

**April 13, 2015**

A **regular meeting** of the Kenilworth Board of Education **was called to order** at 7:30 p.m. by President Gregg David, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Brearley School on **April 13, 2015**.

This meeting is being held in accordance with the schedule of meetings adopted at the organizational meeting held January 5, 2015. **Adequate notice of this Regular Meeting** of the Kenilworth Board of Education has been provided to the Home News Tribune, The Star-Ledger, Cranford Chronicle and the Local Source. 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 Gregg David led the **salute to the Flag**.

Upon **roll call**, the following members were present: Genean Braun, Gregg David, Paulette Drogon, Annmarie Duda, Mark Jankiewicz, Anthony Laudati, Gerry Laudati, and Nancy Zimmerman. Absent was: David Curtin.

**Also in attendance** were Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Vincent A. Gonnella, Board Secretary/Business Administrator and Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., Attorney.

The following members of the administrative team were present: Susie Budine, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Brian Luciani, Principal, Kathleen Murphy, Principal; Scott Miller, Supervisor of Athletics; Ronald Bubnowski, Assistant Principal; and Joant Rodriguez, Manager of Technology.

Approximately twenty (20) members of the public were present.

**Minutes of the Secretary**, a copy having been sent to each Board Member (March 9 & 25, 2015) were approved upon motion by G. Laudati, seconded by Drogon. Motion carried 8 to 0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati, and Zimmerman.

**Correspondence:** (see attachments)

*Distributed March 13, 2015:*

1. Letter dated 3/4/15 from Ms. Wagner, Dept. of Economic Development to Mr. Luciani thanking him for his support of UC STEP.

*Distributed April 10, 2015:*

1. Letter dated 3/12/15 to Dr. Taylor from Dr. Tone Re: Denial of request for a waiver in the Special Education Medicaid-Initiative SEMI for the 2015-2016 school year.

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2. Letter dated 3/22/15 from Mr. Jeans/VFW Post 2230, to Ms. Spampinato, Mrs. Marranca and Global Studies Class for their support and donations to overseas troops.
3. Flyer received on 4/7/15 from Fairview Insurance Agency to all KBOE members Re: Seminar on student safety on 4/24/15.
4. Flyer received on 4/9/15 to Mr. Gonnella Re: Grand Opening of Workforce Innovation Business Center.

Motion was made by G. Laudati, seconded by Braun, that the Board of Education **accepts the correspondence as read**. Motion carried unanimously.

President David called for discussion on the **Superintendent's Report**:

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Student Spotlight: Chase Antonczak, Asiana Vi, Sal LaRosa
- District/Superintendent Goal Update: Dr. Taylor
- Superintendent's HIB Report (March)

**BOE Questions for Members of the Administrative Team:**

- Susie Budine, Director of Pupil Personnel Services:
- Mr. Luciani, Principal
- Mr. Miller, Supervisor of Athletics:
- Mrs. Murphy, Harding School Principal:
- Mr. Bubnowski, Harding Assistant Principal:
- Mr. Gonnella, School Business Administrator:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**Finance & Facilities:** Anthony Laudati, Chairperson.

- Head Custodian advertisement was in The Star-Ledger on 4/12/15. Anticipate appointment in May and start as soon as possible after appointment.
- Mr. Gonnella is working on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for banking services. Anticipated conversion of October 1, 2015.
- Mr. Gonnella conducted a bid opening on April 7, 2015 for Privatized Custodial Services. He and Mr. Lepore are currently reviewing the submissions and will have a recommendation for the Board in May.
- Proposals for copiers were received on April 10, 2015. Mr. Gonnella is in the process of reviewing those proposals and a recommendation will be forthcoming in May.

