

**Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Kearny Board of Education was held in the Board Room, 172 Midland Avenue, on the evening of the above date.

President Doran called the meeting to order and announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided to the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Office of the Town Clerk and posted on the District's website.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Granelli, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Viscuso, Ms. Lindenfelser, President Doran.

Mrs. Patricia Blood, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael De Vita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Jennifer Roselle, Esq., were also present.

**MOTION RE: CLOSED SESSION**

The following resolution was introduced by Ms. Lindenfelser and moved by Mrs. Davidson:

Resolved: by the Board of Education of the Town of Kearny, in the County of Hudson, that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, the Board will enter into Closed Session at this time to discuss District personnel matters, negotiations, and/or pending/ongoing litigation.

When the matters under consideration have been completed, any necessary action will be disclosed to the public.

Seconded by Mr. Hill.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Mr. Hill, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", President Doran, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative, the motion was carried.

**BOARD ENTERS CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

**BOARD RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Granelli, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Viscuso, Ms. Lindenfelser, President Doran.

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**

Mrs. Mc Donald was unable to attend the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Doran led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mrs. Sherry and seconded by Mrs. Paris that the minutes of the following meetings be hereby approved:

Regular Meeting, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.  
Closed Session, June 15, 2015 at 6:01 P.M.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "not voting", Mr. Hill, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", President Doran, "aye".

There being seven votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

**MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mrs. Paris and unanimously carried that the minutes of the following meeting be hereby approved:

Closed Session, June 15, 2015 at 8:35 P.M.

**MOTION RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Mr. Hill that the minutes of the following meeting be hereby approved:

Special Meeting, July 8, 2015 at 6:07 P.M.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "not voting", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Mr. Hill, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "not voting", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", President Doran, "aye".

There being six votes in the affirmative and two members "not voting", the motion was carried.

**OBSERVERS – RE: AGENDA ITEMS**

The following observers addressed the Board:

Paul and Jyhui Leonetti requested information regarding class sizes.

Kathleen Postel addressed logistical concerns regarding the Extended School Year program at Franklin School.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Athletic/ Student Activities** – Mr. Viscuso

Mr. Viscuso reported there were three resolutions being forwarded by the Athletic Committee being presented for approval (Items "L, M, and N", Part II of the Superintendent's Report).

**Curriculum and Instruction** – Mrs. Sherry

Mrs. Sherry reported that all the non-personnel issues that were discussed during Committee will be addressed during the Superintendent's Report, noting that each of the proposals and/or programs are budgeted items.

**Facilities** – Mr. Doran

Mr. Viscuso deferred to Mr. Bruscano for an update on the District's facility projects:

**Kearny High School** – The exterior façade project continues in arbitration. The installation of new windows in the North Building has begun. Painting has begun in the field house, and new lockers are being installed.

Card swipes have been installed in all schools with the exception of the High School.

The installation of the new classrooms in the lower level at Midland Avenue is ongoing.

**Finance** – Mrs. Paris

Mrs. Paris reported that all items discussed during Committee will be presented in Mr. De Vita's report.

**Personnel** – Mr. Doran

Mr. Doran reported that the personnel items discussed during Committee will be presented in the Superintendent's report.

**Policy** – Ms. Lindenfelser

Ms. Lindenfelser reported there are policies being presented for second reading and adoption at the evening's meeting, and the "Attendance" policy, which mirrors New Jersey requirements, is up for its first reading.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Mrs. Blood**

**PART I – PERSONNEL ITEMS**

The following resolutions, inclusive of Items "A" through "H", were moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser and unanimously carried:

**A. RESIGNATION**

Emma Ruhle, Teacher of Chemistry at Kearny High School, has resigned her position, effective immediately.

