

**KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
KINNELON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

MINUTES

The Work Session Meeting of the Kinnelon Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kinnelon High School Auditorium.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jean Donaldson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 January 16, 2022, 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, Board President
 Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Vice President
 Ms. Michelle Donus
 Mrs. Megan Fischbeck
 Mrs. Kelly Parrella

ABSENT Mr. David Gigante

ALSO PRESENT Kerry A. Keane, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. DiGiuseppe reported on the following:

- Academic Decathlon – did wonderful again this year. They will be going to states on February 26th.

- There is a change to the Security Drill Legislation and HIB- cyber-harrassment. (There was cyber activity at Pearl R. Miller this past week)
- The CALL report today showed we are moderate. On March 7th masks can become optional.

VI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Mr. Petruccelli - Chair, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Parrella)

Agenda Items #1 through #2 represents the Personnel Committee's recommendations. They were voted upon as a group.

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

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

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves **Jason Potzer** for an **Educational Leadership Program**, with Gary Suda, Vincent Shivas, David Doty, Hannah Sappio and Dawn Uttel for the Spring 2022 semester through Western Governors University.
2. 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.

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

Agenda items #3 and #4 were added to the agenda. They were voted upon as a group.

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/REDUCTION IN FORCE

3. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the unpaid Leave of Absence for **Joseph Demott**, for the period of February 11, 2022 through April 8, 2022.

APPOINTMENTS

4. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of **Rocha Delfino** to the position of **Full Time Custodian** at Kinnelon High School at a salary of \$39,196, Step 1 (prorated) of the Custodian/Maintenance Guide, effective on or about February 24, 2022 through June 30, 2022. This action is pending a successful completion of all required criminal background checks and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education.

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MRS. FISCHBECK TO APPROVE ITEMS #3 AND #4 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

- B. POLICY COMMITTEE
(Chair - Mr. Petruccelli, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Parrella)

Agenda item #1 was added to the agenda. It represents the Policy Committee's recommendation.

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the **HIB Report** for February 2022.

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

VIII. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AGENDA

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel
(Mr. Petruccelli, Chair)
 - Has not met, will meet week of February 22nd.

- B. Education
(Mrs. Fischbeck, Chair)
 - 5 year plan and how to publicize all programs at Kinnelon High School. Maybe they should host an open house?
 - C. Policy
(Mr. Petruccelli, Chair)
 - Committee will meet on February 14th.
 - D. Finance/Budget
(Mrs. Donaldson, Chair)
 - Has not met
 - E. Security/Facilities
(Mr. Gigante, Chair)
 - Absent
 - F. Negotiations
(Ms. Donus, Chair)
 - Has not met
 - G. Delegates
 1. New Jersey School Boards Association
(Mrs. Donaldson)
 - There is a class on African Americans on February 15th.
 2. Morris County School Boards Association
(Mrs. Parrella)
 - Meeting will take place next week.
 3. Legislative Representative
(Mrs. Fischbeck)
 - Basic skills requirements, Wellness Grant program, School District Regionalization, School Loan Program, Special Education Unit, reporting discipline data, Youth Council, Teacher Workforce Data, and School Bus Safety.
 4. Morris County Educational Services Commission
(Mr. Petruccelli)
 - March 9th is the Educational Services Board of Education Meeting.
 - H. Community Relations Committee
(Mrs. Parrella - Chair, Mrs. Donaldson)
 - Planning many different events throughout the community.
 - I. KEA Teacher Liaison Committee
(Mr. Petruccelli - Chair, Mr. Gigante)
 - Meetings will take place in February and March.
 - J. Camelot
(Mr. Gigante)
 - Absent
 - K. Kinnelon Education Foundation
(Ms. Donus)
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- Looking for more members. The next meeting will be via zoom. They are also looking for sponsors.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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

Comments were made regarding:

- Student – Doesn't understand why they have to wait until March 7th to stop wearing masks.
- Student – Basketball and soccer uniforms at Pearl R. Miller are really gross. There is not enough time to eat lunch at Pearl R. Miller school.
- Parent – Commend students for speaking up and upset that they have to wait until March 7th for masks optional. The new COVID safety plan needs to be updated. Contact tracing/ desk shield etc. Masks on buses.
- Parent – Mrs. W. – Why did the Board of Education table gender class? They put forth tons of STEM classes, books, etc. Diversity curriculum updated statements made in a bus.
- Parent – Mrs. P. – “Average” students need more opportunity in electives. Confirm “mask optional”.
- Student – Masks are a habit.
- Parent – Commented on masks.
- Student – Complaining about masks.
- Parent – Mr. W. – Disappointed about Stonybrooks handling of bullying of an LGBTQ student.
- Student – Happy that masks will be optional on March 7th. Why do they have to wait a month? Address the lunch situation at Pearl R. Miller.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Fischbeck – Thank you to all parent and kids who out tonight.

Ms. Donus – Thank you for coming out!

Mrs. Parrella – Commend young students who came out tonight.

Mr. Petruccelli – Thanks to students! Congratulations to the Decathlon students.

Mrs. Donaldson – Thank you to the students for coming out! We need to start focusing on students. Treat each other the way you want to be treated.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MRS. FISCHBECK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry A. Keane