

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District Board of Education Meeting, conducted on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. The meeting was held in the East Cafeteria at Kenmore West High School, 33 Highland Pkwy, Buffalo, NY.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Opening Ceremony

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm Prevailing Time.

a. Roll Call

PRESENT: Board:

Bob Dana	Trustee
Andrew Gianni	Vice President
Jill O'Malley	President
Christopher Pashler	Trustee (arrived at 5:47 pm)
Todd Potter	Trustee (arrived at 5:47 pm)

Others:

Dawn Mirand	Superintendent
Stephen Bovino	Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
Robin Zymroz	Assistant Superintendent – Instruction & Student Services
John Brucato	Assistant Superintendent - Finance
Gina Santa Maria	District Clerk

ABSENT: None

2. Proposed Executive Session – 5:30 – 6:30 pm

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Dana, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to enter into Executive Session at 5:40 pm, inviting the Assistant Superintendents for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and negotiations.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Absent
Potter	Absent

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to end Executive Session at 6:27 pm and return to public session.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

3. Return to Public Session – 6:30 pm

President O'Malley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Prevailing Time.

a. Roll Call**PRESENT: Board:**

Bob Dana	Trustee
Andrew Gianni	Vice President
Jill O'Malley	President
Christopher Pashler	Trustee
Todd Potter	Trustee

Others:	Dawn Mirand	Superintendent
	Stephen Bovino	Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
	Robin Zymroz	Assistant Superintendent – Instruction & Student Services
	John Brucato	Assistant Superintendent – Finance
	Gina Santa Maria	District Clerk

ABSENT: None

b. Pledge of Allegiance**c. Star Spangled Banner Performed by String Players from Hoover Elementary School****PUBLIC HEARING****4. Presentation of the 2016-2017 Budget – D. Mirand, J. Brucato**

Superintendent Mirand and Assistant Superintendent Brucato presented the adopted 2016-2017 budget to the public. The budget will go before the voters for approval on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

a. Public Comments – Budget Only

Tom Horowitz, 86 Central Ave., Fredonia addressed the reduction of 1 FTE psychologist in the 2016-17 budget.

Janine Macdonald, 124 Palmdale Drive spoke about the psychologist staff reduction.

Larry Scott, 220 Hartwell Rd., Buffalo commented on the reduction of the school psychologist position for next year.

Several comments were made by Board members regarding the reduction in the psychologist staff for 2016-17. Discussion ensued and questions were asked.

Trustee Dana made a motion, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to restore the full time psychologist position for the 2016-2017 school year.

Discussion continued and several more questions were asked.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

5. Approval of Agenda

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Vice President Gianni, seconded by Trustee Dana to approve the agenda.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

6. Approval of Minutes

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Dana, seconded by Vice President Gianni to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting, and the April 19 and April 21, 2016 Special Meetings.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

7. Recognition

a. Ken East & Ken West Winter Scholar Athlete Teams

Superintendent Mirand and Athletic Director Banker recognized 13 varsity winter sports teams for earning the designation of NYS Scholar Athlete Teams with a cumulative average of 90% or better.

b. Championship Teams

Superintendent Mirand and Athletic Director Banker recognized the Ken-Ton Girls' Hockey Team – 5th straight Section VI Title, 2nd place in the State finals, the Kenmore East Boys' Hockey Team – NYS Champions, and the Kenmore West Girls' Varsity Basketball Team – NFL Champions.

8. Presentations

a. Kenmore West – “The Journey of Engineering Academy Students” – D. Johnson, K. Day, KW Students

Principal Johnson spoke about the multiple pathways to graduation that are offered at Kenmore West High School. He introduced Teacher Kevin Day and five students who presented to the Board of Education on the Engineering Academy and the vast array of technology courses that are offered to students. Students highlighted what participation in these courses has taught them, and how it has helped with their college and career choices.

b. Update – District Admin Team

Superintendent Mirand provided an introduction and update regarding response to feedback and stakeholder input from the April 12th Board of Education Meeting. Assistant Superintendents Zymroz and Bovino, and Directors Huber and Lyon continued the update on what steps the District has taken, and the short-term and long-term commitments the District and KTA have made going forward in the three areas of communication, collaboration and curriculum. Board members had several questions and comments. The administrative team was commended on collaboration and implementation of the plan.

c. Family Support Center – J. Cerra

Family Support Center Director Jan Cerra presented the Center’s annual report to the Board. She reviewed the many programs and services offered to District staff, students and their families, and the community. The Center’s many successes and accomplishments over the past year were highlighted. Board members asked several questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

d. Capital Project Phase 2 Update – Campus Construction

Gary Huffman, Project Executive from Campus Construction, gave the Board an update on Phase 2B of the District’s Capital Project. He briefly reviewed the project’s schedule, and the five bids that were recently completed, and are included on the agenda for approval by the Board.

e. Building Repurposing – Kenmore Middle School – J. Brucato, T. Brown

Assistant Superintendent Brucato and Transition Coordinator Brown presented the District’s plans for repurposing Kenmore Middle School. The programs that the KMS building will house next year, as well as the reasoning for those decisions, were discussed. Additional programs will be looked at for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. Public Comments

Trustee Dana requested a five minute recess, seconded by Vice President Gianni.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O’Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

At the request of President O’Malley, a motion was made by Vice President Gianni, seconded by Trustee Dana to reconvene the meeting.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O’Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Deborah Lavell, 35 Covington Rd., Buffalo, commented on the reduction in teacher aide positions.

