KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: April 13, 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. 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. Mrs. Brenda McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:32 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 thirty-three students granted acceptance, thirty-four students granted release from, and one student denied entry to Kannapolis City Schools. Mr. Clark 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 zero persons requesting a leave of absence (for information), fifteen persons leaving employment (for action), six persons recommended for employment (for action), six persons recommended for employment change (for information), and five person recommended for contingent employment. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the personnel 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 March 2, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

The minutes from March 2, 2026, Open Session, the March 27, 2026, credit card statement, the March 19, 2026 Head Start Policy Council Minutes, were approved following a motion from Mrs. Cook and a second from Mr. Clark and the motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Five persons from A.L. Brown High School were recognized: student Matias Guerra, student Camora Roseman, Certified Staff Member Evelyn Carrasquillo, Classified Staff Member Toni Davis, and Community Partners and Parents Michael and Krystle Anthony. Amber Monroe, Teacher at Forest Park Elementary School, was recognized as the Hilbish Teacher of the Month for April. Jennifer Brazee, teacher at North Kannapolis Elementary School, was recognized with the NC SMT Outstanding K-8 Educator Award, and Matthew Minchew, teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary School, was recognized for his Excellence in the Arts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

CABARRUS & ROWAN COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Sara Newell presented the Cabarrus and Rowan County Budget Presentation, as amended. For Cabarrus County, KCS is including a requested increase of 8% in funding, including a 6% increase in Utilities, which is anticipated to see an increase of 12-15% over the next three years. Also, the remaining balance of $71,000 for an activity bus was requested.

Rowan County will be presenting for KCS, with the ask of a SRO in each building; and KCS will apply for a match with The Center for Safer Schools. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the budget request as amended. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

GO BOND RESOLUTION

Dr. Newell the CO Bond Resolution that included Cabarrus County Commissioners requesting a bond on the November ballot for $300-$400 million for construction.

DISTRICT RENTAL FEE UPDATES

Mrs. Kelly Fainter presented revisions on rental fees for KCS Facilities, including the removal of Gymnasium packages as a rentable option. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the District Rental Fee Updates as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

STUDENT FEE UPDATES

Dr. Newell reviewed the Student Fee Updates, including an increase to the Instructional Fee from $10 to $15. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the Student Fee Updates as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

SCHEDULING UPDATES

Dr. Jennifer Brinson presented Scheduling Updates including information on the upcoming split of KMS 6 and KMS 7/8. A logistics review was also given, and meetings have been held with staff regarding any questions, and concerns. Work is ongoing to create an identity for each building, as well as changes of schedules. Next steps include continuing conversations with Encore staff, community members, planning with staff, schedules and the placement of staff.

BOARD POLICY FOR FIRST READ

Dr. Newell presented one policy for first read. KCS will reach out to the Board Attorney regarding some changes and questions from the Board, and will bring this Policy back for First Read in May.

- 3320 School Trips

BOARD POLICY FOR SECOND READ

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

- 4300 Student Behavior Policies

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Scott Rodgers provided an update on the status of facilities around the district. The digital signs at Forest Park and Shady Brook have been completed and are operational. Work to the roof of the North Kannapolis Elementary School will take place this summer. The KPAC had gravel inside the building and that has been remedied. Memorial Stadium has a broken pipe that is under construction, and should be fixed soon.

Mr. Rodgers also presented the Architectural Agreement for the Jackson Park addition. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the Architectural Agreement as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

FINANCE UPDATE

Mrs. Ashley Forrest shared that there was no Superintendent Travel for April. She also shared a budget report and amendments, specifically State Amendment #5, Federal Amendment #4, and Local Fund Amendment #3. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mrs. Cook gave the second and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Newell had several announcements including Board of Education visit at Forest Park Elementary School on Tuesday, April 21.

There will be a Retirement Party for City Manager, Mike Legg, on April 27 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

There is a NCAE event in Raleigh on May 1, and the district is currently monitoring staff attendance.

Mr. Todd Adams presented a NCSBA survey and gathered input from other Board Members and submitted the survey.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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Dr. Sara Newell, Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair