KANNAPOLIS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: June 30, 2026

Time: 5:01 PM

Place: Kannapolis City Schools
District Office

Present:
Mr. Todd Adams, Chair
Mr. Kevin Clark, Vice Chair
Mrs. Anita Parker
Mrs. Brenda McCombs
Dr. Sara Newell
Dr. Erin Anderson
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 5:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
At 5:01 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 5:17 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Parker 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 three students granted acceptance, zero students granted release from, and one student denied entry to Kannapolis City Schools. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the student assignment list as presented. Mr. Kevin Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

Mrs. Nicole Keaton requested approval of the personnel list as amended with zero persons requesting a leave of absence (for information), twenty persons leaving employment (for action), twenty-two persons recommended for employment (for action), five persons recommended for employment change (for information), and three persons recommended for contingent employment. Mrs. McCombs 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 close the Closed Session minutes from June 1, 2026, as presented. Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

APPROVALS

The minutes from June 1, 2026, Open Session, and the June 27, 2026, credit card statement were approved following a motion from Mr. Kevin Clark. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

DRIVERS EDUCATION UPDATES

Mr. Mike Wolford of A.L. Brown High School presented his proposal for revisions to the KCS Drivers Education Program. There is currently a law in NC, but it is not practical to enforce. Mr. Wolford proposed that students will not be able to take drivers education unless they are on track to graduate. They must also be passing 75% of their classes, have no suspensions for drugs and/or alcohol, have no suspensions for longer than 10 consecutive days, and be present for 80% of their class periods. Mrs. Parker made a motion to approve the revisions as presented, and Mrs. McCombs gave the second and the motion carried.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE FEE ADJUSTMENT

Dr. Erin Anderson shared that due to the rising costs, as well as other factors, that the Before & After School Fees for KCS would need to increase for the upcoming year. The program is still extremely affordable for families and staff members. Mrs. McCombs made a motion to approve the Before & After School Care Fee Adjustments as presented. Mr. Clark gave the second and the motion carried.

ELEMENTARY DISCIPLINE MATRIX

Dr. Sara Newell presented the Elementary Discipline Matrix for the Board to review. This will allow for consistent adoption across all Elementary Schools. Dr. Newell will continue to this process with the Administrative teams at Elementary Schools on implementation.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CONVERSATION

Dr. Newell informed the Board of an area near North Kannapolis Elementary, namely 16th & Pethel, Sand Hill/Baker Creek area that has five students attending G.W. Carver Elementary, when they are zoned for North Kannapolis Elementary. There is the potential for additional housing, and Dr. Newell would like to offer the five students currently attending GWC the opportunity to move to NKE.

This would allow the areas in question to be clearly split, and any students in those areas would go to their zoned school. The five students in question would be grandfathered in, as well as any siblings that may come in the future. The Board agreed with Dr. Newell's suggestions and would like to move forward with contacting affected families regarding the 2026-2027 school year.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Steve Belk and Mr. Scott Rodgers provided an update on the status of facilities around the district. HVAC for Forest Park Elementary continues to be on schedule.

Design work continues with YCH and Little on the ALB and JP projects, including a meeting earlier today with Little to finalize colors, flooring, and cafeteria details.

Memorial Stadium plumbing work is complete, as well as painting on the Visitor's side of the stadium. The timeline for completion of painting is a bit loose, as the first home game for football is not until September 4.

FINANCE YEAR-END REPORT

Mrs. Forrest shared updates for the Finance Department that included Amendment #7 was an adjustment for accounting standards. Local Fund #2 was moving teacher costs that were moved to cover Charter Schools and energy costs. Federal Fund #3 included purpose code moves. Capital Fund #4 allowed for bus payments. Head Start Fund #7 was moving Before School revenue to cover salaries. Local Fund #8 was Hinson Grant coverage, McKnight Before School Care, GEER Cabarrus and Rowan. Charter School payments totaled $1,234,000 for the 2025-2026 School Year.

The Year-End Report included Local Fund #1 carry-over of Technology, Summer Reading Camp (through October), At-Risk Students, CTE, and Textbooks. Fund #2 is looking much better because of cost-saving changes that were made last year.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution as presented. Mrs. Parker gave the second and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Newell had several announcements including the July 13 BOE meeting has been cancelled, and the Board Retreat will be on Thursday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m., aligning with the Superintendent Review. This meeting will need to be noticed to the public, but no business will be conducted.

The NCSBA has presented a video library that would be available for Board Members to complete training requirements, in addition to Vector. The cost is $1,500 and the Board would like to review before making a final decision.

Dr. Newell also announced that Mr. John Basilice was nominated for the Student Services Safety Director of the Year through The Center for Safer Schools.

The Board took a recess at 6:18 p.m., returned to Closed Session at 6:22 p.m., and returned to Open Session at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Dr. Sara Newell, Superintendent

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Todd Adams, Chair