

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015 –Rescheduled to February 3, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 3,, 2015 by the Board of Education of the Kingwood Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Kingwood Township School Library, 880 County Road 519, Frenchtown, New Jersey 08825.

**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:** In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the Kingwood Township Board of Education has provided adequate notice of the date, time, and location of this meeting. Such notice has been posted in the Kingwood Township Board of Education Office, has been filed with the Kingwood Township Clerk, and was mailed to the *Express Times* on January 30, 2015.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Board President, Joseph DePinto at 7:41 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Beriont administered the Oath to newly elected Board Member Kimberly Malina.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	Joseph DePinto, President	Jill Lonergan
	Anthony Planer, Vice President	Kimberly Malina
	Donna Herbel	Kathleen Racile
	Paymon Jelvani	

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

**PRESENT:** Bobbie Beriont, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Scott Yerger, Supervisor of Instruction/Asst. Principal

**RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:**

Teachers: Ms. Auletta

Community Members: Mr. & Mrs. Mathieu discussed their concerns about the PARCC testing and asked the board to do a policy on opting out. The Board President discussed that the Education Committee and the

Administration is reviewing the opting out, along with discussion with the Executive County Superintendent.

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECT** – B. Beriont

- School Board Recognition Month
- Online Personal/Relative Disclosure & Financial Statements
- Board Member Training
- HIB Training
- NJSBA Conference – October 27-29, 2015

**Action 15-177**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves to amend the following addendum items #7.4 and #9.2.4. Moved by A. Planer and seconded by K. Racile. This resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-178**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Meeting Minutes:*

*December 16, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes*

*January 6, 2015 – Board Reorganization/Regular Meeting Minutes*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-179**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the December 2014 Payroll, FICA and DCRP as follows:*

<i>December 2014 Net Payroll</i>	<i>\$209,262.49</i>
<i>December 2014 Agency</i>	<i>\$167,301.85</i>
<i>December 2014 Board Share FICA</i>	<i>\$24,823.37</i>
<i>December 2014 Board Share DCRP</i>	<i>\$316.10</i>
<b><i>TOTAL PAYROLL DECEMBER 2014</i></b>	<b><i><u>\$401,703.81</u></i></b>

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-180**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following bill list:*

*January 27, 2015 General Fund.....\$336,164.39*



Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 15-181****RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the December 2014 line-item appropriation transfers attached to and made a part of these minutes. Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 15-182****RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (c) 3 does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief School Administrator recommends that the Kingwood Township Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer for the month(s) of December 2014; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 15-183****RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of more than 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and



*WHEREAS, school boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and*

*WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and*

*WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Kingwood Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Kingwood Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by J. Lonergan. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

2014-2015 School Goals:

- Maintain the board's focus on student achievement as its highest priority
- Continue to broaden our outreach to the community
- Successfully negotiate a contract with the Kingwood Township Education Association
- Continue to work as a cohesive board while maintaining our committees

**CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – R. Falkenstein

Mr. Yerger held a public hearing on Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying and the Investigation, Training and Programs and the EVVRS for the period from September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Also, Mr. Yerger discussed the self-assessment for determining grades under the anti-bullying Bill of Rights.

Mr. Yerger referred the Board to Dr. Falkenstein's board report which had the following informational items:

- Student Enrollment
- Monthly Staff Reports
- Common Core Standards: What Do They Have to Offer
- Public Hearing on HIB, EVVRS & District Grade Report
- Honoring G. Martuccio at the First Recreational Basketball Game

- Staff Professional Development – January In-Service Day
- School Choice Enrollment – Submission of 10 Students Enrolled
- Congratulations to G. Niedziejko and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade for Winning the \$1,000 Prize from the NJ101.5 Christmas Choir Contest
- Building Update – Teacher Evaluations Continue
- Meetings Attended

**Action 15-184****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Investigations, Trainings and Programs Report for the period of September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Moved by K. Racile, seconded by K. Malina. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-185****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System for the period of September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Moved by K. Racile, seconded by K. Malina. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**2014-2015 District Goals:**

- **Continue to Improve Student Achievement:**
  - Refine and assess literacy initiatives for the upcoming year and expand the Writers and Readers Workshop to grades 5 through 8.
  - Prepare our students to transition to the PARCC
  - Utilize Study Island to help benchmark our students
- **Continue to Enhance Community Relations:**
  - Utilize the information from the surveys to identify strengths and weaknesses and then develop a plan of action for improvement
- **Continue to Maintain and Improve Facilities:**
  - Develop a plan of action to address the school parking lot

