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### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING KEANSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION JOSEPH R. BOLGER MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER MARCH 12, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Michael Mankowski, Vice President, called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Brooke Clayton (arrived at 7:20), Kenneth Cook, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Michael Mankowski and Catherine Ryan

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Christopher Hoff and Matthew Kitchen

**OTHERS PRESENT** Kathleen O'Hare, Superintendent, Michael Sette, Board Secretary, and Christine Formica, Dir. of C & I, State & Fed Programs

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mr. Mankowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD DEDICATION PROPOSAL**

##### **Presented by Joseph Memmolo**

Joseph Memmolo, along with the Keansburg Hall of Fame Committee, has proposed raising funds to dedicate the high school football field to Tom Stark, the longtime Athletic Director of the Keansburg School District. The dedication will include plaques and potential upgrades to the field. They are not requesting any financial contribution from the district; instead, they are seeking approval to proceed with their fundraising efforts and planning for the dedication.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL CONCERNS**

**Kim Moran** inquired about the total funding required for the project. **Joseph Memmolo** clarified that the final cost would depend on the scope of work they decide to take on. He mentioned that the project would be completed in phases, with each phase progressing as funding for that portion is obtained. **Kim Moran** also inquired about Joseph Memmolo's outreach and marketing plans. **Joseph Memmolo** explained that he intends to collaborate with local

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businesses, utilize alumni Facebook groups, and organize fundraising events to generate support and secure funding for the project.

**Ken Cook** asked about the project's timeline. **Joseph Memmolo** responded by explaining that the project would be completed in phases, with the availability of funding determining how many phases can be completed. He noted that the first phase, which involves the dedication of the plaque, can begin immediately since the necessary funds for this phase have already been secured.

**Joseph Memmolo** continued to discuss the organizations he has contacted, including the Booster Club. He mentioned the possibility of establishing a 501(c)(3) organization to ensure transparency throughout the project. Memmolo reiterated his various fundraising ideas, such as reaching out to local businesses, utilizing alumni networks, and organizing community fundraising events to support the initiative.

He also asked whether the board needed to vote on the project. **Kathleen O'Hare** explained that while an official vote was not required, the board had expressed its support for moving forward with the initiative.

### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN	
Moved By:	Judy Ferraro
Seconded By:	Kenneth Cook
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Kenneth Cook, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Michael Mankowski, and Catherine Ryan
Nay:	
Abstain:	

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Moved by Judy Ferraro seconded by Kenneth Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sette', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael Sette  
Asst. to the Business  
Administrator/Board Secretary