

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING KEANSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION JOSEPH R. BOLGER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM OCTOBER 17, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

- CALL TO ORDER** Matthew Kitchen, President, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT** Brooke Clayton, Kenneth Cook, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, and Gregory Siciliano
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Michael Mankowski (arrived at 7:11pm)
- OTHERS PRESENT** Kathleen O'Hare, Superintendent, Michael Sette, Asst. to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, John O Bennett, Attorney, and District Administration.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Mr. Kitchen led the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS -** Bolger - Destiny Hunley and Emily Rivera  
High School - Jasmyn Muniz and Gabriella Rivera

The High School presentation covered various topics, including new artwork, teachers, class meetings, updated rules, and support from teachers and administration. It highlighted Army and Navy visits, the success of back to school night, and the seniors' final picture day with senior portraits taken. There was mention of a successful Montclair visit and celebrations for seniors in tennis and cross country, with football and cheer planning their event on Saturday, October 21, coinciding with homecoming. Spirit week and upcoming events, such as Ramapo visits, a teacher vs. student kickball game, a Key Club induction dinner, a senior gift auction, and the Class of 2026 and 2027 selling KT jibbitz, were also discussed.

No updates or information were presented for Bolger Middle School this month.

**PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCES:** State of the Schools - Administration  
State Test Scores - Christine Formica

**State of the School Address:**

**Keansburg High School:** Sean Brophy began by discussing college attendance and outlined goals from the student planning committee. New course offerings were introduced, emphasizing KHS's commitment to supporting students academically and emotionally. The Titian community football team assisted with the Pre-K first days. John Bird provided an update on the CLEA program in collaboration with other clubs. Noteworthy events included fundraisers, fall sports, senior days, winter sports, and an increase in the graduation rate.

**Bolger Middle School:** Joe LaRocca handed the floor to Destiny Hunley and Emily River for the state of the school's presentation. They discussed extracurricular activities, including the 6th-grade trip to the Keansburg Museum and the initiation of various clubs. Highlights included updates on student services, emphasizing increased counseling and support, school-wide programs, educational opportunities, and a notable boost in community and family involvement.

**Caruso Elementary School:** Elyse McMahon provided updates on student numbers, ongoing benchmark assessments, sustained academic support, the continuation of gifted and talented programs (G&T), picture day, and the implementation of guided reading and math groups. Sean Henry discussed the recent addition of the Dean of Climate and Culture and elaborated on her role within the school. Students from the G&T class shared information about upcoming events. A new program, "Titan of the Week," was introduced, where candidates receive a golden ticket for a prize and a coin for the book machine. The discussion also touched on student council activities and benchmark incentives.

**Keansburg Early Learning Center:** Anne Hazeldine reported that both sides of the school are now open, with the Pre-K housing 12 inclusion classrooms. The completion of punch list items by SDA is still pending. Current initiatives focus on cultivating positive social-emotional skills, acquiring and applying knowledge, and using appropriate behaviors to meet students' needs. The Pre-K is collaboratively working with Caruso on workshops addressing transition needs. Notable highlights include the involvement of high school football students, a parent welcome, and plans for upcoming fundraising activities.

**Pupil Personnel Services:** Tara Smith discussed the services provided by her department for special education, including the enrollment of special education students across all schools in the district. The district has formed partnerships with the YMCA and Effective School Solutions. Students actively participate in the Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment, and there is an ongoing special education parent advisory group.

**State Test Scores**

**Curriculum and Instruction:** Christine Formica provided an overview of NJSLA scores, highlighting that testing spans grades 3 through 9. Changes were discussed, with some progress noted in English and Math. The goal is to move students from level 3 to levels 4 and 5. Intervention strategies were explained, and the full presentation is available on the school website.

In response to Matthew Kitchen's question about comparing with last year's data on the website, Christine Formica confirmed that the data is accessible for comparison.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Kenneth Cook reports that the finance committee met with Michael Sette and everything is financially sound. Encouraged members to look at 7 and 8 of the Board Administrators as they are about the financial stability of the school..

