

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the Budget Work Session Meeting of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District Board of Education conducted on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The meeting was held in the Cafeteria of Kenmore East High School, 350 Fries Road.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Opening Ceremony

The meeting was called 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, Jr.	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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

ADOPTED 5-0

3. 2016-2017 Budget Development Update

Superintendent Mirand and Assistant Superintendent Brucato updated the Board on the budget development process. Superintendent Mirand reviewed how budget decisions are made and what criteria is used. The focus is on aligning resources with teaching and learning. Assistant Superintendent Brucato reviewed the District's debt service, the projected tax cap, State Aid including GEA restoration and Foundation Aid, and bus purchases. The District will implement Essential Spending for the remainder of this school year to help offset the anticipated loss in revenue with the closing of the Huntley Plant. Board members asked several questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

4. Public Budgetary Comments and Questions

There were none.

5. Board of Education

a. Comments

President O'Malley acknowledged a website that Vice President Gianni created for the Erie County School Boards Association – investintheirfuture.org. Community members can get information on advocacy opportunities to increase funding for education in Ken-Ton and across the State.

Vice President Gianni drafted a resolution for consideration by the Board that supports ECASB's Advocacy platform.

Discussion ensued regarding the resolution and ways the Board can work with local politicians to restore aid to the District.

6. Proposed Executive Session

There was none.

7. Adjournment

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Potter, to adjourn at 7:06 pm Prevailing Time.

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

ADOPTED 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Santa Maria
Gina Santa Maria, District Clerk