

## **LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

### **(Amended) MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in executive session at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on April 21, 2015, to discuss matters of Attorney-Client Privilege, Student Issues, and Personnel. All members were notified in writing of the meeting date. In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the Long Beach Island Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by having the date, time and place thereof posted in *The Press of Atlantic City*.

The regular meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Bott at 7:15 p.m.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Jennifer Bott	representing	Ship Bottom
Steve Evert	representing	Long Beach Township
Allyn Kain	representing	Surf City
Kristy Raber	representing	Surf City
Colette Southwick	representing	Long Beach Township
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township

**Absent:**

Terry Deakyne	representing	Harvey Cedars
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**Also present:**

Karen T. McKeon, Superintendent  
Enrico Siano, Interim SBA/Board Secretary  
Dennis McKeever, Esq.  
Frank Little from Owen, Little & Associates, Inc.

Minutes of the closed session meeting will be released to the public when the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Let the Board Minutes reflect that the Board returned to the open meeting in the media center at 7:15 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Mission Statement:** Mrs. Bott read the Long Beach Island School District Mission Statement.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Mr. Siano.

**Adequate Notice of Meeting:** Adequate Notice of Meeting statement was read by Mrs. Bott.

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Bott read letters from Mayor Connors of Surf City and Terry Deakyne, member of the Board of Education.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS:**

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski, to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- a. Regular meeting of the Board of Education, March 19, 2015
- b. Working meeting of the Board of Education, April 14, 2015
- c. Revised Annual Organization Meeting, January 6, 2015
- d. Revised Regular meeting of the Board of Education, January 20, 2015

The motion passed on a roll call vote.          7 ayes, 1 abstention item a (Evert)  
   7 ayes, 1 abstention item d (Hartmann)  
   8 ayes, items b and c

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski, to approve the following:

- a. Bill list for April 2015
- b. March 31, 2015 line item transfers

The motion passed on a roll call vote:          8 ayes

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following:

- a. March 31, 2015 financial report of the Board Secretary
- b. March 31, 2015 financial report of the Treasurer of School Funds.

The motion passes on a roll call vote:          8 ayes

**(Amended)**

A motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, seconded by Colette Southwick to approve the following:

- (a) **(Addendum Item) Resignation:** To accept a letter of resignation from Terry Deakyne, Harvey Cedars, effective immediately. **(with regret)** Mr. Deakyne has served on the Board of Education since 2010. The vacancy will be advertised.

The motion passes on a roll call vote:          8 ayes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mrs. Bott spoke about the meeting with the Mayors held on April 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Mrs. Bott read a written statement. She then presented the timeline PowerPoint presentation.

Upon conclusion of the timeline presentation, Mrs. Bott introduced Mr. Frank Little from Owen, Little & Associates, Inc. who then presented the Evaluation of the Long Beach Island Grade School and E.J. School report to the public.

**Public Comment on Report:** None. As there was no further discussion regarding the report, Mr. Little left the meeting.

Ms. McKeon spoke about the following: textbooks (ELA, Science, Social Studies), curriculum development, schedules, evaluations, and SGOs (Student Growth Objectives).

**Comments on agenda items:**

Jennifer Begonia, Barnegat Light, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Demographic Study and the forecast for the district. Mrs. Bott read from the Demographic study with regard to declining enrollment and the projected enrollment. She noted that Choice students were not included in the projections.

**PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber to approve the following personnel items:

- (a) **Translator:** To approve Martina Donahower as a French translator for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year at the hourly rate of \$10.85. Ms. Donahower is an employee in the district.
- (b) **Homebound Instructor:** To approve Melissa Raleigh as a Homebound Instructor for up to 15 hours at the hourly rate of \$35 to begin immediately.

The motion carried on a roll call vote: 8 ayes

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Steve Evert to approve the following District/State/Federal items;

- (a) **(Motion Withdrawn) EJ Security Project:** To award a contract to Open Systems Integrated Inc., Manalapan, NJ (Co-op#65MCESCCPS, Bid#MRESC 14/15-20, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission)for the installation of a security system and video upgrades at the Ethel Jacobsen School in the amount of \$108,710.

• Equipment and installation	\$104,355
• 1 camera telescopic lens and video license	\$ 3,165
• Annual software upgrades	<u>\$ 1,190</u>
	\$108,710

- (b) **LBI School Structural Shoring:** To enter into planning specifications for shoring of the Long Beach Island Grade School with Harrison-Hamnett, PC at a cost of \$75,000 as recommended by Frank Little from Owen, Little & Associates, Inc.

