KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 5:37 PM

Place: Kannapolis City Schools
Board Room

Present:
Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Mrs. Anita Parker
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 5:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
At 5:37 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Anita Parker 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. Mr. Kevin Clark 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. Kristina Cook 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 forty students granted acceptance, and thirty students granted release from Kannapolis City Schools. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

Dr. Mandi Campbell requested approval of the personnel list as amended with zero persons requesting a leave of absence (for action), twelve persons leaving employment (for action), seven persons recommended for employment (for action), zero persons recommended for employment change (for information), and two person recommended for contingent employment. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the personnel list as amended. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and open the Closed Session minutes from February 9, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

The minutes from February 9, 2026, Open Session, the January 27, 2026, credit card statement, the February 12, 2026 Head Start Policy Council Minutes, were approved following a motion from Mrs. Parker and a second from Mrs. Cook and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Five persons from McKnight Child Development Center were recognized: student Maxton Carithers, student Kayden Howie, Certified Staff Member Janis Durgin, Classified Staff Member Sheree Russell, and Parent Volunteer Gaston Guevera. Twyonia Butler, Teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary School, was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month for March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

MCKNIGHT REFUND APPLICATION FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Jennifer Baucom presented the Refund Application for the 2026-2027 School Year for McKnight Child Development Center. Mrs. Cook made a motion to approve the Refund Application as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

BOARD POLICY FOR FIRST READ

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

- 4300 Student Behavior Policies

BOARD POLICY FOR SECOND READ

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

- 7520 Family and Medical Leave

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Scott Rodgers provided an update on the status of facilities around the district. The window tint at four KCS school sites is now finished, and will help with warm temperatures in classrooms and privacy without blinds.

The digital sign at Fred L. Wilson Elementary is installed and working, Forest Park Elementary is installed but is waiting on a new meter from Duke Energy, and the Shady Brook Elementary sign is set for installation on April 1.

FLW and GWC playgrounds are done and students are having a blast. Definitely a bright spot for each school.

New furniture for all kindergartens and first grades at elementary schools, except FLW, has been ordered with installation scheduled for this summer.

North Kannapolis media center wing roof replacement bids have gone out, as well as for NK refrigerators.

Forest Park has a plan to replace all HVAC vents this summer, with the mechanical room will be done at a later date.

The cell phone tower at KMS-6 is still maintained by Cabarrus County, with Cabarrus County cutting KCS a check quarterly for that revenue.

Also, the two construction projects for Jackson Park Elementary and A.L. Brown High School are continuing to work through design money, with updates pending regarding moving forward with construction.

FINANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Ashley Forrest shared the superintendent travel and expenses for February. She also shared a budget report and amendments, specifically State Amendment #4 and Federal Amendment #3. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Forrest also presented an audit contract with Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC for the Spring 2026 audit. It was presented with the understanding that services moving forward would be re-

evaluated. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the audit contract as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

2026-2027 CALENDAR ALBHS TESTING DAYS

Dr. Newell shared with the Board the need to make the first two days of testing full days instead of half days for A. L. Brown High School. The dates that would change to half days would be December 14/15, 2026 as well as May 19/20, 2027.

KANNAPOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2016- LOBS- LEASE

Dr. Newell presented a new, updated lease for Kannapolis Middle School that was out of date with Cabarrus County. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the lease contract as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

NEW LEGISLATION ON PRAYER IN SCHOOLS

Dr. Newell also shared the information on new legislation on prayer in schools, sharing details on the current state of the law concerning prayer and religious expression in public schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Newell had several announcements including the two state champions at A. L. Brown High School, Gavin Yow and Clear Wesley.

Kannapolis City Schools will be on Spring Break next week March 7 through March 15.

The Cabarrus County Commissioners meeting on Saturday, February 28 went great, with many compliments on the KCS presentation.

Dr. Newell also informed the Board that the City Schools Consortium has decided to cancel the contract with lobbyist John Metcalf, and all schools have agreed to being the search for another lobbyist for City Schools.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Dr. Sara Newell, Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair