

Approved Minutes- June 11, 2025

The Kent Center School Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at **5:30** in the KCS Library.

Present were BOE members Jenn Duncan, Heather Brand, Naomi Joseph, and Kate Symonds.
Also present were Principal Michelle Mott, Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley and Asst.
Superintendent Jeanine Rose.

1. Call to Order- Jenn Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.
2. Approval of Agenda - Naomi Joseph made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 8c Tuition Policy and the addition of 8a Recommendation to Hire. Heather Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consent Agenda: Heather Brand made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Kate Symonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of Minutes of [May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting](#)
 - b. Approval of Minutes of [May 22, 2025 Special Meeting](#)
 - c. Facilities and Safety- Jenn Duncan
 - d. Budget- Kate Symonds, Jenn Duncan
 - e. ABC meeting- Jenn Duncan
 - f. Community Relations Committee- Heather Brand, Naomi Joseph
 - g. Middle School Sports- Naomi Joseph, Jenn Duncan
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only-none
5. Recognition/Student Spotlight-none
6. Written Communication
 - a. [RTC Letter](#)
7. Region One Report- Jenn Duncan gave her R1 Report highlights which included approval of field trips, Robotics demonstration, approval of new math program, policy approval, school store presentation, BOE meetings in person VS Virtual.
8. Business
 - a. Recommendation to Hire- Kate Symonds made a motion to approve the hiring of Emily Piescki as the new KCS Art teacher at an MA Step 1 with a salary of \$55,125.00 Naomi Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Second [Read Policies](#) Heather Brand made a motion to accept policies 1212, 4121, 3323, and 5144.12. Naomi Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - i. Policy 1212 Volunteers
 - ii. Policy 4121 Substitute Teachers
 - iii. Policy 3323 Soliciting Bids and Prices
 - iv. [Policy 5144.12 Challenging Behavior](#)
 - c. Transportation on Schaghticoke Road - 18:14 Heather Brand made a motion to give the superintendent the authority to offer a KCS family \$50 per day, or up to \$100 per day, for the transportation of their child from their home on Schaghticoke Rd to the bus stop at the end of Schaghticoke Rd. or to KCS and with that agreement we would waive the KCS

transportation policy reimbursement. Naomi Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Administrative Reports:

- a. [Principal's Report](#)- Michelle Mott
- b. [Assistant Superintendent of Schools' Report](#)- Jeanine Rose
- c. [Superintendent of Schools' Report](#)- Melony Brady-Shanley

1. Public Comment-None

10. Adjourn- Heather Brand made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm. Naomi Joseph second the motion.

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