

Approved Minutes- December 18,
2025

The Kent Center School Board of Education will attend a Special Meeting on

Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:20 p.m.

In the Principal's Conference Room at KCS

1. Call to Order
 - a. Board of Education Chair Heather Brand called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.
 - b. In attendance were Board members Heather Brand, Naomi Joseph, Kate Symonds, Tony DiPentima, Cinda Clark, and Region 1 Superintendent Melody Brady-Shanley (via Google Meet).
2. [Policy- Live Animals in School](#) {Action Anticipated}
 - a. Melody Brady-Shanley shared and discussed the policy.
 - b. Tony DiPentima made a motion to accept the policy. The motion was seconded by Kate Symonds and carried unanimously at 5:35 p.m.
3. Executive Session- KCS BOE Candidate Interviews {Action Anticipated}
 - a. Kate Symonds made a motion at 5:39 p.m. to move to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tony DiPentima and carried unanimously.
 - b. At 6:03 p.m., a motion was made by Tony DiPentima to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Naomi Joseph and carried unanimously.
 - c. Kate Symonds made a motion to accept Mary Ellen Epstein's application to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Naomi Joseph and carried unanimously.
4. Adjourn
 - a. Tony DiPentima made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kate Symonds and carried unanimously.

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