**B. APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Professional Staff**

The following appointments have been approved for the 2015/2016 school year, effective September 1, 2015:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	STEP	CERT	SALARY	REPLACE/ NEW
Bauer, Jeffrey	Grade 3	Washington	2	MA	\$52,362	Friedman
Betances, Damien	Guidance Counselor	KHS	9	MA	\$63,589 +\$1,896	Schmidt
Elmahalawy, Amina	Chemistry	KHS	1	BA+16	\$46,536	Ruhle
Gigl, Katherine	Social Studies	KHS	4	BA	\$49,136	Vartan
Golden, Alyssa	Speech	District	1	MA	\$51,119 +\$2,309	Rusek
Gortych, Diana	Speech	District	1	MA	\$51,119 +\$2,309	NEW
Lourenco, Melanie	Special Ed Resource	Garfield	1	BA	\$44,996	NEW
Pace, Stefanee	Grade 4	Washington	2	BA	\$46,235	Gryckiewicz
Palase, Victoria	Special Ed Resource	Schuyler	8	BA	\$55,493	½ - NEW ½ - Weiss
Pescadinha, Natasha	Academic Support Instruction	TBD	2	BA	\$46,235	Monaghan
Pitti, Massiel	Biology	KHS	1	MA	\$51,119	Schoeberle
Shauger, Marisa	Special Ed Resource	Schuyler	1	MA	\$51,119	Humphrey
Svec, Jennifer	Special Ed Math	KHS	2	BA	\$46,235	Schillari
Tucker, Cori	Guidance Counselor	Roosevelt	1	MA	\$51,119 +\$1,896	Mackesy
Umek, Dawn	Special Ed Resource	Garfield/ Washington	2	BA	\$46,235	NEW
Villa, Heather	Special Ed Resource	Roosevelt	3	BA	\$47,618	NEW

**2. One-Year Contract**

The following appointments have been approved for the 2015/2016 school year, effective September 1, 2015:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	STEP	CERT	SALARY	REPLACE/ NEW
Casale, Susan	Grade 6 Math/Science	Franklin	1	MA	\$51,119	Postel
Mc Cole, Lisa	Grade 4	Washington	5	BA	\$50,726	Catrambone-Hempel
Pagani, Melissa	Social Studies	Lincoln	2	BA	\$46,235	Mc Gonigal
Petruzzella, Susanne	Kindergarten	Washington	2	BA	\$46,235	Serraino

**3. District Supervisor of Federal Programs**

Sofia Levchak has been appointed to the position of District Supervisor of Federal Programs, STEP 1, which is an annual base salary of \$106,048, effective August 3, 2015.

**4. Assistant Adult School Director**

Patrick Cassidy has been appointed as Assistant Adult School Director for the 2015/2016 school year for two (2) semesters at the remuneration of \$1,250 per semester.

**5. Adult School Secretary**

Linda Landi has been appointed as Adult School Secretary for the 2015/2016 school year at the remuneration of \$1,000 per semester, plus \$225 each for two 5-night registration sessions.

**6. Chemical Safety Officer**

Gary Johnson has been appointed as the District Chemical Safety Officer for the 2015/2016 school year at the stipend remuneration of \$2,306.00.

**7. Curriculum Writing**

**The following have been approved** to perform curriculum writing. Remuneration shall be at the hourly rate of \$36.00 in accordance with the 2013/2014 K.E.A. Agreement, provided through budgeted curriculum writing funds:

**a. Computer Technology – Not more than 20 hours each**

Blair, Margaret                      Davis, Brigette                      Lepore, Graceann

**b. Kindergarten – Not more than 30 hours each**

Bellenger, Denise                      Salisbury, Kristen  
Brodsky, Jenny                      Smeragliuolo, Tracey  
Micucci, Jennifer                      Werrell, Mary  
Pronti, Tamara

**8. Additional Hours – Curriculum Writing**

The Board has approved an additional ten (10) hours **each** for previously-appointed staff to complete ELL curriculum writing with funds provided through FY '16 Title III monies; remuneration in the hourly amount of \$36.00 in accordance with the 2013/2014 K.E.A. Agreement:

Allen-Markarian, Rosanna                      Pereira-Oliveira, Claudia  
Goncalves, Vera                      Santos, Marisa  
Kryshak-Baptista, Amy-Beth                      Soares, Adriana  
Liu, Lan                      Varela, Cindy  
Neno, Juliana

**9. Lateral Transfer of Full-Time Secretary**

The Board has approved the (voluntary) lateral transfer of Sharyne Blevins from (F/T) Secretary assigned to Franklin School to Secretary to (F/T) Secretary assigned to Central Office, effective August 3, 2015.

**10. Full-Time Secretary assigned to Franklin School**

Jennifer Bradow has been appointed to the position of (full-time) Secretary assigned to Franklin School, STEP 6 of the 2013/2014 K.E.O.P. Salary Guide at the base salary of \$52,770, effective August 3, 2015.

**11. Full-Time Secretary assigned to Washington School**

Lisa Schalago has been appointed to the position of (full-time) Secretary assigned to Washington School, STEP 1 of the 2013/2014 K.E.O.P. Salary Guide at the base salary of \$42,395, effective August 3, 2015.