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- The Borough wanted to have a joint meeting with the Board to discuss budget issues. The Board recommended the Finance Committee meet with the Borough's committee to discuss the matter. We are currently waiting for a response from Borough Council.
- The Budget was submitted to the Executive County Superintendent and Business Administrator for technical review on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The ECSBA approved the budget on March 24<sup>th</sup> and we are still waiting for the ECS's approval. This is the advertised budget which will be in the paper on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is not the final budget which was subsequently reduced by the Board on March 25<sup>th</sup> and will be presented for adoption on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the public hearing.
- There were two larger transfers this month. One was transferring funds from IT Services to Instructional Supply accounts to purchase laptops for PARCC. The other was transfers within building operation accounts to cover the cost of the damage to Brearley resulting from water damage. These funds should be recouped from the insurance company.

**Curriculum & Instruction:** Nancy Zimmerman, Chairperson.

The committee did not meet this month. Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the resolutions on the agenda.

**Personnel & Management:** Gerry Laudati, Chairperson.

Mr. Laudati reviewed the resolutions on the agenda and asked Dr. Taylor to review Resolution #14 merit goals.

**Policy:** Genean Braun, Chairperson.

Mrs. Braun reviewed the job descriptions that were up for adoption.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- G. Laudati brought up the recent discussions regarding vaccinations and the need for students to be vaccinated.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

No public comments.

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

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**ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:**

**FINANCE & FACILITIES**

**Superintendent's Report**

**RESOLUTION #1:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the report of the Superintendent for the month of March 2015.**

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education accepts the list of emergency drills conducted during the month of March 2015 as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Drill Type</u>
Harding	3/26/2015	Lockdown
Harding	3/27/2015	Fire
Brearley	3/26/2015	Fire
Brearley	3/30/2015	Lockdown

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Bill List**

**RESOLUTION #2:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved, That **the attached bill list be approved for the month of March 2015 in the amount of \$2,329,585.36.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Financial Reports**

**RESOLUTION #3:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4)*, we, the members of the Kenilworth Board of Education, certify that as of and after review of the secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, **no major account or fund (Current Expense, Capital Outlay, or Debt Service) has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)(1) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.**

Be It Further Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **accepts the reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies and that they are in agreement for the month of February 2015.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Line Item Transfers**

**RESOLUTION #4:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon,

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Whereas, pursuant to Board of Education Policy #3160, **the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board have made the following line item transfers (March 2015) in the 2014-2015 school budget**, Be It Resolved, That their actions be ratified and recorded in the minutes as per attached. Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Conferences, Workshops & Travel**

**RESOLUTION #5:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the attendance of the following personnel at conferences/meetings with reimbursement in accordance with Board Policy No. 6471-School District (M), with full details attached, as follows:**

Attendee Name	Conference/Workshop Title	Date	Location City, State
<i>Teaching Staff:</i>			
Lauren Bound	UCGTA GT Identification	4/17/2015	Cranford, NJ
Samantha Nelson	Problem Solving & Communicating Mathematically	3/23/2015	East Orange, NJ
Debra Terranova	Problem Solving & Communicating Mathematically	3/23/2015	East Orange, NJ
Leslie Bedford	Train the Trainer: Dyslexia	4/23/2015	New Brunswick, NJ
Kristen Jeans	Train the Trainer: Dyslexia	4/23/2015	New Brunswick, NJ
Janet Jeans	Managing Diabetes in Children	5/15/2015	Stillwater, NJ

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**MRESC Master Special Education Tuition Agreement**

**RESOLUTION #6:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be it Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Master Special Education Tuition Agreement for out-of-district placements for a period of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Brearley MS/HS Photography Agreement**

**RESOLUTION #7:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the Agreement To Provide School Photography Services and Products between Legacy Studios and David Brearley Middle School/High School for the 2015-2016 school year, upon the recommendation of the Middle**

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**School/High School Principal.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**X-Tel Internet Access Agreement**

**RESOLUTION #8:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves X-Tel Communications, Inc. to provide 1 Gigabyte Dedicated Internet Access at a monthly cost of \$2,900 for 36 months effective August 1, 2015.** This contract is being awarded after posting of E-rate application and review of submitted proposals. Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT**

**Substitute Staff**

**RESOLUTION #9:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the hiring pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6.7.1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18a:6-4.13 et seq., as applicable to the employment of the following substitute teacher(s), home instructor(s), secretaries and/or aide(s) for the 2014-2015 school year:**

