

**KINNELON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
KINNELON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
6:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

MINUTES

The Special Public Meeting of the Kinnelon Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jean Donaldson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 posted in the Kinnelon Public Library, filed with the Borough Clerk and posted on the District web site.

II. ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT | Mrs. Jean Donaldson, Board President Mr. Michael Petruccelli, Vice President Ms. Michelle Donus Mr. Jonathan Eisenmenger Mrs. Megan Fischbeck Mr. David Gigante Mrs. Kelly Parrella |
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| ABSENT | None |
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| ALSO PRESENT | Kerry A. Keane, Board Secretary Dr. Anthony Riscica, Interim Superintendent Jodi Mulholland, Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kyle Trent, Board Attorney |
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MOTION BY MR. EISENMENGER, SECONDED BY MR. PETRUCCELLI TO AMEND THE ORDER OF AGENDA TO MOVE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO AFTER CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MOTION BY MRS. FISCHBECK, SECONDED BY MRS. PARRELLA TO AMEND THE CLOSED SESSION TO INCLUDE MALLIS – THREATENED LITIGATION. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MOTION BY MR. GIGANTE, SECONDED BY MS. DONUS TO BREAK INTO CLOSED SESSION. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits a public body to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters;

WHEREAS, the said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on September 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss:

1) Legal – Threatened Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kinnelon Board of Education reserves the right to discuss other matters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MRS. FISCHBECK TO CONVENE BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS

Comments were made regarding:

- Parent, Mr. W – Looks to the school to fill in the gap in education. Read the Kinnelon Mission Statement. 26 million cases of STDs and 13 million of that are aged 15-24.
- Parent, Mr. B – No one should be bullied or afraid of who they are.
- Parent, Mrs. L – What is the process for parents waiving materials.

- Parent, Ms. S – Thank you to the Board of Education. We need to move onto phase II and see the lesson plans.
- Parent, Mrs. D – Dr. Riscica and Mrs. Mulholland have the best interest of students. Concerned about what is next.
- Community Member, Mr. S – This is going to fan the flames of conflict.
- Community Member, Mrs. F – This curriculum belongs at home.
- Parent, Mrs. S – Has anyone asked the children? Kids would rather get it at school. Sex Education has been around for a while.
- Senior at Kinnelon High School, Ms. S – Students do not want to learn it outside of school. Irresponsible and short sighted not to teach it.
- Parent, Mrs. R – Respect of parent's boundaries.
- Parent, Mrs. S – This does not need to be taught in schools.
- Senior at Kinnelon High School, Mr. W – Teachers want what is best for students.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(Mrs. Fischbeck - Chair, Mr. Gigante, Mrs. Parrella)

Agenda Item #1 represents the Education Committee's recommendations.

1. The Kinnelon Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approves the revised **Curriculum** as listed on **Education Attachment A**.

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MRS. DONALDSON TO APPROVE ITEM #1 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES MR. EISENMENER
 MRS. FISCHBECK
 MR. GIGANTE
 MRS. PARRELLA
 MR. PETRUCCELLI
 MRS. DONALDSON

ABSTAINED MS. DONUS

- B. FACILITIES AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
(Mr. Gigante - Chair, Ms. Donus, Mr. Eisenmenger)

Agenda Item #1 represents the Facilities and Security Committee's recommendations.

1. Be it resolved that the Kinnelon Board of Education approve the following **Resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Kinnelon Board of Education ("Board") previously received a donation from the Kinnelon Junior Football Parents Association ("KJFPA") related to the construction of a new turf field and related items at its high school athletic complex; and

WHEREAS, the Donald W. Spiro Foundation has offered to make another grant of funds to the KJFPA for it to gift additional athletic complex components to the Board, including a grandstand with press box, sound system, and related items; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 28th day of September, 2022 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Grant Intention and Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A), accepts the donation delineated therein, and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Kinnelon Board of Education; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the approval of the Agreement, District officials are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the terms of the Agreement.

