

**Special Meeting
June 29, 2020
6:08 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the Kearny Board of Education was held via teleconference on the evening of the above date.

President Paris 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 Star Ledger and Jersey Journal and notice of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk by letter dated June 22, 2020, and posted on the District website.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Lindenfelser, Mrs. Mc Donald, Mr. Mc Kenna, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Viscuso, Mr. Zapata, President Paris.

Patricia Blood, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Izbicki, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Kenneth J. Lindenfelser, Esq., Board Attorney, were also present.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the special meeting is to address the following topics: Annual evaluation of the Superintendent; approval of the completion of 2019/2020 merit goals; discussion of proposed K.E.A. contract; approval of reserve funds.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mr. Soares joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mrs. Davidson was unable to attend the meeting.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Lindenfelser, Chairperson of the Labor Relations Committee, discussed the proposed, negotiated contractual agreement with the Kearny Education Association, noting that an additional eight (8) minutes of instructional time per day has been agreed upon. There are percentage salary increases annually contained in the three-year agreement, with small increases to specific stipend positions contained in Schedules E, F, and G. Ms. Lindenfelser remarked that the negotiations process was smooth and productive, adding that it is the first time in almost 20 years that the teachers' union has a succeeding agreement prior to the expiration of the current agreement.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Mc Donald and seconded by Mr. Zapata:

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KEARNY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE KEARNY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2023

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the Board and the K.E.A. for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2023.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mrs. Mc Donald, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "not voting", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

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

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Mc Donald, seconded by Mrs. Sherry and unanimously carried:

INCREASE IN RESERVE ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the Kearny Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the General Fund into the Capital Reserve and Maintenance Reserve Accounts at year end, not to exceed \$3,800,000 for either account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kearny Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

MOTION RE: CLOSED SESSION

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Zapata, moved by Mrs. Mc Donald and seconded by Mr. Mc Kenna:

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 and negotiations.

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

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Lindenfelser, "aye", Mrs. Mc Donald, "aye", Mr. Mc Kenna, "aye", Mr. Soares, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", President Paris, "aye".

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

BOARD MEMBERS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY DEPART MEETING

Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Viscuso, and Dr. Izbicki departed the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

BOARD ENTERS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:24 p.m.

BOARD RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

The following resolutions were moved by Mrs. Mc Donald, seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser and unanimously carried:

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2019/2020 school year.

APPROVAL OF COMPLETION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S 2019/2020 MERIT GOALS

The Kearny Board of Education hereby approves the completion of the 2019/2020 Merit Goals by the Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION RE: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Mc Donald, seconded by Ms. Lindenfelser and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Business Administrator/
Board Secretary