Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair

September 9, 2025