KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Kannapolis City Schools
Board Room

Present:
Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Mrs. Anita Parker
Mrs. Brenda McCombs
Mrs. Kristina Cook
Dr. Sara Newell
Dr. Erin Anderson
Dr. Jennifer Brinson
Dr. Mandi Campbell
Mr. John Basilice
Mr. Brian Shaw, Attorney
Mrs. Sara Royer, 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. Kristina 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. ll5C-3l9 through -321. Mrs. Anita Parker 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. Mrs. Brenda McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION
Mr. John Basilice requested approval of the student assignment list as amended with two students granted acceptance, five students 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. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Mandi Campbell requested approval of the personnel list as amended with one person requesting a leave of absence (for action), six persons leaving employment (for action), four persons recommended for employment (for action), and one person recommended for employment change (for information). Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the personnel list as amended. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from January 12, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

The minutes from January 12, 2026, Open Session, the January 27, 2026, credit card statement, the January 8, 2026 Head Start Policy Council Minutes, were approved following a motion from Mr. Kevin Clark and a second from Mrs. McCombs and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Six persons from Fred L. Wilson Elementary School were recognized: student Victoria Windsor, student Diego Reyes, Certified Staff Member Anna Hogan, Classified Staff Member Teresa Mims, and Community Partner Karen Robinson. Brenda Mercer, Teacher at North Kannapolis Elementary School, was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month for February.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

BOARD POLICY FOR FIRST READ

Dr. Mandi Campbell presented one policy for first read. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the policy as presented on second read. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

- 7520 Family and Medical Leave

KCS STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT FOR SECOND READ

Dr. Jennifer Brinson presented the KCS Strategic Plan 2025-2030 Draft for Second Read.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Erin Anderson presented Curriculum Updates for the district, including details regarding instructional framework, ways to engage learning, and ways to check learning often.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR APPROVAL

The Board Meeting Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year was presented, as amended, by Dr. Newell, which included adding a July 13 BOE meeting, and rescheduling the BOE to GWC to

December 8. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the calendar as amended with Mrs. Cook giving the second and the motion carrying.

BUDGET REQUEST UPDATE

Dr. Newell presented the Budget Request Update for the district, which included a 9% increase in funding from Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, as well as increasing the local supplement from 9.5% to 10%. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the Budget Request Update as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Dr. Newell provided an update on the status of facilities around the district. Mr. Rodgers was able to use the new plow on the tractor with the recent winter weather, and it went great.

The installation of the new playground at Forest Park has started, and the new playground at FLW is complete, and students are loving it. North Kannapolis is undergoing some roof work and repairs, and ALB and JP are continuing to work with architects on upcoming additions.

FINANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Forrest shared the superintendent travel and expenses for January. She also shared a budget report and amendments, with the monthly report showing at 60% through the school year, the district is in really good shape. A revised pension spiking letter was received and that number has gone from 11 down to 5.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Newell had several announcements including that elementary principals were recognized for growth with certificates.

The BOE visit to KMS 7/8 will be rescheduled following the winter weather, and Dr. Newell will send dates for rescheduling after spring break.

Dr. Newell invited BOE members to the Breakfast for the Arts, presented by the Cabarrus Arts Council on May 7, and will also check with principals to fill the remaining seat.

The Board returned to Closed Session at 8:23 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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Dr. Sara Newell, Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair