

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Preliminary Budget Meeting – March 19, 2019

TIME AND PLACE: The preliminary budget meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 19, 2019 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 January 10, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President, Paymon Jelvani at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Paymon Jelvani	Sara Daly-Padron
	Kevin Bloom	Russell Pitzner
	Donna Herbel	Donna Ray
	Jill Lonergan	Shannon Sklodowsky

ABSENT: Michael DeSapio

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

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

PUBLIC: Mrs. Drake, Parent

Action 19-062

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 J. Lonergan, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes,8; nays, 0.

Action 19-063

RESOLUTION

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 health care waiver for the 2019-2020 preliminary Budget;*

***WHEREAS,** the Kingwood Township Board of Education has a private health care benefit plan with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey,*

***WHEREAS,** the Kingwood Township Board of Education has the broker of record annually quote the cost of health care to multiple vendors;*

***WHEREAS,** the Kingwood Township Board of Education has received two such quotes prior to our annual renewal policy time;*

***WHEREAS,** the Kingwood Township Board of Education quotes both exceed the State Health Benefit Plan annual increase amount;*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Education approves the increase of \$70,830.00; an increase amount over the state health benefit amount for the 2019-2020 preliminary budget.*

Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by J. Lonergan, on roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED as follows ayes,8; nays, 0.

Action 19-064

RESOLUTION

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 preliminary budget:*

***WHEREAS**, the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 preliminary budget in the amount of \$7,765,114 and authorizes its submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:*

General Operating Expense	\$ 7,427,288
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 95,901
Repayment of Debt	\$ 241,925
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,765,114

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2019-2020 preliminary budget is supported by the following revenues:*

General Fund Revenue		
Local Revenues:		
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 153,997	
Local Tax Levy	\$ 5,808,687	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 284,190	
Total Local Revenue		\$ 6,246,874
State Revenues:		
School Choice Aide	\$ 141,545	
Transportation Aide	\$ 166,282	
Special Education Aide	\$ 259,824	
Equalization Aide	\$ 441,447	
Security Aide	\$ 31,021	
Adjustment Aide	\$ 140,295	
PARCC Readiness Aide	\$ 0	
Per Pupil Growth Aide	\$ 0	
Total State Revenues	\$ 1,180,414	\$ 1,180,414
Total General Fund Revenues		\$ 7,427,288
Special Revenue (Grants)		\$ 95,901
Debt Service Fund Revenues:		
Local Tax Levy		\$ 241,925
Total Revenues		\$ 7,765,114

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kingwood Township Board of Education acknowledges that the 2019-2020 preliminary budget as described above results in a General Fund Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,808,687 and Debt Service Tax Levy in the amount of \$241,925.

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 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by J. Lonergan, on roll call vote, resolution was **ADOPTED** as follows ayes,8; nays, 0.

NEW BUSINESS - Next week's meeting will have highlights from the Kingwood Unite Day.

OLD BUSINESS -

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC: - Mrs. Drake questioned the impact of the Milford Public School share on the class size. Mrs. Drake stated it is a wonderful opportunity for Milford students coming to Kingwood Township School.

Action 19-065

RESOLUTION

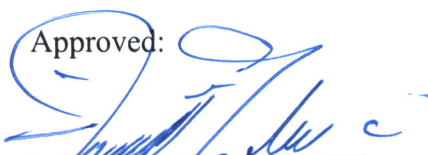
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by S. Sklodowsky, seconded by J. Lonergan, on roll call vote, resolution was **ADOPTED** as follows ayes,8; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michele McCann
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes remain unofficial until Board Approval on March 26, 2019

Approved: 
Board President