Cynthia Brodfuehrer, 40 Inwood Pl., Buffalo, spoke about her perception of relationships with the District.

Renee Herr, 122 Greenfield Drive, commented on the middle school schedule for next year.

McKinley Falkowski, 1745 Parker Blvd., spoke about teacher aide lay-offs.

Elizabeth Curley, 1745 Parker Blvd., spoke about the District's math program.

Ellie Malkiewicz, 187 Liston St., spoke about the elementary reading program.

Lisa Mihelbergel, 17 Dekalb St., Tonawanda, commented on the pre-k and kindergarten curriculum.

Elaine Altman, 8165 County Rd., spoke about curriculum and district administration.

Rachael Sander, 478 Woodland Dr., spoke about teacher aide reductions.

Jennifer Besancon, 383 Athens Blvd., commented on class size.

Cheryl Hughes, 62 ½ Mill St., Williamsville, spoke about her perceptions of the district.

Karen Harter, 1065 Colvin Blvd., commented on technology in her special ed classroom.

Julie Starkweather, 336 Athens Blvd., commented on class size.

Kate Coffman, 122 Wardman Rd., spoke about the recess petition presented to the Board.

Jennifer Morrow, 147 Irving Terrace, commented on the Elementary Committee.

Peter Stuhlmiller, 258 Fayette Ave., spoke about teachers and district collaboration.

10. Board of Education

a. Committee Reports

There were none.

b. Comments

Trustee Potter commented on the decision by the Board to reinstate the psychologist position that had been cut in the budget. The Board should have waited for information from administration before making this decision. He disagreed with the decision.

11. Superintendent's Report – D. Mirand

a. Consolidation Update

Superintendent Mirand gave an update on consolidation to the Board that included topics such as the middle school schedule, the Elementary Committee, bus routes, open houses and school visitations, the moving process, and the Link Crew program that will assist with 8th and 9th grade orientations.

b. Instruction & Student Services – R. Zymroz

Assistant Superintendent Zymroz asked for the Board’s approval for several items included in the consensus agenda.

c. Financial Report – J. Brucato

- **Reject Hoot Mechanical Bid [Action Item]**

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Trustee Pashler to reject the Hoot Mechanical Bid on the basis of a math error.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O’Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- **Phase 2B Capital Project Bid Approval [Action Item]**

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Trustee Dana to approve the Phase 2B Capital Project bids.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O’Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- **Technology Report**

This report was included in the Board’s packet for their review.

- **Transportation Report**

This report was included in the Board’s packet for their review.

- **Food Service Report**

This report was included in the Board’s packet for their review.

- **Buildings & Grounds Report**

This report was included in the Board’s packet for their review.

d. Human Resources – S. Bovino

- **Seniority Lists – KTSEA**

Assistant Superintendent Bovino addressed an issue with support staff seniority lists. He reviewed steps being taken to rectify the issue.

- **Enrollment & Staffing Update**

Assistant Superintendent Bovino gave an update on staffing. Most teachers have been placed and they are monitoring enrollment projections closely. He will look into a class size concern at one of the elementary buildings.

12. Consensus

- Request to withdraw a specific item(s) from consensus

There was none.

Assistant Superintendent Bovino congratulated Patrick Moses who was being appointed to an interim position in the HR department.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Trustee Pashler, to approve items 12b – 12n of the consensus agenda.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

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- Personnel Actions
- Committee on Special Education Minutes
- Committee on Pre-School Special Education Minutes
- Surplus List – May 2016
- Treasurer's Report – March 2016
- ICA Report – March 2016
- Policy(s)/Procedure(s) – **Second Read**
 - Policy 5684 – Use of Surveillance Cameras in the School District & on School Buses
- Policy(s)/Procedure(s) – **First Read**
 - Policy 5630 – Facilities: Inspection, Operation & Maintenance
- Textbook(s) – **Second Read**
AP Physics, *University Physics with Modern Physics*, Grades 11-12, Young, Freedman, Addison, Wesley
- Gift(s)/Donation(s)
 - Desktop Fax Machine – Davis-Ulmer Sprinkler Co. Inc, - Paul Spors
- Booster Club(s)
 - Kenmore Devil Dogs Field Hockey
- Interscholastic Travel Request(s)
 - Kenmore West Football – Penn State Football Camp

- m. Contract(s)
 - Five Year Install Purchase Agreement with Erie 1 BOCES
- n. Long Distance/Over Night Field Trip(s)
 - Hoover Middle School – 6th Grade to Medieval Times, Toronto, Canada

13. Other Matters

There were none.

14. Proposed Executive Session

There was none.

15. Adjournment

At the request of President O’Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Trustee Dana, to adjourn at 9:55 pm prevailing time.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O’Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye
Potter	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Santa Maria
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 District Clerk