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Update on Meeting.**Action 15-186****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Co-Curricular Fundraisers:*

*Sale of Carnations – Student Council  
Pennies for Patients for Leukemia Research– Student Council  
Wear Your Pajamas to School for \$1 – Student Council  
Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale – Music Program*



*Moved by D. Herbel, seconded by K. Racile. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-187**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following field trip for the 2014-2015 school year:*

*RVCC Holocaust Program, Branchburg/Wendy's Flemington – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Moved by D. Herbel, seconded by K. Racile. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-188**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached 2015-2016 School Calendar. Moved by D. Herbel, seconded by K. Racile. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-189**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a \$100.00 donation from the Frenchtown/Milford Veterans of Foreign War Post 7857 to purchase library books. Moved by D. Herbel, seconded by K. Racile. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-190**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Nancy Braddee as a nurse consultant at the rate of \$45.00 dollars per hour not to exceed \$500.00, for the 2014-2015 school year. Moved by D. Herbel, seconded by K. Racile. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Action 15-191**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2014-2015 Substitutes, pending satisfactory criminal history review, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:*

*Kathryn Naples – Teacher/Aide  
Bradley Reynolds – Custodian*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-192****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a maternity leave for Allison Larthey, Teacher, effective April 27, 2015 through November 20, 2015 utilizing the following:*

*Disability Leave – 04/27/15 – 05/22/15 – 20 sick days  
FMLA – 05/25/15 – 10/23/15 – 12 weeks  
NJFMLA – 09/01/15 – 11/20/15 – 12 weeks*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-193****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Scott Yerger, Supervisor of Instruction, for the following course towards a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Lehigh University, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:*

*Evaluating Educational Programs - \$1,920.00*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-194****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the travel and related expense reimbursement as listed on the attached Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Forms and Workshop Reimbursement Forms. Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Update on Meeting.

**Action 15-195****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached 36 month Service Electric Telephone Lease Agreement effective July 1, 2015. Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-196****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached 48 month lease with Konica Minolta Premier Finance, for two (2) BIZHUB 754E copiers and Prism PrintPath Software at a rate of \$625.93 a month. Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*



**Action 15-197****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached 48 month maintenance agreement with Konica Minolta for copiers. Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-198****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following obsolete equipment for disposal:*

*37 Dell Inspiron Mini – FA #'s on file in the Business Office  
 Brother Printer – FA#01544  
 Apple Macbook Pro 2007 – FA#01583  
 23 Lenovo Desktop XP's – FA#'s on file in the Business Office  
 10 Dell Latitudes Laptops – FA's on file in the Business Office*

*Moved by A. Planer, seconded by P. Jelvani. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**POLICY COMMITTEE****Action 15-199****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the second reading of the following Policies:*

*#3240 Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders  
 #5756 Transgender Students*

*Moved by P. Jelvani, seconded by K. Malina. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****Action 15-200****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves to transfer \$48,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Account to the Capital Project Fund 30 account for the local share portion of the School Facilities Project #2450-050-14-1003, Window Replacement. Moved by K. Racile, seconded by A. Planer. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 15-201****RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:*

***WHEREAS***, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 school year, and



*WHEREAS, the Kingwood Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students or participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the District based on the attached projection of the District's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2015-2016 budget year.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kingwood Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hunterdon an appropriate waiver of the requirements of the NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.*

*Moved by K. Racile, seconded by A. Planer. On roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Hunterdon County School Boards – Update on Meeting
- School Boards Association – No Update
- Hunterdon County ESC – Update on Meeting
- KTS PTA – No Update
- KTEA – No Update

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### **RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:**

Teachers: Ms. Auletta

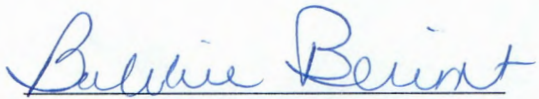
Mrs. Love- Mathieu read portions of the policies on PARCC testing from the Bloomsbury and Delran Board of Education and asked the Board to adopt similar policies.

### **Action 15-202**

### **RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Moved by J. Lonergan, seconded by K. Malina. Resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 7; nays, 0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

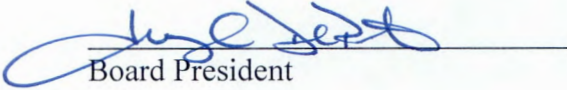


*Bobbie Beriont*

Bobbie Beriont, RSBO  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes prepared 02/5/15  
Minutes remain unofficial until Board approval.

Approved:



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Board President