

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2020 7:30 p.m.**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 11, 2020 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, P. L. 1975, the Kingwood Township Board of Education has provided adequate notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting. A copy has been filed with the Kingwood Township Clerk and published in the *Hunterdon Democrat*, on December 5, 2019.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Board President, Paymon Jelvani at 7:29 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Paymon Jelvani	Donna Ray
	Kevin Bloom	Sara Daly-Padron
	Brandon Chadwick	Russell Pitzner
	Donna Herbel	Shannon Sklodowsky
	Jill Lonergan	

**ABSENT:** None

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

**PRESENT:** Rick Falkenstein, Superintendent  
Michele McCann, RSBA, SFO Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PUBLIC:** No Public

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY** – M. McCann

**Action 19-482                      RESOLUTION**

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

***WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient*

operation of the school district; and

*WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and*

*WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-14, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500.00 per employee as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3B and where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the NJOMB mileage reimbursement rate is a reasonable rate: and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the amounts set forth for regular district business travel and statutorily authorizes travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount.*

*Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by D. Herbel, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

**Action 19-483**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 preliminary budget:*

*WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 preliminary budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district's Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;*

*BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 preliminary budget in the amount of \$7,974,706.00 and authorizes its submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:*

General Operating Expense	\$ 7,635,781
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 93,300
Repayment of Debt	\$ 245,625
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,974,706</b>

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2020-2021 preliminary budget is supported by the following revenues:*

<b>General Fund Revenue</b>		
<b>Local Revenues:</b>		
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 243,772	
Local Tax Levy	\$ 5,924,849	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 383,450	
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>		\$ 6,308,299
<b>State Revenues:</b>		
School Choice Aide	\$ 170,408	
Transportation Aide	\$ 166,282	
Special Education Aide	\$ 259,824	
Equalization Aide	\$ 441,447	
Security Aide	\$ 31,021	
Adjustment Aide	\$ 14,728	
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	\$	\$ 1,083,710
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>		\$ 7,392,009
<b>Special Revenue (Grants)</b>		\$ 93,300
<b>Debt Service Fund Revenues:</b>		
Local Tax Levy		\$ 245,625
<b>Total Revenues</b>		\$ 7,974,706

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kingwood Township Board of Education acknowledges that the 2020-2021 preliminary budget as described above results in a General Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,924,849 and Debt Service Tax Levy in the amount of \$245,625.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the preliminary budget will be advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Board of Education meeting be held on April 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by D. Herbel, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 9; nays, 0.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Discussed potential issues with COVID 19 Virus

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:** - None

**Action 19-484**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education exited for executive session to discuss the possibility of entering into a send/receive contract with Frenchtown Board of Education at 7:51 p.m.*

*Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by R. Pitzner, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

**Action 19-485**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education returned to public session at 8:49 p.m.*

*Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by R. Pitzner, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

**Action 19-486**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.*

*Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by R. Pitzner, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

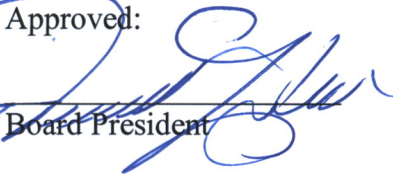


Michele McCann

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes remain unofficial until Board Approval on April 7, 2020

Approved:



Board President