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO BOARD AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act ("Act"), the Keansburg Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the Personnel and Legal exception(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing:

- (1) Legal
- (2) Personnel

It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that action will be taken in public after the executive session.

Be it further resolved that the minutes of the executive session will be released when the need for confidentiality in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 no longer applies.

MOTION BY: Kenneth Cook

SECONDED BY: Patricia Frizell

IN 7:50pm OUT 8:38pm



APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION	
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Judy Ferraro
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Brooke Clayton
<b>AYE:</b>	Brooke Clayton, Kenneth Cook, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
<b>NAY:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

Kenneth Cook left after Executive Session

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the following meeting be approved as submitted:

MEETING	DATE
REGULAR MEETING	September 19, 2023
EXECUTIVE SESSION	
SPECIAL MEETING	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
<b>MOVED BY</b>	Michael Mankowski
<b>SECONDED BY</b>	Gregory Siciliano
<b>AYE</b>	Brooke Clayton, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
<b>NAY</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	Judy Ferraro



The Superintendent of Schools recommends positive action on the following items:

**PERSONNEL:**

## 1. RETIREMENT-2023-2024-DISTRICT

Approve the following retirement, as submitted:

Kmak, Brian                  Social Studies                  Account # 15-130-100-101-30  
Eff. 1/1/24

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## 2. RESIGNATION-2023-2024-DISTRICT

Approve the following resignation, as submitted:

DeOcampo, Tracie                      Paraprofessional                      Account # 15-216-100-106-10

Eff. 10/20/23 or sooner

### 3. NON-PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT-2023-2024-DISTRICT

Hendrickson, Kristine Eff. 10/18/23	Paraprofessional	BA-3	\$28,021.00 prorated	DIST
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Account # 15-216-100-106-10

#### 4. EXTRA BLOCK TEACHER-2023-2024-KHS

Approve the following staff member to assume the role as an extra block teacher with 1/2 stipend per the negotiated agreement every other day beginning 9/15/23 ending 10/6/23 for class coverage.

O'Keefe, Thomas	\$77.95 hourly
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Account # 11-140-100-101-40

## 5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE-MEDICAL

Approve/ratify the following individual be granted a Medical Leave of Absence using allowable sick days followed by unpaid leave. If interested and eligible, this leave may be deducted from his/her entitlement under FMLA/NJFLA:

Name	Beginning	Returning
White, Bernadette	09/07/2023	09/18/2023

**6. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/PARAPROFESSIONAL-2023-2024-DISTRICT**

Approve the following individual to be added to our substitute teacher/paraprofessional list for the 2023-2024 school year at the rates listed below:

Billyer, Jacqueline^  
Walters, Tammy^

\$100.00 = Substitute Teacher  
\$ 85.00 = Paraprofessional

^pending completion of paperwork  
\*per negotiated contract agreement

Account # 11-120-100-101-20 Prek-5  
Account # 11-130-100-101-30 6-8  
Account # 11-140-100-101-40 9-12

**7. PERMANENT POOL SUBSTITUTES-2023-2024-DISTRICT**

Approve the following individual for the position and salary indicated for the 2023-2024 school year effective 10/18/2023:

Name	Account #	Rate	Building
Rajaveen, Ajitha	11-120-100-101-20	\$125.00 per day	KELC

**8. CLUB TEACHER POSITIONS-KHS**

Approve the following individuals for the positions listed at Keansburg High School for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION *</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Ince, Justine	KHS Social Squad Club Leader	\$1,476.00
Reid, James	KHS Climate and Culture Club Teacher	\$ 738.00

\*Note: Employer specifically reserves managerial prerogative to remove position as a reduction if position is not justified.

Account # 20-235-200-101-40

**9. INTERNSHIP-2023-2024-DISTRICT**

Approve the following Middletown North High School student be permitted to complete her Senior Career Seminar in the area of Business with Michael Sette, for approximately 75 hours during the 2023-2024 school year.