**C. 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSFERS / REASSIGNMENTS**

The Board has approved the following staff reassignments and transfers for the 2015/2016 school year:

<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Cabral, Fernanda	KHS- Resource Math	Franklin- Resource
Esteves, Jennifer	Schuyler- Grade 1	Academic Support Instruction
Fraginals, Jennifer	Franklin - Grade 3	Franklin - Grade 5
Friedman, Marisa	Washington - Grade 3	Academic Support Instruction
Grilo, Mary Ann	Roosevelt - Grade 1	Roosevelt - Grade 2
Kruger, Elena	Franklin/Wash - LDTC	Franklin - LDTC
Mc Guire, Robert	Lincoln - ASI	Lincoln - Math
Mc Kenna, Sharon	Garfield-F/T Resource	Garfield -1/2 - Resource Washington - 1/2 - LDT/C
Mullen, David	KHS-Occ Ed/Business	KHS - Math
Neno, Juliana	Franklin - Bilingual Kdgn	Franklin - High Intensity ESL & ELA
Varela, Cindy	Franklin - Bilingual/ESL	Franklin- Kdgn Sheltered Instruction w/Bilingual Support
Vroegindewey, Kathleen	Lincoln - Lang Arts	Academic Support Instruction

**D. LEAVE(s) OF ABSENCE**

The following leave of absence requests have been granted:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Family Leave</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Leave of Absence</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Return to Work</b>
Ferreira, Elaine	Franklin	X	9/8 to 10/30/15			11/2/15
Mendes, Noelene	Franklin (Speech)	X	10/20/15 to 1/12/16			1/13/16
Serraino, Katie	Washington			X	Sept. 2015 thru June 2016	September 2016

**E. SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES**

- The Board has approved a maximum of 20 additional hours for the (previously-approved) Speech Therapist working with the Summer Child Study Team.
- The Board has granted approval for School-Based Therapy Services to provide speech/language therapy services to students from September 14, 2015 through January 12, 2016. These services are being provided while a District staff member is on maternity leave.

**F. COACHES/ADVISORS**

**1. 2015/2016 Appointments**

The following Coaches/Advisors appointments have been approved for the 2015/2016 school year:

<b><u>COACH/ADVISOR</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>LONGEVITY</u></b>
Honor Society - KHS .....	Keim, Laurie .....	\$ 1,783	
KHS-Student Government .....	Correnti, Jennifer .....	4,255	+500
Football - Assistant .....	Mavin, Jr., Kenneth .....	5,072	

**2. Paraprofessional Volunteers**

The Board has granted approval to the following individuals who have requested to volunteer coaching services:

Football..... Fernandez, Michael  
 ..... Kuhrt, Rick  
 ..... Llagos, Claudio

Soccer – Boys ..... Sylvia, Michael  
 ..... Rosamalia, Sal  
 ..... Rudden, Michael  
 Soccer - Girls .....Bifulco, Frank  
 Tennis – Girls .....Driscoll, Ryan  
 Volleyball – Girls ..... Balakier, Konrad  
 Photographer ..... Brooks, Chris

**G. SUBSTITUTES**

**1. State Substitute Certificates**

Permission has been granted to obtain State Substitute Certification for the following in All Grades/All Subjects:

Ali, Michael	Mc Gonigal, Katherine
Davitt, Owen G.	Richards, Kerry-Kay
Esposito, Taylor	Rodrigues, Jessica C.
Hernandez, Connie M.	Velez-Romero, Magally

**2. Additions to Annual Listing of Substitute Teachers**

The individuals listed below will be substituting in the Kearny Public Schools this year. These teachers are eligible to work for, and be charged to, the Title I Program. The county requires that we publish this list. This is in addition to those listed in previous Board reports:

Guillen, Judith M.	Lastra, Yvonne
Ha, Jungim	Sack, Yolanda

**H. AIDES**

**1. Extended-Year Bus Aide Assignments**

The following have been approved as Bus Aides assigned to assist with the transportation of extended-school year special education students, July 1 through August 15, 2015, as needed:

Fuino, Debra	Loughran, Marilyn
Grossi, Christine	Pooler, Marcie
Lamiano, Yesenia	Taggart, Donald

**Substitutes** .....Albanese, Lois  
 ..... Passantino, Nereyda

**2. Re-Hire**

The Board has approved the rehire of the following Aide:

Guerra, Maria

**3. Resignations/Retirements**

The following Aide employees have resigned/retired:

Alfaro, Mauricio	Miller, Diana
Bermudez, Connie	Nakrosis, Elena
La Brode, George	Wenzel, Jennifer

**PART II – NON-PERSONNEL ISSUES**

The following resolutions, inclusive of Items "A" through "O", and "Q", were moved by Mrs. Sherry, seconded by Mrs. Paris and unanimously carried:

**A. TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS**

**1. Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Mc Graw Hill**

The Board has adopted Grade 3-5 Social Studies textbooks by Mc Graw Hill Publishers, following an extensive pilot program conducted during the past school year. The projected cost for the program is \$135,233.68, and the District has requested a deferred payment option, spreading the cost over two school years. The total cost has been included in the 2015/2016 budget.

**2. High School: Pearson Common Core Geometry**

The Board has adopted the Pearson Common Core Geometry textbook program for high school students. The projected cost for the program is \$9,231.57 and has been included in the 2015/2016 budget.

**B. ADOPTION OF LEARNING A-Z.COM PROGRAM**

The Board has approved the acquisition of the online program "Learning A-Z.com" for Grades K-5, which offers reading practice for students by providing an online library of over 1,400 books. Preliminary costs of approximately \$35,000 have been budgeted for 2015/2016.

**C. RTIm DIRECT**

The Board has approved the adoption of the RTIm Direct program to be used primarily by the I & RS Committee in each school to create a warehouse of information on students that are referred to the committee for possible Special Education screening. The projected cost for the program in year one is \$30,214.40, and \$9,190.40 annually. Funding sources, including grant monies, are being explored.

**D. 504 DIRECT**

The Board has approved the purchase of the 504 Direct program, which documents all 504 students in one centralized location for ease of accessibility for Building Principals and Guidance Counselors. The projected cost in year one is approximately \$3,550 and \$350 annually; this amount will be paid through grant monies.

**E. ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The Board has approved the adoption of the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System, which supports learning in both reading and writing, with the goal of bringing students to grade level achievement in reading. The projected cost of the program is \$15,000, payable through Title I funds.

**F. SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

The following contracts have been approved for the 2015/2016 school year:

1. **School Based Therapy Services, PC**

School-based physical/occupational therapy

2. **Loving Care Agency, Inc.**

Nursing services provided to Student No. 221460

3. **Hillmar, LLC**

Bilingual evaluation services

**G. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT BILINGUAL PROGRAM WAIVER**

**The Board has approved the submission of** the annual Bilingual Program Waiver request to the New Jersey Department of Education. The Kearny School District operates a "High Intensity" ESL program. This waiver must be submitted each school year.

**H. APPROVAL OF CURRICULA FOR THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board has granted approval and implementation of previously Board-approved curricula for the 2015/2016 school year that clearly and specifically align with the most recent State Board adopted version of the New Jersey Common Core Curriculum Standards and Common Core State Standards.

**I. STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES - SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR DETERMINING GRADES UNDER THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT**

The Board has approved the 2014/2015 School Self-Assessments for Determining HIB Grades for each of the Kearny Public Schools, and recommend the submission of the Statement of Assurances to the New Jersey Department of Education. A copy of the Report has been electronically sent to Board members for review, and copies of the Report have been made available for public comment.

**J. AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE BETWEEN MEETINGS**

To facilitate an orderly school opening for the 2015/2016 school year, the Board of Education has authorized the Superintendent of Schools to hire the necessary staff as required in the interim of meetings, with confirming approval of said appointments at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

**K. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY STUDY**

The Board has granted approval to participate in a voluntary research study concerning high school students with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD), under the auspices of the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal.

**L. GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM – TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Board has granted approval for the KHS Girls Softball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to attend The Ripken Experience facility, departing on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday, April 1, 2016. There will be no school days missed, and expenses will be paid by the Girls Softball Booster Club through fundraising. The Board will provide transportation to and from La Guardia Airport, and all Board policies will be met.

**M. APPROVAL OF CO-OP SPORTS PROGRAM – ICE HOCKEY**

Based upon the recommendation of the Vice Principal of Athletics/Student Activities and the Athletic Committee, the Board has granted approval to permit one (1) Weehawken High School student to join the Kearny High School (junior varsity) Ice Hockey Club. There will be no charge and insurance coverage will be provided by Weehawken. Transportation will be the responsibility of Weehawken High School and/or the student’s parents. John Millar anticipates a small financial contribution to the Co-Op from Weehawken, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.

