

**KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
8:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 8, 2020**

MINUTES

Please be advised that the Kinnelon Board of Education work session meeting scheduled for October 8, 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 8:00 p.m. on Thursday through Zoom Webinar, a video and audio presentation application. The link for the webinar can be found below and on the Kinnelon Public Schools website just below the picture on the District Home Page.

The Work Session meeting of the Kinnelon Board of Education was held electronically via Zoom Webinar on Thursday October 8, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 March 4, 2020, posted in the Kinnelon Public Library, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the District web site.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Mr. Petruccelli, Board President Dr. Peter Hughes, Vice-President Dr. Marianne DeAlessi (Arrived at 8:20) Ms. Michelle Donus Mrs. Megan Fischbeck Mr. David Gigante
ABSENT	Mr. Nathan Nussbaum
ALSO PRESENT	Kerry A. Keane, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. DiGiuseppe reported on the following:

- Thank you to KPAC for the meet and greet with Special Services Personnel on October 7, 2020. About 10 people attended.
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety will be discussed on October 26th.
- There are six National Merit Scholars this year.
- October 5th through October 9th is a Week of Respect.
- The week of October 19th through the 23rd is School Violence Awareness/Safe Schools week
- PSAT is being given on October 14th for 11th grade and on January 26th for 10th grade
- SAT is being given for grades 9-12 on Tuesday
- She reminded parents about the daily health screening form
- Free lunch
- Reminded everyone about the travel advisories
- Virtual Wednesdays was discussed

VI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- Are long-term substitutes certified teachers?
- Issues with virtual days – submission errors – problem with audio and hard to understand teachers
- Training sessions for parents for helping students with reading?
- OnCourse for mobile device – can you change user ID?
- Plans for Phase 2 opening
- Other submission errors
- Downloading/retrieving from OnCourse
- Teachers are not using homework tab
- Health forms automatically sent

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Items #1 through #5 represent the Personnel Committee's recommendations. They were voted upon as a group.

CERTIFIED STAFF

APPOINTMENTS

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Megan Zambell** as a 5th grade virtual support teacher at Stonybrook School, at an hourly rate of \$40, not to exceed 15 hours per week, effective on or about September 29, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year. This action is pending successful completion of all required criminal background checks and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education.
2. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves payment to **Jaqueline Tartaglia** for 3 hours of preparation time, at an hourly rate of \$55.09, to teach two classes on October 7, 2020 entitled "Technology for Educators Bootcamp", to be paid with **Title II Funds**.
3. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves payment to the following staff members to **disembark students from buses** and supervise those that arrive early at **Kiel School** each morning, beginning on October 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a stipend of \$900 each.

Jennifer Susicke

Rachael Parent

4. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following stipend adjustment for **Ben Contella** as Facilitator-The Core (formerly "Classic Corps"), from \$2,825 to \$2,663, at Pearl Miller School, for the 2020-2021 school year.

COACHES/CO-CURRICULAR/SUBSTITUTES/CLINICAL INTERNS/HOME INSTRUCTORS

5. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Bianca DiNardo** as a **Substitute Nurse** at a rate of \$200/day, for the 2020-2021 school year. This action is pending successful completion of all required criminal background checks and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education.

MOTION BY MRS. FISCHBECK, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 THROUGH #5 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

Agenda Item #6 and #7 were added to the agenda. They were voted upon as a group.

CERTIFIED STAFF

APPOINTMENTS

6. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Jonathan Melendez** to the position of **Long Term Substitute**, at a per diem rate of \$150 per day, effective on or about October 8, 2020 through on or about November 27, 2020, at Kinnelon High School for the 2020-2021 school year. This action is pending successful completion of all required criminal background checks and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

7. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves payment to the following staff members to **disembark students from buses** and supervise those that arrive early at **Stonybrook School** each morning, beginning on September 10, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a stipend of \$900 each.

Jeff Myhren Sean Pasieka Charleen Scully
Judith Deak through December, 31,2021 (Prorated)

MOTION BY MRS. FISCHBECK, SECONDED BY MS. DONUS TO APPROVE ITEMS #6 AND #7 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VIII. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 22, 2020 AGENDA

The Board reviewed the motions slated for the October 22, 2020 meeting.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel
(Dr. Hughes – Chair, Mr. Nussbaum, Ms. Donus)
 - No update
- B. Education
(Mrs. Fischbeck – Chair, Mr. Nussbaum, Dr. Hughes)
 - Committee met – trying to work virtual Wednesday
- C. Policy
(Ms. Donus – Chair, Mr. Gigante, Mrs. Fischbeck)
 - Committee met and sent out changes

- D. Finance/Budget
(Mr. Petruccelli – Chair, Dr. DeAlessi, Dr. Hughes)
 - No report
- E. Security/Facilities
(Mr. Gigante – Chair, Dr. DeAlessi, Ms. Donus)
 - No update
- F. Negotiations
(Mr. Petruccelli – Chair, Mrs. Fischbeck, Ms. Donus)
 - Committee met this week and discussed Wednesday
- G. Delegates
 1. New Jersey School Boards Association
(Dr. Hughes)
 - Dr. Hughes reminded everyone about the NJSBA Workshop on October 20-22. May like to plan a Board retreat.
 2. Morris County School Boards Association
(Mr. Petruccelli)
 - Attended the meeting
 3. Legislative Representative
(Mrs. Fischbeck)
 - Mrs. Fischbeck spoke to other Board of Education members regarding challenges and legislature
 4. Morris County Educational Services Commission
(Mr. Petruccelli)
- H. Coordinating Committee
(Mr. Nussbaum - Chair, Mr. Gigante, Mr. Petruccelli)
- I. Teacher Liaison Committee
(Mr. Nussbaum)
- J. Camelot
(Mr. Gigante)
 - Committee is meeting on Tuesday
- K. Kinnelon Education Foundation
(Ms. Donus)
- L. Student Representative
 - Representative will be appointed at the next meeting

Mr. Petruccelli noted that question and answer sessions are a good idea for keeping everyone informed.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed a possible retreat – New Jersey School Boards can facilitate, to work on Board of Education development together. Dr. DeAlessi noted that she doesn't think that it is appropriate. Mrs. Fischbeck liked the idea so they can turnkey what they learn at the School Boards Workshop.

Dr. DeAlessi noted her concern about students in the Arts.

XII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- Election Day executive order doesn't preclude virtual learning
- Can we post our re-opening plan on the website?

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dr. DeAlessi is thrilled about musical/arts
- Mr. Gigante urged everyone to stay positive
- Ms. Donus thanked the community for coming to the meeting
- Mrs. Fischbeck thanked Mr. Suda for rearranging SAT's at the High School. Shout out to all the teachers.
- Dr. Hughes thanked Ms. DiGiuseppe and Mr. Petruccelli for the new Zoom platform. We are trying to get back to "normal" with our week of respect, the drama and co-curricular activities.
- Mr. Petruccelli asked everyone to stay positive. Let's focus on what we are doing well. Teacher college seminars are being offered.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MS. DONUS, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:36 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry A. Keane
Board Secretary