

Approved- Minutes-October 7, 2020

The Kent Center School Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

In attendance were KCS BOE members Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso, Scott Trabucco, Dana Slaughter, Bethany Keck and Jenn Duncan. Also in attendance were Principal Michelle Mott, Interim Superintendent Lisa Carter, Interim Asst. Superintendents Jill Pace and Scott Fellows and KCS Staff members Kathleen Robey, Valerie Vega, Ane Starr and recently retired Gr. 1 teacher, Nancy Ackerman.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order- Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso called the meeting to order at 5:03
2. Approval of Agenda-Dana Slaughter made a motion to approve the October 7, 2020 Agenda of the KCS BOE meeting. Scott Trabucco seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval Minutes of September 16, 2020 and September 28, 2020, Special meetings- Scott Trabucco made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2020 and September 28, 2020, Special meetings. Dana Slaughter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment- none
5. Recognition of Those Who Contribute to KCS- Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso recognized Nancy Ackerman for her years of unselfish service to KCS and for leading by example.
6. Written Communication- Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso read a letter from Grade 1 teacher Amanda Forbes, requesting a waiver of the 2nd tuition payment for her daughter, now that Amanda is a KCS staff member. Jenn Duncan made a motion to refund Amanda Forbes for the 1st tuition payment and to waive the 2nd tuition payment. Scott Trabucco seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Region One Report – Jenn Duncan read highlights of her report.
8. Business
 - a. Kent Education Association MOA Approval- Lisa Carter reported that she met with the board representatives to talk about Distance Learning and the extra time it takes to prepare for Distance Learners. A scale of reimbursement was created for paying teachers a curriculum rate based on the number of Distance Learning students. They also discussed in-person students who were out sick and would like to participate in Distance Learning. The teachers requested up to two days to prep materials and lessons. The negotiations will continue for now.
 - b. Policy Review - Series 0000
 1. [Policy #0050](#) - First Read- Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.
 2. [Policy #0100](#) - First Read- Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.

3. [Policy #0200](#) - First Read-Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.
4. [Policy #0521](#) - First Read- Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.
5. [Policy #0521.2](#) - First Read-Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.
6. [Policy #0523](#) - First Read-Second read will take place in the November KCS BOE Meeting.

c. Review Tuition Policy for students of Region One Staff- The KCS BOE will look further into this subject.

d. Discussion of the Entryway Project- Michelle Mott reported that Marty Lindenmayer has requested that we be put on the agenda for the Kent Board of Finance. \$140,000 is needed and has to go to a town vote. We are hoping to put the project out to bid in late November, in order to be ready to go next summer.

e. Approval of KCS Allstar Bus drivers- Scott Trabucco made a motion to accept the Allstar Transportation bus driver list as written. Jenn Duncan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Facilities and Safety - none
- b. Budget - none
- c. Wellness - Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso reported that the Wellness Committee will organize a “Wellness Walk” for the KCS Staff.
- d. ABC meeting - Jenn Duncan stated that most of the discussion centered around a regional custodial position.
- e. IT - none
- f. Community Relations Committee - none
- g. Policy Committee- Please see 8b
- h. Middle School Sports Activities- none

10. Administrative Reports:

- a. Principal’s Report- Michelle Mott- Mrs. Ackerman read highlights of her report which included celebrating retiring teacher Nancy Ackerman with a school-wide “Nancy Ackerman Day” staff and students all wore different shades of blue and red pipe cleaner glasses. Mrs. Mott also reports the student spotlight this month goes to all KCS students for being flexible and following all the new protocols set in place.
- b. Superintendent of Schools’ Report - Lisa Carter read highlights of her report. A copy of her report is on file
- c. Assistant Superintendent of Schools’ Report- Scott Fellows and Jill Pace read highlights of their report. A copy of their report is on file

11. Executive Session - Update of Superintendent Search Committee- Jenn Duncan made a motion to move into executive session at 6:37pm. Scott Trabucco seconded the motion. The KCS BOE came out of the executive session at 7:11pm.

12. Public Comment- none

13. Adjourn- Dana Slaughter made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm. Jenn Duncan seconded the motion.

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