

FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District Board of Education Meeting, conducted on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The meeting was held in the Community Room at the Philip Sheridan Building, 3200 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Opening Ceremony

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 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 (arrived at 5:45 pm)

Others:

Dawn Mirand	Superintendent
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 5:38 pm, for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Dana	Aye
Gianni	Aye
O'Malley	Aye
Pashler	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Pashler, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to end Executive Session at 6:09 pm and return to open session.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

3. Return to Public Session – 6:30 pm

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	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 Kenmore West Clarinet Players

Public Hearing

4. Smartschools Bond Act Investment Plan Public Hearing – J. Brucato

Assistant Superintendent Brucato presented the District's Smartschools Bond Act Investment Plan to the public. The State allotted Ken-Ton almost \$5,000,000 to use on technology in the District with no expiration date on spending the allocation. The first investment will be used to update the District's infrastructure and on security in the schools. The plan will be posted on the District website for 30 days after which time the Board will be asked to approve the plan. Once approved, the plan will be submitted to the State for their approval.

a. Public Comments

There were no comments.

5. 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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

6. Approval of Minutes

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Potter, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting, the January 19, 2016 Special Meeting, and the February 2, 2016 Budget Work Session.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

7. Presentations

a. Facilities Presentation – T. Ames

Director of Facilities Ames gave a brief update to the Board on the District's facilities and the Buildings and Grounds department. He currently is completing walkthroughs throughout the District, looking at the safety and security of the buildings, and doing a risk analysis. This is in addition to accompanying the Board to each building for a facilities tour. He also briefly discussed capital project work, analyzing the District's contracts with outside vendors and meetings he has planned regarding a K-12 energy program. Board members asked Director Ames several questions.

b. What We Think About When We Think About Assessment: An Overview – C. Huber, H. Lyon

Directors Huber and Lyon presented an overview of assessments to the Board. The different types of assessments were defined and explained. The purpose of assessments, and how they are used in the classroom as well as in everyday life were discussed. This was the first in a series of presentations on assessments that Directors Huber and Lyon will be giving to the Board.

c. Board Composition Presentation – Dr. L. Fusco

At the Board's request, Dr. Lynn Fusco, Erie 1 BOCES Superintendent, presented information on board composition. Dr. Fusco discussed board size, the term length for board members, and student ex-officio members of the board.

8. Public Comments

There were no comments.

9. Board of Education

a. Board Composition Discussion – Dr. L. Fusco

Dr. Fusco facilitated the Board's discussion of increasing the size of the Board, changing the term length of Board members and adding a student ex-officio member to the Board. Board members offered pros and cons for each. After hearing from each member and some discussion, a decision was reached. While several members were interested in changing the size of the Board, the timing is not right because of consolidation and the number of seats already up for election. 2018 may be a better time to revisit. All were in favor of a student ex-officio member.

Trustee Dana made a motion, seconded by Trustee Potter, to present a referendum to the public on May 17, 2016 to add a student ex-officio member to the Board.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Trustee Dana made a motion to increase the size of the Board of Education from 5 to 7 members. The motion was not seconded.

Trustee Potter made a motion to increase the term length from 3 to 5 years. The motion was not seconded.

b. Comments

Vice President Gianni formally introduced a resolution for increased funding of PK-12 public education in New York State to the Board. The four plank platform asks the State to end the Gap Elimination Adjustment, increase Foundation Aid, adequately fund unfunded mandates, and to reform the Property Tax Cap Law.

Vice President Gianni made a motion, seconded by Trustee Potter, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Funding of PK-12 Public Education in New York State.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

c. Committee Reports

Committee Reports were received in the Board's packet.

Trustee Potter commended Steve Ash for another successful Sleep Out, and Franklin Middle School for their performance of *Beauty and the Beast*.

President O'Malley thanked the building principals, Director Ames and Assistant Superintendent Brucato for the Board facility tours in each of the buildings.

10. Superintendent's Report – D. Mirand

a. Consolidation Update

Superintendent Mirand gave a brief consolidation update to the Board. Orientation dates have been set and letters will be going home to families. Transition information and dates will be posted on the District's webpage and Facebook. A committee to make recommendations on vacant buildings will be convened in March and invitations to stakeholders have gone out. Superintendent Mirand reviewed the new bell times that are in the consensus agenda for the Board's approval. The District is looking at options for early arrival for breakfast. Staffing numbers are being finalized and staff will know in April what their assignment for next year will be. The District's Family Support Center will offer support services to those impacted by layoffs.

b. Resolution – To Approve the KTSEA Transportation Memorandum of Agreement [Action Item]

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Vice President Gianni, seconded by Trustee Potter to approve the Transportation Memorandum of Agreement between the District and KTSEA.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

c. Masiello, Martucci, Calabrese & Associates Contract [Action Item]

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Potter to approve the Contract between the District and Masiello, Martucci, Calabrese & Associates for lobbying efforts to NYS on behalf of the District for funds to offset losses by the closing of the Huntley Plant.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

d. Instruction & Student Services – R. Zymroz

• Biennial Review and Shared Decision Making Plan [Action Item]

Assistant Superintendent Zymroz reviewed the District's Biennial Review and Shared Decision Making Plan.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Trustee Pashler to approve the District's Biennial Review and Shared Decision Making Plan.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

e. Financial Report – J. Brucato

• 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**

There was none this month.

- **Buildings & Grounds Report**

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

f. **Human Resources – S. Bovino**

- **Staffing Projections & Guidelines**

Assistant Superintendent Bovino presented to the Board staff projections and class sizes for next school year. There are no reductions in programming and teaming will be reinstated at the middle level. District enrollment is showing a 3% decline. Board members asked several questions.

11. **Consensus**

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

At the recommendation of Superintendent Mirand, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to approve items 11b – 11o of the consensus agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

b. Personnel Actions

c. Committee on Special Education Minutes

d. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Minutes

e. Surplus List – February 2016

f. Treasurer's Report – December 2015

g. ICA Report – December 2015

h. Policy(s)/Regulation(s) – **Second Read**

- Revised Policy Manual

i. Textbook(s) – **Second Read**

- Art/Media Arts Pathway, *Learn Adobe in Design CC*, Grades 9-12, Gordon, Schwartz, Jensen, Adobe/Pearson
- Art/Media Arts Pathway, *Learn Adobe Illustrator CC*, Grades 9-12, Wilson, Schwartz, Lourekas, Adobe/Pearson

j. Contract(s)

- NYS Coalition for Independent and Religious Schools

- k. Gift(s)/Donation(s)
 - Four Chromebooks with 2 year protection plans for ENL Classroom at Kenmore West
 - KTA Donation Toward Huntley Lobbying Effort
- l. 2016-2017 Bell Schedule
- m. Booster Club(s)
 - Kenmore East Music
 - District Music Supporters
 - Kenmore West Outdoor & Indoor Track & Cross Country
 - Kenmore East Softball
- n. Overnight/Long Distance Field Trip(s)
 - Kenmore East Science Department
- o. Interscholastic Travel Request(s)
 - Ken East & West Girls' Hockey – Albany

12. Other Matters

There were none.

13. Proposed Executive Session

There was none.

14. Adjournment

At the request of President O'Malley, a motion was made by Trustee Potter, seconded by Vice President Gianni, to adjourn at 8:34 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