

Approved Minutes- March 6, 2025

The Kent Center School Board of Education held a Special Meeting on
Thursday , March 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the KCS Library.

Present were Principal Michelle Mott, BOE members John Grant, Naomi Joseph, Jenn Duncan, and Kate Symonds. Also present (virtually) were Superintendent Melony Brady- Shanley and Asst. Superintendent Jeanine Rose. Family and friends of the KCS Scholars were also present.

**2025 Kent Center School Scholars Awards were presented to
Willy Brown, Noell Laurry, Alastair Schnepf and Gia Torzilli**

1. Call to Order- Jenn Duncan called the meeting to order at 4:11pm
2. Approval of Agenda- John Grant made a motion to approve the agenda. Kate Symonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consent Agenda: Kate Symonds made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Naomi Joseph Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of Minutes of [February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting](#)
 - b. Approval of Minutes [February 13, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting](#)
 - c. Approval of Minutes [February 25, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting](#)
 - d. Facilities and Safety
 - e. Budget
 - f. ABC meeting
 - g. Community Relations Committee
 - h. Middle School Sports
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only-None
5. Written Communication-None
6. Region One Report-Jenn Duncan gave the highlights of her report which included a presentation by the Music Theatre Society for the production of Urinetown, School Climate Survey results, Region 1 Budget, school security, graduation date, non-resident student request, updated job description, and executive session for a staff retirement, and CO employee contracts.
7. Business
 - a. [2025 - 2026 Kent Board of Education Budget](#)

John Grant made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 KCS BOE Budget with total KCS expenditure of \$5,222,492 or 1.98% over last year and the total regional expenditure of \$2,615,310 or 3.5% increase for a total board expenditure of \$7,837,802 or 2.48%. Kate Symonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. [Healthy Food Certification](#)
 - i. [Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC](#)

Kate Symonds Made a motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Kent Center School Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department

of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Naomi Joseph Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. [Required vote for food exemptions for BOEs voting “yes” to the healthy food option of HFC](#)

Kate Symonds Made a motion to vote yes to: The Kent Center School Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Naomi Joseph Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 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

9. Adjourn- Kate Symonds Made a motion to adjourn at 4:54. Naomi Joseph seconded the motion.

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