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A **Special 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 in the Brearley School on **February 4, 2019**.

President David 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 January 2, 2019 and re-advertised with regards to the vacancy on the Board of Education on January 15, 2019. A Legal Ad, announcing the procedures for filing the vacancy appeared in the January 24, 2019 edition of the Local Source. 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, Anthony Laudati, Michelle Panichi, and Nancy Zimmerman.

Also in attendance were Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Interim Superintendent and Vincent A. Gonnella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. Kyle Arlington was also present.

There was one (1) member of the public present in addition to the two (2) candidates being interviewed and the administrators presenting their budgets (Luciani, Tiedemann, Chibbaro, Murphy, Miller, Bubnowski, Cansian and Bound).

President David stated the purpose of this meeting is to interview and select a candidate to fill the vacancy (Annmarie Duda) on the Board of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-15 and discuss the 2019-2020 Annual School Budget.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEW:

The Board received two applications for vacated Board of Education seat resulting from Annmarie Duda's resignation on January 2, 2019: Mr. Sal Candarella and Mr. Mark Jankiewicz. Each candidate was interviewed by the Board for the position, reviewing their qualifications for the position; Mark Jankiewicz went first and Candarella went second.

Closed Executive Session:

RESOLUTION: Motion was made by Zimmerman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Laudati, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Kenilworth that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, **to deliberate and discuss candidates for the Board of Education credentials and qualifications**, which private discussion is being held pursuant to

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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 (7:47 p.m.).

Upon returning from closed session at 8:01 p.m. the Board opened the meeting for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion was made by Laudati seconded by Haberthur that the meeting be opened to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments.

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

NOMINATING & VACANCY VOTING PROCEDURES:

Nominations are now open to fill the vacant seat on the Board. Once nominations are closed, I will call for a vote on each of the nominations in the order they were nominated. As soon as one of the nominees has received a majority vote, an individual will be declared elected. Per 18A:12-15, the candidate for the vacant seat would need “a majority vote of the remaining members of the board” in order to be selected, therefore, four (4) affirmative votes are required.

NOMINATIONS:

Candarella was nominated by Drogon, seconded by Panichi.

Jankiewicz was nominated by Zimmerman, seconded by Braun.

Hearing no additional nominations, a **motion to close nominations** was made by Laudati, seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Candarella: Voting yes was: Drogon and Panichi. Voting no was: Beiner, Braun, David, Haberthur, Laudati, and Zimmerman.

Not receiving a majority vote required, a vote was taken on the nomination of Jankiewicz: Voting yes was: Beiner, Braun, David, Haberthur, Laudati, and Zimmerman. Voting no was: Drogon and Panichi.

The nomination received a majority (6-2) of the Board’s approval, Mark Jankiewicz was declared the successful candidate to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Gonnella administered the Oath of Office to Jankiewicz.

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President David then called for the 2019-20 budget presentation:

Over the past several weeks, members of the Finance and Facility Committee met with members of the Leadership Team and completed a line-by-line analysis of the 2019-2020 school budget. This meeting will focus on the building level administrators and district level supervisors outlining and highlighting components of their proposed 2019-2020 budgets.

Phase I Budget Review: Leadership Team Programmatic Justification

Program

Curriculum- Professional Development - Textbooks
Guidance & Assessment
Special Education
Brearley Middle/High School Program
Interscholastic Athletic & Physical Education Program
Harding Elementary Program

Administrator

Luciani-Bound-Cansian
Luciani
Tiedemann
Chibbaro-Foscolo
Miller
Murphy-Bubnowski

Curriculum – PD - Textbooks:

- District Philosophy on Professional Development
- Proposed new Textbook Adoptions:
 - Middle School Electives (Computer Applications, Civics, Spanish)
 - High School Social Studies
 - Physics
 - Anatomy & Physiology

Guidance:

- SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Program
- Hibster Software
- Status and use of Linkit!

Harding:

- Enhancements to the Language Arts Program
- Chromebook Cart vs. iPads
- STEM Program Philosophy
- Touch Math Grades 1 & 2
- Morning Math Club
- Fireproof File Cabinets

SPED:

- General Philosophy of CST when considering ODP – including review of least restrictive environment and its hierarchy
- Additional LLD Self Contained Class

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- ICR Facilitator
- Teacher of the Deaf

Brearley:

- IRLA – eLibrary, Tool kits & Professional Development
- Go Math expansion to Middle School
- Status of Science Lab Period in the High School
- Challenge Day

Athletics:

- Band attending away Football games
- Color Guard Program
- Chaperones for certain away trips
- Guardian Helmut Covers
- Equipment items

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

- No public comments

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Gonnella
Secretary to the Board