	Nurse Per Diem Rate	Teacher Per Diem Rate	Classroom Aide Hourly Rate	Lunchroom Playground Aide Hourly Rate	Secretary Hourly Rate
Izzolino, Theresa		\$105.00			
Kolesar, Michael		\$75.00	\$21.71		
Phillips, Allen		\$75.00			
Santos, Brittany		\$75.00	\$21.71		

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Student Teachers**

**RESOLUTION #10:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Be it Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the following to participate as practicum student(s)/observer(s)/student teacher(s) in the Kenilworth School District as directed by their individual college/university, at no cost to the Board.**

Student Teacher	College/University	Cooperating Teacher
Jones, Suzanne	Montclair State University	Kristine Parente

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Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Starke - Maternity Leave of Absence Request**

**RESOLUTION #11:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the maternity leave request of absence from Kelly Starke, a teacher at the Harding Elementary School, pending certification of health care provider, as follows:**

06/05/2015	Expected date of delivery
05/26/15 – 06/19/15	Use of personal illness days
09/01/2015	Return Date

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Horesh Resignation**

**RESOLUTION #12:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **accepts the resignation of Leah Horesh, a teacher at the Harding School, effective June 30, 2015.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Before and After-Care Staff**

**RESOLUTION #13:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves Ronald Bubnowski as the onsite after-care administrator for one (1) day a week from April 16, 2015 through June 19, 2015, at the rate of \$40/hour, not to exceed 2.5 hours per week.** Note: Kathleen Murphy will be working four (4) days a week, effective April 16, 2015. Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Merit Goals**

**RESOLUTION #14:** Introduced by G. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Braun, Whereas, on June 9, 2014, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract with Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education **established quantitative and qualitative and criteria and associated merit bonuses for the Superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year,** and

Whereas, the Board of Education has now reviewed indicators of the ACHIEVEMENT of those goals, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Board of Education **makes the following determinations and directs that its**

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**determinations be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval before payment as required by law:**

**Quantitative**

**1.** Harding Elementary School will improve its Academic Achievement Statewide Percentile referring to the criteria defined by the NJDOE. Improvement in this area will illustrate, in part, the reformed literacy program's positive impact on student achievement.

*2012-2013 Statewide Rank- 25%*

*See Appendix A for more information (Page 1 of New Jersey School Performance Report)*

Percentage Merit – 3.33%; \$4,911.75  
Status:

☒ Achieved: April 13, 2015  
☐ Not Achieved  
☐ In Progress

**2.** Harding Elementary School will meet its Schoolwide NCLB Progress Target in the area of Language Arts Literacy ("Students with Disability" subgroup). Meeting this target will illustrate, in part, the co-teaching model's positive impact on student achievement.

*2012-2013 Language Arts Literacy Passing Rate for Students with Disability- 30.2%*

*See Appendix B for more information (Page 3 of New Jersey School Performance Report)*

Percentage Merit – 3.33%  
Status:

☐ Achieved:  
☒ Not Achieved  
☐ In Progress

**3.** Brearley Middle-High School will improve its College and Career Readiness score by meeting at least one target.

*2012-2013 College and Career Readiness Percent of Targets Met- 0%*

*See Appendix C for more information (Page 1 of New Jersey School Performance Report)*



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Percentage Merit – 3.33%; \$4,911.75

Status:

☒ Achieved: April 13, 2015

☐ Not Achieved

☐ In Progress

### **Qualitative**

1. The school district will have a completely overhauled website, sponsored by Sharpschool. Implementation will include a redesign of all pages, necessary training for all support staff, certificated faculty, and administrators, and communiqués about the new resources that will be available for the Kenilworth community.

Percentage Merit – 2.5%; \$3,687.50

Status:

☒ Achieved: November 10, 2014

☐ Not Achieved

☐ In Progress

2. In an effort to generate revenue, the Kenilworth Education Foundation will be re-established. This group will serve to raise funds for school resources and will be comprised of parents and, if available, members of the local business community.