**N. PERMISSION FOR KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL “G” WEEK**

The Board has granted approval for the High School to partner with Gatorade on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, to demonstrate the importance of sports nutrition and to offer product experience. A copy of the flyer is attached for your review.

**O. BOARD POLICY**

1. The following Bylaws and policies have been adopted upon second reading:

(By-Law) 0134	Board Self Evaluation
(By-Law) 0152	Board Officers
2415	No Child Left Behind Programs
2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability
2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities
2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers
2415.05	Pupil Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations
2415.06	Unsafe School Choice Option
2622	Student Assessment
3212	Attendance
3218	Substance Abuse
4212	Attendance
4218	Substance Abuse
5350	Pupil Suicide Prevention
5460	High School Graduation
5465	Early Graduation
5512	Harassment, Intimidation And Bullying
5533	Pupil Smoking
8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility
8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, And Other Drug Abuse

2. The Board has approved the **first reading** of the revised policy/regulations for the following:

**5200..... Attendance**



3. The Board of Education hereby grants the **adoption of all pre-existing Board Policies and Regulations** of the Kearny Board of Education, with the revisions, additions, deletions, etc. prescribed by Strauss Esmay up to and including the period ending July, 2013 and any new policies that may have been adopted by the Board of Education since that date.

**Q. FIELD TRIPS**

The Board has approved the listing of field trips for students and appropriate staff that are aligned to the Core Curriculum Content Standards and promote the delivery of instruction.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Sherry and seconded by Mrs. Paris:

**P. PROFESSIONAL DAYS**

The Board has approved the listing of Professional Days, as well as reimbursement for travel and related expenses, where such travel and related expenses have been previously reviewed by the building principal/supervisor and the Chief School Administrator.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Mr. Hill, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", President Doran, "not voting".

There being seven votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY – Mr. De Vita**

**PART I – FINANCE**

The following resolutions, inclusive of Items "A" through "E" and "G", were moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Davidson and unanimously carried:

**A. CASH RECEIPTS – JUNE, 2015**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the following Report of Cash Receipts for the month of June, 2015:

06/01/15	PROVIDENT INT. - CAFÉ, NET P/R, ETC.	\$	188.23
06/05/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CHAPTER 192		4,486.00
06/05/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY - CHAPTER 193		3,430.00
06/09/15	KEARNY ADULT SCHOOL		50,461.69
06/10/15	PROVIDENT INT.- NET P/R 6/1-6/9		3.05
06/10/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY- FICA (APRIL)		123,009.75
06/10/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY - FICA (APRIL)		122,341.13
06/10/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY - FICA (MAY)		121,657.84
06/10/15	STATE OF NEW JERSEY - FICA (MAY)		121,413.97
06/16/15	THE PORT AUTHORITY		27,328.89
06/16/15	KBOE GENERAL FUND		3,500,000.00
06/16/15	STATE OF NJ - ARRA RECONCILIATION		62,762.58
06/17/15	21st CENTURY SALES		36,907.00
06/17/15	KBOE - GENERAL FUND		1,000,000.00
06/17/15	TOWN OF KEARNY		3,943,374.00
06/17/15	KBOE - GENERAL FUND		400,000.00
06/24/15	STATE OF NJ - STATE LUNCH (MAY)		2,754.57
06/24/15	STATE OF NJ - BREAKFAST (MAY)		11,459.26
06/24/15	STATE OF NJ - FEDERAL LUNCH (MAY)		120,265.90
06/24/15	STATE OF NJ - HHFKA PROGRAM (MAY)		3,245.64
06/25/15	STATE OF NJ - BRIDGE DEVICE COMP.		115,000.00
06/26/15	STATE OF NJ - TITLE III - LANG. ACQ.		7,142.00
06/26/15	STATE OF NJ - TITLE IIA - TEACHER TRAIN.		26,571.00
06/26/15	STATE OF NJ - TITLE I - GENERAL		231,467.00
06/30/15	KBOE - CAPITAL PROJECTS		1,406,214.00

06/30/15	KBOE - CAPITAL RESERVE	1,000,000.00
06/30/15	KBOE - GENERAL FUND	600,000.00
06/30/15	ADULT SCHOOL INTEREST	1.66
06/30/15	PROVIDENT INTEREST - G/O ACCOUNT	633.89
06/30/15	JUNE MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	<u>355,087.74</u>
		\$ 13,397,206.79

06/30/15	INTEREST - GENERAL FUND	380.14
06/30/15	INTEREST - CAPITAL RESERVE	705.45
06/30/15	INTEREST - HS BOND REFERENDUM	10.64
06/30/15	INTEREST - CAPITAL PROJECTS	167.60
06/30/15	INTEREST - UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	<u>96.58</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,398,567.20</u>

**B. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the list of transfers as per the attached for the 2014/2015 school budget.