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

- C. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel
(Mr. Petruccelli, Chair)
- B. Education
(Mrs. Fischbeck, Chair)
- C. Policy
(Mr. Eisenmenger, Chair)
- D. Finance/Budget
(Mrs. Donaldson, Chair)
- E. Security/Facilities
(Mr. Gigante, Chair)
- F. Negotiations
(Ms. Donus, Chair)
- G. Delegates
 1. New Jersey School Boards Association

- (Mrs. Donaldson)
- 2. Morris County School Boards Association
(Mrs. Parrella)
- 3. Legislative Representative
(Mrs. Fischbeck)
- 4. Morris County Educational Services Commission
(Mr. Petruccelli)
- H. Community Relations Committee
(Mrs. Parrella - Chair, Mrs. Donaldson)
- I. KEA Teacher Liaison Committee
(Mr. Petruccelli - Chair, Mr. Gigante)
- J. Kamelot
(Mr. Gigante)
- K. Kinnelon Education Foundation
(Ms. Donus)

MOTION BY MR. PETRUCCELLI, SECONDED BY MR. EISENMENGER TO ADD THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE WITH ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

(Kristina Haviland) reported on the following:

- 2nd Annual tailgate and home football game.
- Kinnelon High School Back to School Night
- Week of Respect
- Homecoming Dance
- Spirit Week

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Roof on the sewer building at Stonybrook School. Attorney never got back to us. Will reach out to the Borough.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

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

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Petruccelli – We do have local control of what goes into the curriculum. Parental choice to opt-out. The Board of Education has talked about this process.

Mr. Gigante – There are multiple tasks here. Many of the items in the curriculum are necessary now. A lot is included.

Mr. Eisenmenger – Parent to three sons. There has always been an opt-out option in all the subjects. Commend the community for all the participation. There is a policy in place #2240 for controversial issues.

Mrs. Fischbeck – There is not a lot to add. Confident with the teachers in the district.

Mrs. Parrella – This is not an easy decision. Hesitation in the lower grades.

Dr. Riscica –Resource slides are for teachers to develop lesson plans, not for students. Sometimes teachers go rogue. If a teacher does, there are steps that we take. It is all going to take time.

Mrs. Fischbeck – Values come from your home. Have trust for all involved.

Mrs. Donaldson – Litigation issues about not adopting curriculum. Board Attorney reviewed potential measures. Explained QSAC and corrective action plan.

Mr. Petruccelli – Teacher PD as this is rolled out.

Mrs. Donaldson – The state approves the standards, the district develops the curriculum.

Dr. Riscica – Consequences for students if this is not voted upon.

Mrs. Parrella – Dr. Riscica and Mrs. Mulholland worked extremely hard on this.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MS. DONUS, SECONDED BY MR. GIGANTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry A. Keane
Board Secretary

| Curriculum | | | |
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| Project Number | Department | Subject/Course/Grade | Level |
| 1 | English | English I-IV (Social Issues Book Clubs Unit) | English 3/H/AP |
| 2 | English | Graphic Novel | CP/Sem |
| 3 | Music | Band 4-5 | Elem |
| 4 | PE/Health | PE/Health K-2 | Elem |
| 5 | PE/Health | PE/Health 3-4 | Elem |
| 6 | PE/Health | PE/Health 5 | Elem |
| 7 | PE/Health | Adaptive PE 3-5 | Elem |
| 8 | PE | PE 6-8 | MS |
| 9 | Health | Health 6 | MS |
| 10 | Health | Health 7 | MS |
| 11 | Health | Health 8 | MS |
| 12 | Music | Music Appreciation 6 | MS |
| 13 | Music | Music Appreciation 7 | MS |
| 14 | Health | Health 9 | CP |
| 15 | Health | Driver's Education 10 | CP |
| 16 | Health | Health 11 | CP |
| 17 | Health | Health 12 | CP |
| 18 | Science | Robotics 8 | Cycle |
| 19 | World Language | Latin II | CP |

| Key: | |
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| Elem | Elementary |
| MS | Middle School |
| HS | High School Class |
| CP | College Prep |
| C | Core |
| H | Honors |
| SC | Self Contained Class |
| Sem | Semester Class |