Kaiser, Katherine

**10. STUDENT OBSERVATION-2023-2024-DISTRICT**

Approve the following student be permitted to complete her student observation:

University of Phoenix

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Dean, Amanda	Christina Burke	JCCS	Fall 2023

**11. KEANSBURG EARLY LEARNING CENTER (KELC)-BUS AIDES-2023-2024****A.M. / P.M. Bus Aides - Pre-K**

Approve the following individuals as bus aides for the Keansburg Early Learning Center A.M./P.M. bus runs at the hourly rate indicated to be paid from 9/1/23 - 6/30/24 as needed:

Barszewski, Michele	\$23.38
Sheldon, Dorothy	\$23.62
Zgola, Loriann	\$23.38

Account # 20-218-100-106-10

**A.M. / P.M. Substitute Bus Aides - Pre-K**

Approve the following individuals as substitute bus aides for the Keansburg Early Learning Center A.M./P.M. bus runs at the hourly rate indicated to be paid from 9/1/23 - 6/30/24 as needed:

Coles, Joy	\$22.50
Kane, Sara	\$23.85
Regan, Cheryl	\$23.38

Account # 20-218-100-106-10



**12. KEANSBURG EARLY LEARNING CENTER (KELC) HOME VISITS-2023-2024****Home Visits - Preschool Instructional Coaches**

Approve Preschool Instructional Coaches to complete home visits for the 2023 - 2024 school year at the negotiated rate per visit \*pending negotiations:

Account # 20-218-200-176-10

**Home Visits - PreK Family/Parent Liaison**

Approve Family/Parent Liaison assigned to Pre-K to complete home visits for the 2023 - 2024 school year at the negotiated rate per visit \*pending negotiations:

Account # 20-218-200-173-10

**13. COACHING POSITIONS-WINTER- 2023-2024-JRB**

<u>Name</u>	<u>**Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Florio, Dana	7 & 8 Co-Basketball Cheerleading	\$2,395.00
Gillen, Matthew	7 & 8 Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$4,754.00
Muniz, Shondell	7 & 8 Co-Basketball Cheerleading	\$2,395.00
Sigrist, Andrew	Boy's 7 & 8 Basketball	\$6,203.00
Valente, Vianna	Girl's 7 & 8 Basketball	\$6,203.00
Vloyanetes, Nicolas	7 & 8 Wrestling Coach	\$6,203.00

Account # 15-402-100-100-30

\*\* (Employer specifically reserves managerial prerogative to remove as a reduction in force if position is not justified)".

**14. COACHING POSITIONS-WINTER- 2023-2024-KHS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>** Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ferraro, James	Head Girls Basketball Coach	\$9,991.00
Hoff, George	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	\$7,177.00
Mira, Danielle	Head B & G Bowling Coach	\$5,198.00
Morfin, Uriel	Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$7,177.00
O'Keefe, Thomas	Weight Room Monitor (Winter)	\$3,387.00
Reid, James	Head Wrestling Coach	\$9,991.00
Silverberg, Austin	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$7,177.00
Waltz, Ryan	Head Boys Basketball Coach	\$9,991.00

15-402-100-100-40

\*\*(Employer specifically reserves managerial prerogative to remove as a reduction in force if position is not justified)".

**15. COACH/ADVISOR POSITIONS-2023-2024-KHS-RESCIND\*\***

Approve the the following position/individual be rescinded as indicated:

Mira, Danielle                  Dramatics Club Advisor (school play)\*                  \$5,365.00

\*Note: Employer specifically reserves managerial prerogative to remove position as a reduction if position is not justified.

\*\*Position was originally approved in the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

Account # 15-402-100-100-40

**16. COACH/ADVISOR POSITIONS-2023-2024-KHS**

Approve the following individual for the following position and salary as indicated for the 2023-2024 school year:

Buresh, Paul                  Dramatics Club Advisor (school play)\*                  \$5,365.00

\*Note: Employer specifically reserves managerial prerogative to remove position as a reduction if position is not justified.