**C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (A-148)**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the monthly Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education for the month ending June 30, 2015 based upon the Board Secretary's certification that 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). And be it further

Resolved: That for the record it be noted that after having reviewed the appropriations section of said report and also having consulted with the appropriate district officials, hereby certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2014/2015 School Year.

**D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL FUNDS (A-149)**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the monthly Report of the Treasurer of School Funds to the Board of Education for the month ending June, 2015.

**E. INVESTMENTS – JUNE, 2015**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby confirms the action of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in having made investments through The Provident Bank during the month of June, 2015. And be it further

Resolved: That for the record it be noted that the interest earned on said investments amounted to \$1,263.83 bringing the year-to-date interest to \$16,693.79.

**G. ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNT BILLS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, hereby approves the bills paid through the Athletic Officials Account for the month of June, 2015, as per the attached listing totaling \$874.14.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser:

**F. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the representation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that he has examined, audited, and certified in writing that the attached bill list is correct in the total amount of \$13,570,434.85 covering the period of 6/11/15 to 6/30/15, hereby orders same to be paid, in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.

Resolved: That the Kearny Board of Education, based upon the representation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that he has examined, audited, and certified in writing that the attached bill list is correct in the total amount of \$11,191,823.58 covering the period of 7/1/15 to 7/22/15, hereby orders same to be paid, in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Davidson, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", Mr. Hill, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", President Doran, "not voting".

There being seven votes in the affirmative and one member "not voting", the motion was carried.

**PART II – FACILITIES**

The following resolutions, inclusive of Items "A" through "H", were moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Davidson and unanimously carried:

**A. Payment to Contractor – RE: "KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT AND RENOVATION PROJECT"**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue a warrant payable to A&J CONSULTING SERVICES, Clifton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (a) in payment of Application Number 36.

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 269,920.00	
Net Change by Change Orders	<u>806,800.00</u>	
Contract Sum to Date	\$1,076,720.00	
Less: Previous Payments Approved	571,200.00	
Current Payment Due	<u>50,000</u>	(a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 455,520.00</u>	

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 16,000.00	
(Reimbursable Expenses)		
Less: Previous Payments Approved	\$ 7,769.62	
Current Payment Due	<u>0.00</u>	(a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 8,230.38</u>	

**B. RENEWAL APPLICATION OF TCU (TEMPORARY CLASSROOM UNITS) FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE AT KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the renewal of the TCU (Temporary Classroom Units) for the 2015-2016 School Year at Kearny High School.

**C. Payment to Construction Management – RE: "KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT AND RENOVATIONS"**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to issue a warrant payable to "EPIC MANAGEMENT, INC." of Piscataway, NJ in the total amount of \$19,050.00 (a) in payment of Application Number 44 for reimbursement of services rendered in connection with construction administration for "KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT AND RENOVATIONS".

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 970,918.00	
Net Change by Change Orders	<u>775,050.00</u>	
Contract Sum to Date	\$1,745,968.00	
Less: Previous Payments Approved	1,449,850.00	
Current Payment Due	<u>19,050.00</u>	(a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 277,068.00</u>	

**D. Payment to Architect – RE: “KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT AND RENOVATION PROJECT”**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue a warrant payable to DiCara Rubino Architects, in the amount of \$69,562.50 (a) in payment of Application Number 5.

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 795,000.00
Net Change by Change Orders	<u>0.00</u>
Contract Sum to Date	\$ 795,000.00
Less: Previous Payments Approved	349,800.00
Current Payment Due	<u>69,562.50</u> (a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 375,637.50</u>

**E. Payment to Contractor – RE: “174 MIDLAND AVENUE-ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION”**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue a warrant payable to MARK CONSTRUCTION, INC., in the amount of \$35,191.24 (a) in payment of Application Number 21, as duly certified by JOHN FALLON OF FALLON & PACHECO ARCHITECTS, Project Architect, for the project entitled “174 MIDLAND AVENUE-ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION”.

