

KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

AND WORK SESSION KINNELON HIGH SCHOOL AUXILIARY CAFETERIA MAY 1, 2014

MINUTES

The Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2014-2015 School Budget/Work Session Meeting of the Kinnelon Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Kinnelon High School Auxiliary Cafeteria.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Denise Hatch, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and read the Meeting Notice followed by the Salute to the American Flag.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Denise Hatch, Board President Katie Stylianou, Vice President Jessica Barish Brian Davin Marianne DeAlessi Michael Petruccelli Marcy Pryor
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ABSENT	None
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ALSO PRESENT	Jim Minkewicz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent
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III. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

A. PRESENTATION OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

Ms. Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent, and Mr. Jim Minkewicz, Business Administrator, reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 school district budget.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

Questions from the public were asked and answered during the Budget Presentation.

C. ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

MOTION BY MRS. BARISH, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education adopts the 2014-2015 School Budget in the following Amounts:

General Fund	\$35,100,747
Grants	\$ 378,041
Debt Service	\$ 2,262,853
Total	\$37,741,641

Requiring a tax levy of:

General Fund	\$32,480,021
Debt Service	\$ 2,193,150
Total	\$34,673,171

Adjustment Health Benefits

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$135,105. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefits.

**Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal
Kiel Roof and Fire Alarm**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$180,747. The district intends to utilize these funds for the Roof and Fire Alarm at the Kiel School.

**Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal
Kinnelon High School Roof**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$151,233. The district intends to utilize these funds for the Roof at the High School.

**Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
2014-2015**

WHEREAS, the Kinnelon Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$45,000 for all staff and board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Dr. Pryor commented on the third grade class size. Ms. DiGiuseppe remarked that any growth in class size will be considered as we get closer to the beginning of the new school year.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	Mrs. Barish Mr. Davin Mrs. DeAlessi Mr. Petruccelli Dr. Pryor Mrs. Stylianou Mrs. Hatch
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IV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. DiGiuseppe reported on the following:

- NJ ASK testing is taking place in the Middle School next week
- Congratulations to Mrs. Hendricks on her Grammy Award nomination
- Second round of interviews for High School Vice Principal are underway
- Focus is now on hiring the needed staff for the 2014-2015 school year

V. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. REVIEW MAY 22, 2014 MEETING AGENDA

The Board reviewed the motions slated for the May 22, 2014 Board Meeting. Ms. DiGiuseppe commented on the following:

- Discussed Curriculum writing that will be up for approval
- Staff renewal will be addressed at the meeting
- Web Master positions have been created to assist with web usage going forward
- There will be several maternity leaves for the beginning of the new school year

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel
 - Committee is meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014
- B. Education
 - Committee will meet on June 12, 2014
- C. Policy
 - Committee is meeting on May 19, 2014
- D. Finance/Budget
- E. Facilities
 - Meeting regarding phone system upgrades
- F. Negotiations
 - Committee is meeting on May 6, 2014
- G. Delegates
 1. New Jersey School Boards Association
 2. Morris County School Boards Association
 3. Legislative Representative
 - Dr. Pryor discussed current legislation in Public Schools
 4. Morris County Educational Services Commission
- H. Coordinating Committee
- I. Teacher Liaison Committee
- J. KAMELOT
 - Mrs. Hatch reported that they are funding Project Graduation
 - Will meet with 8th graders to assist with transition from Middle School to High School
- K. Student Representative

Other comments:

- Mrs. DeAlessi read In the paper that Greystone has 4 turf fields that are up for rent

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- Status of the application regarding the Borough and the High School turf field.

- District needs to continue looking at potential threats and should reconsider having a school resource officer. Additional security trainings should be provided for staff.
- Third grade class size

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Comments were made regarding:

- Decision day for Seniors
- Congratulations to the Seniors – only 6 weeks to go to graduation
- Congratulations to Mrs. Barish and Mr. Davin for their work on the budget
- Thank you to the public for coming out tonight
- Mr. Hynes retirement – sorry to see him go

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MRS. STYLIANOU TO ADJOURN INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION AT 9:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

THE BOARD RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION AT 10:35 P.M.

MOTION BY MR. DAVIN, SECONDED BY MR. PETRUCCELLI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:36 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Minkewicz
Board Secretary