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The **Annual Public Budget Hearing** of the Kenilworth Board of Education was **called to order** at 7:30 by President Nancy Zimmerman, in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Brearley School on **April 27, 2016**.

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 April 1, 2016. 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 21, 2016 edition of the Local Source.

President Nancy Zimmerman led the **salute to the Flag**.

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

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

There were four (4) members of the public present.

President Zimmerman stated the **purpose of this meeting is to present the 2016-2017 Annual School District Budget to the community and adopt the budget**.

**Annual School District Budget Presentation 2016-2017: Vincent A. Gonnella**

Discussion:

**Public Comment:**

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

- Livio Mancino stated that 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. He felt that spending that amount on Special Education is ludicrous. He discussed the Choice Program, health benefits, and the pre-k program.
- Gerry Laudati thanked the Board for their dedication to developing the budget.

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

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION:**

- Drogon stated that the increases were too high and was concerned about the amount of money the budget is going up. She was concerned about the seniors.
- David stated the finance committee worked very hard on the budget in attempting to get it into check. Good budget under the circumstances.
- Sosnosky stated that the dollar increase was unacceptable, especially the impact on the senior citizens. He felt that it was unsustainable and that we needed to explore options.

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

**RESOLUTION #1:** Introduced by Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Curtin, Adopting the 2016-2017 annual school budget:

**Adjustment  
Enrollment**

RESOLVED that the Kenilworth Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$0. 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 \$758,772 for the purpose of reducing class size, continued expansion of the Special Education In-class Support Model and improving student counselor ratios in guidance. The district intends to complete said

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purpose by June 2017. 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 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 2016-2017 Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2016-2017 School Year using the 2016-2017 state aid figures:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
2016-17 Total Expenditures:	\$24,702,668	\$611,000	\$1,267,632	\$ 26,581,300
Less: Anticipated Revenues:	<u>\$ 5,317,688</u>	<u>\$611,000</u>	<u>\$ 417,991</u>	<u>\$ 6,346,679</u>
Taxes to be Raised:	<u>\$19,384,980</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 849,641</u>	<u>\$ 20,234,621</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 6-2-0. Voting yes was: Braun, Curtin, David, Duda, Laudati and Zimmerman. Voting no was: Drogon and Sosnosky.

**Change in Health Benefits Provider (Medical)**

**RESOLUTION #2:** Introduced by Laudati, who moved its adoption, seconded by Curtin, Whereas, annually the School Business Administrator solicits quotations for medical coverage to obtain financial options for the Board at renewal; and

Whereas, the proposals, once reviewed, warranted a change in carrier to obtain a better premium with no change in overall coverage,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of Education **terminates its Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey medical coverage effective July 1, 2016 and accepts a medical proposal from United Healthcare/Oxford effective July 1, 2016 for all eligible district employees and their dependents.** United Healthcare/Oxford has provided a written guarantee to provide "equal or better" benefits pursuant to their filings with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

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Be It Further Resolved, That the Kenilworth Board of **Education appoints Anthony Ciardella, Jr. of Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as the district's broker-of-record for its United Healthcare/Oxford medical programs effective July 1, 2016.** Motion carried 8-0-0. Voting yes was: Braun, Curtin, David, Drogon, Duda, Laudati, Sosnosky and Zimmerman.

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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella  
Secretary to the Board