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 612,200.00
Net Change by Change Orders	<u>147,361.94</u>
Contract Sum to Date	\$1,759,561.94
Less: Previous Payments Approved	1,724,370.70
Current Payment Due	<u>35,191.24</u> (a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

**F. Payment to Architect – RE: “174 MIDLAND AVENUE”**

The Kearny Board of Education does hereby authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue a warrant payable to “FALLON & PACHECO ARCHITECTS” of Bloomfield, NJ in the total amount of \$1,445.80 (a) in payment of Application Number 27 for reimbursement of services rendered in connection with construction administration for the “174 MIDLAND AVENUE”.

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 160,000.00
Net Change by Change Orders	<u>4,000.00</u>
Contract Sum to Date	\$ 164,000.00
Less: Previous Payments Approved	160,174.61
Current Payment Due	<u>1,360.00</u> (a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 2,465.39</u>

For Informational Purposes

Original Contract Sum	\$ 18,000.00
(Reimbursable Expenses)	
Net Change Orders	<u>- 4,000</u>
Contract Sum to Date	\$ 14,000.00
Less: Previous Payments Approved	9,667.27
Current Payment Due	<u>85.80</u> (a)
Balance Due	<u>\$ 4,246.93</u>

**G. REQUEST FOR PERMITS**

The Board has approved the following permit request:

ORGANIZATION	BUILDING LOCATION	DATE(S)	EVENT	TIME
Boys Scouts	Lincoln Gym	Wednesdays Sept. 9, 2015 through June 15, 2016	Meetings \First Aid Rally	7 PM – 9:30 pm
		Nov. 18, 2015		6 pm – 10 pm

**H. EXPANSION OF PLAYGROUNDS**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the proposal for improvements / expansion of the Pettigrew Playground located at Washington School and Hickory Street Playground.

Be It Further Resolved: That the approval is contingent upon the placement of security cameras in the park, the township assuming any environmental costs associated with requirements of the EPA, the township assuming any liability in the parks, and the Board of Education has the ability to recommend the parks be closed if any problems arise.

**PART III – NON-PERSONNEL ISSUES**

The following resolutions, inclusive of Items "A" through "K", were moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

**A. CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the funding year 2015-2016 State Charter School Aid based on the Projected Enrollment Count District Summary in the annual amount of \$21,249.00.

Great Oaks Charter School..... \$ 13,687.00  
University Heights Charter School ..... 7,562.00

**B. CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the contractual agreement with the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark for the provision of child study team evaluations for the Kearny School District commencing September 1, 2015 and terminating August 31, 2016.

**C. APPROVAL OF 7-ELEVEN GRANT PROGRAM**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts the Project A-Game School & Sports Grant Program from 7-Eleven in the amount of \$711.00 for Kearny High School students.

**D. YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Kearny Board of Education ("District"), as deemed necessary, sends students to out of district private schools for students with disabilities ("PSSD"); and

WHEREAS, Youth Consultation Service, Inc. ("YCS") operates PSSD's at various locations in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, District students place at YCS PSSD's receive meals meeting the nutritional requirements of the Child Nutrition Program that is administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the YCS meals provided are discounted and/or free to the District students attending YCS PSSD's; and

WHEREAS, the District does not require YCS to charge District students for the meals being provided

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. District Does Not Require Charges for Meals: The District's Board of Education resolves that it does not require YCS PSSD's to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals.

Section 2. Effective Date; Repealer. This resolution shall take effect immediately. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**E. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OF NATURAL GAS & ELECTRIC SERVICES**

The Kearny Board of Education agrees to participate with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission in seeking bids on a cooperative basis for the purchase of Natural Gas & Electric effective August 1, 2015.

The Board agrees to provide the Commission with the correct address/meter/account information for each location in their District by August 1, 2015.

The Board agrees not to solicit bids or quotes or to enter into a contract that would jeopardize the award of a contract for Cooperative Purchasing of Natural Gas & Electric by the Commission. The Board agrees to abide by the award of contract made by the Commission if the Commission determines that the bidder is qualified. The Board will not withdraw from the cooperative without providing at least 30 days advance notice of their intent before the next preparation of bid specifications.

The Commission will prepare bid specifications, evaluate bids submitted and award a contract for the purchase of Natural Gas & Electric. The Commission will also monitor the performance of the vendor during the course of the contract.

In lieu of the participation fee, the Commission will receive a .00650 per therm commission from the successful bidder for the Natural Gas services rendered by the Commission, including preparation of specifications, transmittal of bid specifications, bid evaluation and contract documents.

