

**KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
7:00 P.M.
AUGUST 20, 2020**

MINUTES

Please be advised that the Kinnelon Board of Education has scheduled a Special Meeting on August 20, 2020 and will take place as planned. However, the meeting will occur electronically on a device or over the phone. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, community members will have the opportunity to witness the BOE conduct business via phone or video conference. Public comments will be facilitated as usual.

The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday through Zoom, a video, and audio conferencing application. The link for the meeting can be found on the Kinnelon Public Schools.org website just below the picture on the District Home Page.

The Kinnelon Board of Education met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss:

Legal – Re-opening plan

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and read the Meeting Notice.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of the act, the Kinnelon Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published in the Suburban Trends on August 19, 2020, posted in the Kinnelon Public Library, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the District web site.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Board President Dr. Peter Hughes, Vice President Dr. Marianne DeAlessi Ms. Michelle Donus Mrs. Megan Fischbeck Mr. David Gigante Mr. Nathan Nussbaum
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ABSENT	None
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ALSO PRESENT Kerry A. Keane, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent
 Kyle Trent, Board Attorney

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. DiGiuseppe reported:

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to make a change to the 2020-2021 school calendar and to discuss the re-opening plan.

A Hybrid model has been put together per New Jersey Department of Education specifications. We expect an on-site visit by the NJEA to assess our facility.

Mr. Petruccelli addressed public comment which will be limited to 30 minutes total.

VI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- Will High School students have different virtual teachers? Will masks be worn all day?

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. POLICY COMMITTEE
(Ms. Donus-Chair, Mrs. Fischbeck, Mr. Gigante)

Agenda Item #1 and #2 represent the Policy Committee's recommendation. They were voted upon as a group.

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the **Boys and Girls Club of Pequannock**, as a Before and Aftercare provider for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a **revision of the 2020-2021 School Calendar** to reflect the following as per **Policy Attachment A**:

- Thursday, September 10, 2020, to be the first day of school for students.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Election Day, Schools & Offices Closed as per Governor Murphy's order.
- Thursday, June 17, 2021 and Friday, June 18, 2021 - Full day for staff and students
- Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - Minimum/half day for students
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 - Last day for staff

MOTION BY DR. DeALESSI, SECONDED BY MRS. FISCHBECK TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 AND ITEM #2 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Board discussion on the reopening of school.

- The Board discussed the opening of school and legal issues.
- We will use a Hybrid plan on September 10, 2020.
- Dr. Hughes indicated that it is a strong plan and the Board should support it as a Board and approve it.
- Dr. DeAlessi appreciates the plan and supports a plan but does not agree with a Hybrid opening.
- We need to go back to the Calendar motion and change the June dates from 2020 to 2021.

MOTION BY DR. HUGHES, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO OPEN SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, USING A HYBRID PLAN. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	Ms. Donus Mrs. Fischbeck Mr. Gigante Dr. Hughes Mr. Petruccelli
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ABSTAIN	Dr. DeAlessi Mr. Nussbaum
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VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FISCHBECK AND SECONDED BY DR. HUGHES TO AMEND ITEM #2 UNDER POLICY TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN THE YEAR FROM 2020 TO 2021 AS

DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- AP classes
- Meeting with High School teachers on September 8
- Thank you for all your work
- Same teacher for each subject

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Gigante – Can you review what teachers will look like? Over the past weeks the community has come together, we need to stay safe.
- Ms. Donus – Thanks to all, no plan is perfect but we need to stay positive.
- Mrs. Fischbeck – Thanks to everyone putting the hybrid plan together.
- Mr. Nussbaum – Commended Ms. DiGiuseppe and everyone who put this plan together. The Governor should have taken a stand. Should all go virtual.
- Dr. DeAlessi – Feels the same as Mr. Nussbaum.
- Ms. DiGiuseppe – Asymptomatic spread is hindering the opening of schools. We need to decrease community spread.
- Mr. Petruccelli – Thank you to the administrative team and the re-opening committee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY DR. DeALESSI, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:38 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry A. Keane
Board Secretary

A Cohort Days B Cohort Days

September

3-4 Teacher professional development (PD) students do not attend

7 - Labor Day - Schools and offices closed

10 - First Day of school for students

Modified hybrid the first week AB no all virtual day

28 - Yom Kippur - Schools and offices closed

November

3 - Election Day - Schools & offices closed

2 & 4 Modified Parent-Teacher Conferences -

Minimum/half day for students at PRM, Stonybrook and

Kiel ONLY TBD

5 - 6 Closed NJEA Convention

25 - Minimum/half day for students and staff

26 - 27 - Thanksgiving - Schools & offices closed

December

23 - Minimum/half day for students and staff

24-31 - Winter Break

January

1 - New Years Day - Schools & offices closed

18 - M.L. King Jr. Day - Schools & offices closed

February

12 - 15 - Presidents Weekend - Schools & offices closed

April

2 - Good Friday

5-9 - Spring Break

May

31 - Memorial Day - Schools & offices closed

June

22 & 23 - Minimum/half day for staff and students

23 - High School Graduation/Last Day for Students and Staff

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If more than 4 inclement weather days are used prior to April 1, 2021 an appropriate number of school days will be added to the calendar subtracting from the Spring Break beginning with April 9, 2021. If more days are needed to complete the 180-day requirement, they will be added in June and then as necessary. The date of the high school graduation may change depending upon inclement weather days during the year. If all inclement weather days are not used during the 2020-2021 school year, these additional days will be added into the calendar. ** Please note that November Parent Conferences are 1/2 days for Kiel, Stonybrook and PRM only. KHS has a full day schedule. School schedules are on the next page.

Approved 02/27/2020 Revised August 28, 2020