

May 5, 2018

A **Special Meeting** of the Kenilworth Board of Education was **called to order** at 8:00 a.m. by President Nancy Zimmerman, in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Brearley School on **May 5, 2018**.

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

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Education has been provided to the Home/News Tribune, The Local Source, and The Star-Ledger on May 3, 2018. 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.

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

Also in attendance was Vincent A. Gonnella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Brian Luciani, Director of Academics and Vito A. Gagliardi, Board Attorney.

There were approximately twenty (20) members of the public present.

President Zimmerman stated the purpose of this meeting is to meet in closed executive session to discuss personnel matters involving the office of Superintendent of Schools.

RESOLUTION: Introduced by David, who moved its adoption, seconded by Laudati, 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 topic of personnel** (matters involving the office of Superintendent of Schools) 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. Time: 8:03 a.m.

At 8:55 a.m. President Zimmerman **reconvened the public session** and stated the Board of Education took no action in executive session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

- Carmine Bucco – Asked what the game plan is for the Board moving forward. He suggested that the Board did not do a sufficient background check when they hired the Superintendent.

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Paid Leave of Absence for Dr. Thomas Tramaglini, Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION #1: Introduced by David, who moved its adoption, seconded by Laudati, Be It Resolved, That effective immediately, and continuing through further action of the Board, and as limited by state statute which provides tenure protections to superintendents under contract, including a prohibition on suspensions without pay unless the superintendent is under indictment or facing tenure charges, that the Board of Education grant Dr. Thomas Tramaglini's request for a paid leave of absence.

Appointing Brian Luciani as Acting Superintendent

RESOLUTION #2: Introduced by David, who moved its adoption, seconded by Laudati, Be It Resolved that the Kenilworth Board of Education appoint Brian Luciani as Acting Superintendent retroactive to May 3, 2018, through June 30, 2018 with a stipend of \$1,000/month, subject to the execution of an agreement approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, and available for renewal as provided by law.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella
Secretary to the Board