In lieu of the participation fee, the Commission will receive a .00125 per kilowatt hour commission from the successful bidder for the Electric services rendered by the Commission, including preparation of specifications, transmittal of bid specifications, bid evaluation and contract documents.

**F. BID THRESHOLD INCREASE**

WHEREAS, Michael De Vita, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a qualified purchasing agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with the State Treasurer and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), on July 1 , 2015 has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with purchasing agents who possess qualified purchasing agent certificates, from \$36,000 to \$40,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kearny Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$40,000 for the board of education, and further authorizes Michael De Vita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

**G. SCHOOL UNIFORM PROPOSAL**

The Kearny Board of Education hereby accepts Mr. G's Embroidery as the lowest bidder for the Board-approved, free short sleeve collared uniform shirt to each new student who enters our school system.

The vendor will be accepting the voucher for this shirt and receive payment monthly from the Kearny Board of Education.

For Informational Purposes

A proposal was also received from Kids Place of N.J.

**H. CREW SHELLS**

The Board of Education hereby approves selling a four man crew shell and using the proceeds of the sale to purchase a new four man crew shell.

Be It Further Resolved: That any cost differential between the new crew shell and the proceeds from the sale of the crew shell will be provided by the Crew Parents Association, so there will be no cost to the Board.

**I. DISCARD OF TEXTBOOKS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the request of Michael Contreras, Supervisor Math, Kearny High School, hereby approves the discard of the following textbooks which are considered obsolete and of no value per Houghton Mifflin:

<b>Textbook</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Copyright</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Geometry Grades 9-11	Houghton Mifflin	1996-2005	450

**J. DISCARD OF TEXTBOOKS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the request of Denise Pais-Sotelo, Supervisor Physical Education, Kearny High School, hereby approves the discard of the following textbooks which are considered obsolete and of no value per McGraw Hill Glencoe:

<b>Textbook</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Copyright</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
A Teen’s Guide to Sexuality - Building Health Relationship Skills 11th Grade Health	McGraw Hill Glencoe	2005	100
Human Sexuality – 9th Grade Health	McGraw Hill Glencoe	2005	100

**K. DISCARD OF TEXTBOOKS**

The Kearny Board of Education, based upon the request of Valerie Iacono, Principal, Schuyler School, hereby approves the discard of the following textbooks and workbooks which are considered obsolete and of no value per the publishers:

<b>Textbook</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Copyright</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
States & Regions	Harcourt Horizons	2005	92 +* 6
English	Houghton Mifflin	2004	84 +* 1
Language Workbook	Trophies Harcourt School Publishers	2007	81
United States History Beginnings	Harcourt Horizons	2005	83+* 4
United States & Its Neighbors	MacMillan McGraw Hill	1995	7
Math	Harcourt Horizons	2002	6
People & Communities	Harcourt Horizons	2005	91 +* 2
English Reteaching Workbook	Houghton Mifflin	2004	21
This is Music	Allyn and Bacon	1967	50
Physical Science	Prentice Hall	2002	35
Exploring Life Science	Prentice Hall	1995	25
Exploring Physical Science	Prentice Hall	1995	25

**\* Teacher editions**

**REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY - ADDENDUM**

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Davidson and unanimously carried:

**1. SUB-SUPPLIER SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2013, the Board adopted a resolution terminating for convenience a construction contract with Brockwell & Carrington Contractors, Inc. (B&C) for Noise Abatement at Kearny High School (“Noise Abatement Contract”); and

WHEREAS, certain of B&C’s subcontractors and suppliers have submitted claims for work performed, materials and equipment supplied, and costs arising from the termination of the Noise Abatement Contract; and

WHEREAS, B&C has authorized the Board to resolve such subcontractor/ supplier claims directly; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Construction Manager EPIC Management and the Board's Special Construction Counsel have met with the following Subcontractors/Suppliers of B&C and recommend the following payments to resolve, in whole or part, various claims:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board shall pay to the following B&C subcontractors and suppliers and credit such payment against the Noise Abatement Contract

- Architectural Windows - \$136,991.07 - settlement of claims for materials and storage costs only (termination for convenience claims still pending)
- Enterprise Electric - \$171,138.00 - full settlement of all claims
- All-Ply Roofing - \$14,000.00 - full settlement of all claims

**REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY** - Ms. Roselle

No report.

**OBSERVERS**

Brenda Di Nuzzo, Kearny, spoke regarding the positive aspects of the scheduling at the Middle School.

Elizabeth Kubowicz, Kearny, spoke regarding class sizes.

**MOTION RE: ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Davidson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary