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A **Workshop Meeting** of the Kenilworth Board of Education was **called to order** at 7:30 p.m. by President LoBello, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Brearley School on **November 1, 2004**.

This meeting is being held in accordance with the schedule of meetings adopted at the organizational meeting held April 26, 2004. **Adequate notice** of this Workshop Meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Education has been provided to the Home News Tribune, The Star-Ledger, Cranford Chronicle and the Roselle Park/Kenilworth Leader. A copy has been filed with the Kenilworth Borough Clerk, posted in the Board Office, the Kenilworth Borough Hall, Brearley and Harding Schools, **as is provided by the Open Public Meetings Act**.

President LoBello stated that the **purpose of this workshop meeting** is to discuss the items on the agenda for the November 8, 2004 meeting.

President LoBello led the **salute to the Flag**.

Upon **roll call**, the following members were present: Carol Boyden, Annmarie Duda, Mark LoBello, Livio Mancino, Thomas Mannix, Antonio Pugliese, and Nancy Zimmerman. Absent was: Claudio Campanella, Gerard Laudati, and Fred Viteka.

Also in attendance were Lloyd M. Leschuk, Superintendent and Vincent A. Gonnella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The following members of the administrative team were present: Charles Cappello, Principal, Eileen O'Donnell, Supervisor, Joseph Lafferty, Athletic Director, and Brian Luciani, Assistant Principal. Ten (10) members of the public were present.

Motion was made by Zimmerman, seconded by Mancino that the **meeting be opened to the public**. Motion carried unanimously.

- Susan Pinto discussed the merits of her letter requesting the Board authorize the Band to hold a shake-a-can at the A&P to assist in their fundraising efforts to travel to a competition. Motion was made by Zimmerman, seconded by Mancino that a resolution be placed on the agenda for Board consideration on November 8, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tina Lanaugh heard a rumor that the Pre-K would be held on a lottery basis for 2005-2006. Dr. Leschuk stated he has not even presented his enrollment projections to the Board (December), and that any discussion regarding a lottery is premature and just that a rumor.
- Paul LaBruno questioned the Pre-K class size suggesting there was money in the budget for aides. He also questioned the ELLI Grant funding.
- Tina Lanaugh stated the ELLI Program is a very good and valuable program.
- Jodi Lang asked the status of the parent survey. Dr. Leschuk informed her that there has been a strong response with about 24% responding so far.

Motion was made by Mancino, seconded by LoBello, that the **meeting be closed to the public**.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation: Eileen O'Donnell, Graceann Griffin, and Saveria Campanile presented the benefits of the new reading and language arts textbook series purchased for the Harding School.

Valarie Baker updated what was going on in Math & Science district wide.

LoBello called for discussion on the Superintendent's Report:

Members of the Administrative Team highlighted their monthly reports:

- Mr. Lafferty, Supervisor of Athletics: The field condition was discussed and the need to allow the fields to rest during the spring of 2005. Also discussed was the proposal from Dayton to restore its football team. The Board will vote on this issue next week.
- Mr. Luciani, Brearley Assistant Principal: Discussed were Middle School events and Brearley attendance and discipline.
- Mr. Cappello, Brearley Principal: The Renaissance students went to tour Rutgers University in New Brunswick; he discussed a proposal to hold teacher conferences in the Spring 2005. Mr. Cappello attended AFG Training in Philadelphia and found it to be a very good experience and he has a better understanding of the process. He discussed A/B Block issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steering: Mr. LoBello, Chairperson.

The committee met this evening to review the status of the Board's Goals and Objectives for 2004-2005. Also discussed was the creation of a committee to pass the budget.

Personnel & Management: Duda, Chairperson.

The committee is scheduled to meet on November 8, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Other matters of discussion:

- A committee met with Borough Council's Committee and discussed a broad range of topics including: use of school facilities for recreation activities, Election Day security, shared services, budgets and TV 36.
- Mr. Mancino attended the NJSBA Conference in Atlantic City. He attended several sessions including "Guiding, Planning and School Reform," "Youth in Crisis," and the Legislative update on S-1701.
- Mrs. Zimmerman requested an update on the Anti-Bullying Program for Harding School. Leschuk said Mr. Rica or Mr. Schaffren will provide an update.

Motion was made by Mancino, seconded by Pugliese that the **meeting be opened to the public.**

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Motion carried unanimously.

- Jodi Lang was concerned that a substitute had no clue what to do during a recent Lock Down Drill.
- Elli Felner stated that the condition of Harding School's field was also a concern and suggested some alternatives.

Motion was made by Mancino, seconded by Pugliese, that the **meeting be closed to the public**. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mancino, seconded by Duda, that when the **meeting adjourns, it adjourns to the call of the chair**. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella
Secretary to the Board