Account # 15-402-100-100-40

**17. AFTER SCHOOL WILSON READING TEACHERS-2023-2024**

Approve the following individuals as After School Wilson Reading Teachers at a rate of \$41.00 per hour, for one hour per day for 180 days, not to exceed \$7,380.00.

Fraser, Lia  
Higgins, Noreen

Account # 20-231-100-101-20/30

**18. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COSTING \$150.00 OR ABOVE  
2022-2023-DISTRICT**

Approve attendance at the workshops as listed below at the costs indicated. Travel is directly related to and within the scope of the current responsibilities of the listed employees, is critical to the instructional needs of the district, will improve the participant's skills and knowledge, or further the efficient operations of the district. The

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costs associated with attendance are statutorily authorized travel expenditures and are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount of the district:

10/30-31	Defilippo, Geraldine	AENJ 2023 Conference	\$300.00
10/30-31	Mira, Danielle	AENJ 2023 Conference	\$300.00
11/30	Natalino, Michelle	Promoting Rapid Change for Children with Severe Phonological Disorders	\$279.00
4/11/24	Tonne, Sean	NJAHPERD Annual Conference	\$341.00

**DISCUSSION** - Mr. Siciliano commented on Mr. Kmak's retirement, wished him the best, and thanked him for his guidance throughout his years at the high school. Noting that he will be sorely missed.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL	
Moved By:	Patricia Frizell
Seconded By:	Judy Ferraro
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	Matthew Kitchen On #1
Abstain:	Christopher Hoff #14 2nd Name Down, Judy Ferraro #14 1st Name Down

### POLICY/REGULATION:

#### 19. POLICY -1ST READING-ALERT 231

1524	School Leadership Councils (ABOLISHED)
3432	Sick Leave (ABOLISHED)
4432	Sick Leave (ABOLISHED)
5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (ABOLISHED)
6361	Relations with Vendors for Abbott Districts (ABOLISHED)
8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (ABOLISHED)
8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (ABOLISHED)

Ref. Exhibit # 1



**20. REGULATION-1ST READING-ALERT 231**

3432 Sick Leave (ABOLISHED)  
 4432 Sick Leave (ABOLISHED)  
 5460.02 Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (ABOLISHED)

Ref. Exhibit # 2

APPROVAL OF POLICY AND REGULATION	
Moved By:	Michael Mankowski
Seconded By:	Gregory Siciliano
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	
Abstain:	

**GENERAL****21. DISTRICT H-I-B. REPORT-2023-2024**

Approve the monthly District H-I-B- Report for the month of September, 2023

Ref. Exhibit # 3

**22. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE MERIT GOALS-2023-2024**

Approve the 2023-2024 Superintendent Quantitative and Qualitative Goals, as per contract. Pending approval by the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

**23. SCHOOL BUS EVACUATION DRILL 2023-2024-DISTRICT**

In accordance with NJAC 6A:27-1 ½, a School Bus Evacuation Drill was conducted for the following schools:

Keansburg Early Learning Center	09/27/2023	7:45 a.m
Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School	10/13/2023	8:30 a.m.
Joseph R. Bolger Middle School	10/10/2023	2:05 p.m.

**24. STRATEGIC PLAN-DISTRICT**

Approve the District's 5 year strategic plan as presented during the September 19, 2023 board meeting.

**25. DISPOSAL OF BROKEN/OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT-DISTRICT**

Approve the disposal of the following broken/obsolete equipment:

Acer Chromebook 311, C721 series, model No. N1BQ12- Quantity: 45

Dell Chromebook 11, model 3180- Quantity: 3

**26. OUT OF STATE CLASS TRIP- JRB**

Approve the JRB/KHS Concert and Jazz Band students to attend "Music in the Parks" At Kutztown University and Dorney Park In Pennsylvania on May 31, 2024 from 7:00 am Until 9:00 pm. 30 students and 14 chaperones.

<b>APPROVAL OF GENERAL</b>	
Moved By:	Patricia Frizell
Seconded By:	Michael Mankowski
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	
Abstain:	Michael Mankowski #22, Christopher Hoff #22 and Judy Ferraro #22

**DISCUSSION - None**

**ADDENDUM:****A1. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN-QSAC-2023-2024**

Approve the District Improvement Plan for QSAC as submitted.

