

**KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
KINNELON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 6, 2022**

MINUTES

The Work Session Meeting of the Kinnelon Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jean Donaldson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:20 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 June 20, 2021, posted in the Kinnelon Public Library, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the District web site.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Mrs. Jean Donaldson, President Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Vice President Ms. Michelle Donus Mrs. Megan Fischbeck Mr. David Gigante Mrs. Kelly Parrella
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ABSENT	None
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ALSO PRESENT	Kerry A. Keane, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent
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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. DiGiuseppe reported on the following:

- There is a struggle in schools with staffing in all areas. Everyone has been pitching in to keep schools open. 290 students went virtual.

V. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT – Questions/Comments were made regarding:

- Parent – Accounting of legal cost associated with the D’Amico matter and OPRA.
- Dr. Peter Hughes – Citizen – The amount of money Mrs. D’Amico has cost the district.
- Mrs. Waibel – Parent and daughter – Disney princesses saved by a prince in regards to new literature classes (women in literature).

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(Mrs. Fischbeck - Chair, Mr. Gigante)
- B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Mr. Petruccelli - Chair, Mrs. Donaldson)

Agenda Items #1 through #3 represents the Personnel Committee's recommendations. They were voted upon as a group.

CERTIFIED STAFF

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/REDUCTION IN FORCE

APPOINTMENTS

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Kimberly Savolskis** to the position of full time 4th grade, **Leave Replacement Elementary School Teacher**, B.A. Degree, Step 1, at a total salary of \$56,962 (prorated), at Stonybrook School, effective January 3, 2022 through January 31, 2022.
2. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Annika Levitt**, remote Teacher for Covid-19 quarantined students, B.A. Degree, Step 14 at a total salary of \$84,297 (prorated), at Kiel School, retroactive from January 5, 2022 through January 31, 2022.

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/REDUCTION IN FORCE

APPOINTMENTS

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

3. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following to the position of **Substitute Teacher** for the 2021-2022 school year. This action is pending successful completion of all required criminal background checks and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Vanessa Knops Brian Pearl
Danielle Winkler Samantha Beck

MOTION BY MS. DONUS, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 THROUGH #3 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

- C. POLICY COMMITTEE
(Mr. Petruccelli)

VIII. REVIEW OF JANUARY 20, 2022 AGENDA

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel
(Mr. Petruccelli, Chair)
- B. Education
(Mrs. Fischbeck, Chair)
- C. Policy
- D. Finance/Budget
- E. Security/Facilities
(Mr. Gigante, Chair)
- F. Negotiations
(Ms. Donus, Chair)
- G. Delegates
 1. New Jersey School Boards Association
 2. Morris County School Boards Association
(Mrs. Fischbeck)
 3. Legislative Representative
 4. Morris County Educational Services Commission
(Mrs. Donaldson)

- H. Community Relations Committee
(Mrs. Donaldson - Chair, Mrs. Fischbeck, Mr. Petruccelli)
- I. KEA Teacher Liaison Committee
(Mr. Gigante - Chair, Ms. Donus, Mr. Petruccelli)
- J. Kamelot
(Mr. Gigante)
- K. Kinnelon Education Foundation
(Ms. Donus)

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MR. GIGANTE, SECONDED BY MR. PETRUCCELLI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry A. Keane
Board Secretary