Percentage Merit – 2.5%

Status:

☐ Achieved:

☐ Not Achieved

☒ In Progress

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

## **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

### **2015 Summer School**

**RESOLUTION #15:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the district to Operate Summer School for Summer 2015 in accordance with Policy #2440 as follows:**

Brearley Summer School

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Title I Summer Program  
Special Education Extended School Year

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**2015 District Re-Registration**

**RESOLUTION #16:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the re-registration of students for the 2015-2016 School Year pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 et seq. and the Kenilworth Board of Education Policy No. 5111, and Be it Further Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education approves the following staff members to conduct the re-registration on May 6 and May 7, 2015 as outlined below:**

Employee	# of Hours	Rate *	Payment
Nicole Burns	5	\$21.21	\$106.05
Denise Cantalupo	5	\$30.32	\$151.60
Lorrell Dutkevicz	5	\$21.15	\$105.75
Adriana Loaiza	5.5	\$21.15	\$116.33
Mercedes Priolo	6	\$20.48	\$122.88
Judith Ringler	0	\$30.42	Substitute if Needed
* Overtime rates pending completion of contract negotiations.			

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Curriculum Writing**

**RESOLUTION #17:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves staff to conduct team meetings and write curriculum and guides at a rate of \$40.00/hour, not to exceed six (6) hours and one professional day as follows:**

Lauren Widner                      Theater Appreciation 2

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Bedside Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #18:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves five (5) hours per week for**

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**Student No. 203447 with services provided by Saint Claire's Hospital at a rate of \$54.00 per hour, commencing on Friday, March 13, 2015 until the student is released from the program.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Bedside Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #19:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves ten (10) hours per week for Student No. 203447 with services provided by Professional Education Services Inc. while student is attending High Focus Center at a rate of \$37.00 per hour, commencing on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 until the student is released from the program.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Bedside Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #20:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves services for Student No. 203629 provided by Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission while student is attending New Hope at a rate of \$450.00 per month, commencing on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 until the student is released from the program.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Bedside Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #21:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves five (5) hours per week for Student No. 20160504 with services provided by Professional Education Services Inc. while student is attending High Focus Center at a rate of \$37.00 per hour, commencing on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 until the student is released from the program.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Home Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #22:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves five (5) hours/week of home instruction for Student No. 201924 with services provided by Kim McGowan at a rate of \$40.00/hour, commencing Wednesday, March 25, 2015 until the student is able to return to school.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**Home Instruction**

**RESOLUTION #23:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves five (5) hours/week of home instruction for Student No. 201931 with services provided by Kim McGowan at a rate of**

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**\$37.00/hour, commencing Tuesday, March 17, 2015 through Tuesday, March 31, 2015.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

#### **HIB February 2015**

**RESOLUTION #24:** Introduced by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Jankiewicz, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent as reflected in his February 1 to February 28, 2015 HIB Incident Report.**

This report was disseminated to the Board of Education in March 2015 and reviewed by the Superintendent at the March 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

The Board reserves the right to discuss this matter in executive session should any Board Member need additional information before voting on the HIB report. Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

#### **POLICY REVIEW**

##### **Job Descriptions**

**RESOLUTION #25:** Introduced by Braun, who moved its adoption, seconded by Zimmerman, Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **approves the following job descriptions as recommended by the Superintendent:**

Head Custodian  
NCLB Instructional Assistant  
NCLB Program Facilitator  
New Teacher Orientation Coordinator

Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, David, Drogon, Duda, Jankiewicz, Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Kenilworth that the Board of Education **meet in private session**, from which the public shall be excluded, **to discuss the topics of KEA & PSA negotiations and Superintendent and School Business Administrator Contract Review** which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:05 p.m. President David called a 5-minute recess.

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At 9:44 p.m. President David reconvened the public session, and informed the public that **the Board took no action in private executive session.**

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

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella  
Secretary to the Board

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The **Annual Public Budget Hearing** of the Kenilworth Board of Education was **called to order** at 7:30 by President Gregg David, in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Brearley School on **April 27, 2015**.