The motion carried on a roll call vote: 8 ayes (item b)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following miscellaneous items:

- (a) **Professional Day Request:** To approve a professional day request as follows:

**Employee(s):** Lisa Hattrich  
**Conference:** Liberty Science Center  
**Location:** Jersey City  
**Date:** April 17, 2015  
**Rationale:** To chaperone and assist with our students who were invited to participate in student research symposium component of ProjectCONVERG.  
**Cost:** None

- (b) **Field Trip Requests:** To approve field trip requests as follows:

**Trip:** Philadelphia Constitution Center  
**Location:** Philadelphia  
**Grade(s):** 5th  
**Teacher(s):** Mr. Kappy and Mrs. Townsend  
**Date:** May 21, 2015  
**Time:** 8:15-3:00  
**Objective:** Culmination of social studies curriculum—US history.  
**Transp:** One bus  
**Cost:** \$300 admission and transportation

**Trip:** Southern Regional High School  
**Location:** Manahawkin  
**Grade(s):** Student Council Members  
**Teacher(s):** Miss Scholey  
**Date:** May 29, 2015  
**Time:** 8:30-12:30  
**Objective:** To enhance leadership qualities and promote teamwork within the group.  
**Transp:** One bus  
**Cost:** Transportation

- (c) **Building and/or Grounds Usage Request:** To approve a building and/or grounds usage request as follows pending receipt of proof of insurance and space availability:

- LBIEA, EJ gym, Campfire Reading Night, May 7, 2015

- (d) **(Motion Withdrawn) Continued Enrollment:** To approve the continued enrollment of three students in the Long Beach Island School District for the remainder of the 2014/15 school year. The parents are responsible for transportation.

- (e) **Presentation Approval:** To allow the Long Beach Township Beach Patrol to provide an Ocean Safety presentation to grades 3-6.

The motion carried on a roll call vote: 8 ayes

- (f) **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB):** Update
- (g) **Principal's Report:** Mr. Birney, EJ School Principal, reported on the following: EJ garden, PTA Theme Day, Random Act of Kindness contest/drawing, saplings for all students donated by the Boy Scouts, Earth Day clean-up of school grounds, Campfire Reading Night (May 7<sup>th</sup>: Miss Turner invited the Board to attend).
- (h) **Fire/Security Drills:** Fire and Security drills were held in accordance with State Law as follows:
- Ethel Jacobsen School**
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| Fire:     | March 31, 57 sec.       |
| Security: | March 31, Code Live Out |
- LBI Grade School**
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| Fire:     | March 25, 45 sec. |
| Security: | March 31, Code L  |
- (i) **Departmental Reports:** Special Education, April 2015
- (j) **Upcoming Events:** April events were listed.

**Comments from the Public:**

Bill Kunz, Long Beach Township, asked questions/commented on the following:

- When a decision about the school will be made. Mrs. Bott said that the Board is working on it.
- Complimented Mrs. Bott on the timeline presentation.
- “What I wish My Teacher Knew,” is the district participating?
- Steven Moran, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Ms. McKeon said that she cannot discuss personnel in public.
- Superintendent search. Mrs. Bott said that interviews are scheduled for next week.
- Recording of Board Meetings (He could not hear a discussion at the last meeting between Board members.) Mrs. Bott responded that the dialogue was about the contract for Mr. Siano.
- Interim, Mr. Siano--will he be staying? Mrs. Bott said that his contract ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Advertising for BA position—will Mr. Siano apply? Mr. Siano said, “No, I am retired.”

Rick McDonough, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Thanked the Board for covering the concerns of the public and asked for the Board to have public forum in the future when they are comfortable and able to share information.
- Asked that the Board focus on using the funds for the best school possible—would like to see a great school continue.
- Least disruption possible for students—suggested partnering with Beach Haven School District if needed for some classes instead of temporary trailers.

Karen Beetel, Long Beach Township and PTA President, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Thanked the Board.
- Will there be a timeline, when will the timeline be available to parents and taxpayers, and if there will be a forum to communicate? Ms. McKeon responded that the Board just approved the motion to shore up the LBI Grade School and then the Board will proceed from there.

Michelle Guerriero, Surf City, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Will anything happen this year with regard to the buildings? Mrs. Bott explained the temporary shoring. Ms. Guerriero asked if students
- Will students be moved in the middle of the year? Mrs. Bott said that the Board will look into all avenues for the least disruption of the students.

Cari-Lynn Skipper, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Will public be able to review superintendent candidate qualifications? Mrs. Bott responded that this has not happened in the past. Mrs. Bott said to forward candidate questions and concerns to her, and she will incorporate them into the interview questions.

The Board returned to executive session. Mrs. Bott explained that the additional discussions were for personnel only.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski and seconded by Colette Southwick to adjourn and return to executive session. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Shepler, Assistant Board Secretary  
Amended 6/16/15