Ref. Exhibit # 4

**A2. EXTRA BLOCK TEACHER-2023-2024-KHS**

Approve the following staff members to assume the role as an extra block teacher with ½ stipend per the negotiated agreement for the 2023-2024 school year for class coverage.

Rosenberg, Michael	\$15,040.00
Sigrist, Andrew	\$14,206.67

Account # 15-140-100-101-40

**A3. SALARY REVISION PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL-2023-2024-DISTRICT**

Approve the salary revision for the following individual for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted:

Name	Salary	Guide	Step	Miscellaneous
Schork, Robert^	208.75 per day	MA	10	Effective 10/10/2023

^Pending Certification

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT ADDENDUM	
Moved By:	Michael Mankowski
Seconded By:	Judy Ferraro
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	
Abstain:	



**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends positive action on the following items:

**BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION**

I, Michael Sette, Board Secretary, certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

  
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Board Secretary

**PAYROLL CERTIFICATION**

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reported, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1B, he has certified the September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$953,497.49 and the September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$931,372.72 totaling \$1,884,870.21

**1. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST 2023 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Recommend the receipt of the Board Secretary Financial Reports as of AUGUST 31, 2023 be accepted as filed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 that no major account or Fund has been over expended as of AUGUST 31, 2023 based upon the Board Secretary's Certification and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

**2. APPROVE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the following Transfers.

**3. APPROVE BILLS**

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the bills paid and checks issued at the Board meeting in the amount of \$1,670,555.15.

**4 2023-2024 HOME INSTRUCTION**

Recommend the Board approve the following students to receive Home Instruction for the 2023-2024 school year:

Student I.D.#	H.I. #	Tutor	Start Date	End Date	Hours
1815928285	2	C. Davis	9-19-23	11-19-23	10 hours per week
4115392244	3	J. Giebler	9-20-23	11-20-23	10 hours per week
7176883738	4	L. Leak	9-5-23	10-17-23	5 hours per week
7566332092	5	District approved staff 06/21/2023	09-28-23	12-07-23	10 hrs. week
7060986241	6	Learnwell	10-9-23	11-09-23	5 hrs. week

Account # 11-150-100-101-80

Account # 11-150-100-320-80

**5. 2023-2024 BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC. RENEWAL (formerly Dude Solutions)**

Approve the agreements between the Keansburg School District and Brightly Software Inc. to provide services for the 2023-2024 school year in following amount:

Asset Essentials Core	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$3,300.67
Technology Essentials Help Desk	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$2,636.98
Technology Essentials-Insight	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$4,510.24

Sourcewell Contract # 090320-SDI

Account # 11-000-222-530-65

**6. COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN AND FORM M-1**

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit a three year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 form documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities listed for the various school facilities of the Keansburg School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open

and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Keansburg School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 form for the Keansburg School District in compliance with the Department of Education requirements.

**7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET CALENDAR 2024-2025**

**2024-2025 Budget Calendar**

- October 17, 2023 Administration Meeting Discussion
- November 2023 Distribution of Budget Manual and Information
- December 8, 2023 Deadline to Meet with Facilities and Technology Supervisors
- December 21, 2023 Budget document(s) due to Business Administrator  
Deadline for all items entered into Systems 3000 Staffing Worksheet must be complete
- January/February/March Development of Budget by Central Office
- January/February/March Board/Cabinet Deliberations of Budget
- March 14, 2024 Preliminary Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- March 20, 2024 Preliminary Budget due to County
- April 25, 2024 Board Budget Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget

**8. APPROPRIATION OF 2022-2023 UNBUDGETED STABILIZATION AID INTO 2023-2024 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)1.**

WHEREAS, as a result of the decreased state funding under the School Funding Reform Act for the Keansburg School District ("District") during the 2022-2023 school year, the Board applied for Stabilization Aid to assist with the reductions;

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3, a board of education may at any time appropriate unbudgeted stabilization aid into the current year annual school budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as result and through implementation of P.L. 2023, c. 140, the Keansburg School District Board of Education hereby appropriates unbudgeted stabilization aid in the amount of \$3,539,485.77 into its annual budget for the 2023-2024 school year for the purpose of completing approved grant purchases during the 2023-2024 school year.