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Education has been provided to the Home/News Tribune, The Local Source, Cranford Chronicle, and The Star-Ledger on March 26, 2015. A copy has been filed with the Kenilworth Borough Clerk, posted in the Board of Education Business Office, Harding and Brearley Schools and the Kenilworth Borough Hall, as is provided by the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy of the proposed school budget has been on file for review in the Business Office and a copy of the budget appeared in the April 16, 2015 edition of the Local Source.

President Gregg David led the **salute to the Flag**.

Upon **roll call**, the following members were present: Genean Braun, David Curtin, Gregg David, Paulette Drogon, Annmarie Duda, Mark Jankiewicz, Anthony Laudati, Gerry Laudati, and Nancy Zimmerman.

**Also in attendance** were Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Vincent A. Gonnella, Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

There were three (3) members of the public present.

President David stated the **purpose of this meeting is to present the 2015-2016 Annual School District Budget to the community and adopt the budget**.

**Annual School District Budget Presentation 2015-2016: Vincent A. Gonnella**

Discussion:

**Public Comment:**

Motion was made by A. Laudati and seconded by Drogon that the meeting be opened to the public for comment:

- Livio Mancino stated money does not make a good education and a good teacher is a catalyst for student improvement. Concerned that the cap is not a 2% cap. Also stated he believed that Curtin and Duda should not vote on the budget. He felt that spending that amount on Special Education is ludicrous.

Motion was made by Duda, seconded by Zimmerman, that the meeting be closed to the public.

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**ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**Adoption of the 2015-2016 Annual School Budget**

**RESOLUTION #1:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Curtin:

**Adjustment  
Enrollment**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$68,148. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

**Adjustment  
Health Benefits**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$0. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increase in health benefits.

**Adjustment  
PERS Pension**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for deferral of the PERS pension cost and the additional interest incurred in the amount of \$0. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for the purpose of paying the additional interest charges.

**Adjustment  
Responsibility Transferred**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increase (decrease) of costs associated with the transfer of responsibilities in the amount of \$0. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for increase (decrease) of costs.

**Adjustment  
Banked Cap**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$615,812 for the purposes of reducing class size, continued expansion of the Special Education In-class Support Model and other mandatory Special Education programing costs. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2016. Approval of this budget adjustment will result in a permanent increase in tax levy and such designation appears reasonable.

**Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education requests the approval of a Maintenance reserve

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withdrawal in the amount of \$100,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for general building renovations at the Harding Elementary School and the David Brearley Middle/High School.

**Adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2015-2016 School Year using the 2015-2016 state aid figures:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
2015-16 Total Expenditures:	\$23,449,268	\$589,400	\$1,264,532	\$25,303,200
Less: Anticipated Revenues:	<u>\$ 5,339,268</u>	<u>\$589,400</u>	<u>\$ 416,383</u>	<u>\$ 6,345,051</u>
Taxes to be Raised:	<u>\$18,110,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 848,149</u>	<u>\$18,958,149</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the supporting documentation of this budget also contains an itemization of certain expenditures required under administrative regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator, after consultation with the Board President, to make any technical adjustments necessary in order to submit the final budget and certify the taxes.

Motion carried 8-1-0. Voting yes was: Braun, Curtin, David, Duda, Jankiewicz, A. Laudati, G. Laudati and Zimmerman. Voting no was: Drogon,

**PARCC Program:** Dr. Taylor reviewed concerns with the amount of time the PARCC program is taking to implement. Previously the Board approved additional clerical time to deal with the burden. However, the approval was limited to 150 hours and now the time is being exceeded. Dr Taylor stated he will be recommending a resolution for approval to increase the hours this year and develop a plan to deal with the situation next year.

**RESOLUTION:** Introduced by A. Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Drogon, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Kenilworth that the Board of Education **meet in private session**, from which the public shall be excluded, **to discuss the topics of KEA & PSA negotiations**, which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:19 p.m. President David called a **5-minute recess** prior to convening private session.

At 8:30 p.m. President David **reconvened the public session** and stated the Board of Education took no action in executive session.



**April 27, 2015**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella  
Secretary to the Board