**9. SUBMISSION OF NJDOE HEALTH AND SAFETY EVALUATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS' CHECKLIST**

Approve the submission of the NJDOE Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings' Checklists for the 2023-2024 school year to the County Office.

**10. PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is dedicated to helping New Jersey school districts achieve educational excellence and district efficiencies: and

WHEREAS, the School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP) Grant supports public school districts and governing bodies across New Jersey who wish to study the feasibility of school district regionalization and consolidation; and

WHEREAS, school districts and governing bodies are invited to apply for funding to offset costs associated with conducting feasibility studies that support the creation of meaningful and implementable plans to form or expand regional school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP); and

WHEREAS, (Keyport Public Schools and Keansburg Public Schools have evaluated whether Keyport and Keansburg may be able to attain improved educational quality and efficiencies through consolidation or regionalization; and

WHEREAS, a formal study must be undertaken to accomplish this objective with regional implementation plan development; and

WHEREAS, the Keyport Public Schools District has agreed to be the lead entity in conducting this study and will submit the application for financial support for this study to DLGS on behalf of all participating school districts and/or governing bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Keansburg Public Schools), that the Keansburg Public Schools does hereby join with Keyport Public Schools in applying for a SREP Grant.

**DISCUSSION** - Mr. Kitchen asked Ms. O'Hare to explain #10 to the public.

Ms. O'Hare responded that it involves agreeing to participate in a feasibility study to explore potential collaborative programs and practices with the Keyport School District. Other school

districts may be joining, but Keyport is the lead right now. Keyport would petition for a grant to do a two-year feasibility study to see what we could do to save money. Mr. Kitchen also sat in on this meeting. Despite the outcome, we can always say no to the findings. There is no cost to the district to participate in the study and may find money savings for the district. If we participate in the study, our S2 cuts will slow down. If approved, we could see a 45% reduction in your S2 loss.

<b>APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT</b>	
Moved By:	Patricia Frizell
Seconded By:	Brooke Clayton
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	
Abstain:	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO ADDITIONAL CONCERNS - None**

**OLD/NEW COMMUNICATIONS** - Mr. Hoff noted a curfew for students on Monday and Tuesday for Halloween, extended well wishes to Mr. Kmak on his retirement, and acknowledged Mr. Ferraro's law enforcement class visit to the borough hall. He thanked the PTA and touched on sports and the Keansburg family fun day.

Ms. Frizell extended best wishes to Mr. Kmak and offered condolences to the board attorney on the passing of their mother.

Ms. Ferraro wished Mr. Kmak a happy retirement.

Mr. Mankowski thanked presenters, students, administrators, and staff for their hard work, expressed best wishes to Mr. Kmak, and noted the passing of Mr. Eremita.

Mr. Siciliano noted that it is good to see all the great things in a close-knit community.

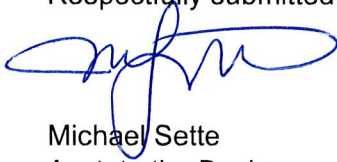
Mr. Kitchen congratulated presenting students and administrators, praised the benefits of talking points, welcomed the feasibility study, and conveyed sympathies to the Eremita Family.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

MOTION TO ADJOURN	
Moved By:	Gregory Siciliano
Seconded By:	Brooke Clayton
Aye:	Brooke Clayton, Judy Ferraro, Patricia Frizell, Kim Kelaher-Moran, Christopher Hoff, Matthew Kitchen, Michael Mankowski, and Gregory Siciliano
Nay:	
Abstain:	

Moved by Gregory Siciliano seconded by Brooke Clayton and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Sette  
Asst. to the Business  
Administrator/Board Secretary