

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, August 4, 2014

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, scheduled to 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 August 4, 2014 for matters of attorney/client privilege. 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 meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Wasilewski at 5.36 pm.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

Also present:

Karen T. McKeon, Superintendent

Dennis McKeever, Esq.

Steven Moran, Business Administrator

Georgene Hartmann reads a letter affirming her position on the future of the school district's properties.

In consideration of the members of the public in attendance at this meeting, Bonnie Picaro suggested the Board open the floor to public comment prior to adjourning into executive session citing concerns over the potential length of the closed session.

The Board's attorney, Dennis McKeever, prefaced the public comment section of the meeting with an overview of the Board's status on the sale of a school.

Public Comment:

Stacey Fuessinger of Surf City asked why the Board is considering the sale of a school building. She also asked if the Board intends to respond to Ship Bottom Mayor Huelsenbeck in light of his letter to the Board. Board president Wasilewski announced the Board will be meeting with all the mayors at a special meeting later this month, the date yet to be determined.

R.C. Fullowge pointed out the meeting with the mayors must take place before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of August 19th if the Board intends on taking action on a resolution to sell a school at the meeting of the 19th.

Rick McDonough of Ship Bottom insists the Board need to perform a comprehensive, data-driven study in order to justify the decision to sell a school and to support any projected costs savings resulting in the occupation of one building.

Barbara Wright asked for the Board's assurance that a decision on the sale of a school would not be reached without public input. President Wasilewski assured that through these public comment sessions as well as through the meetings of the Advisory Committee, this Board is considerate of the public's will.

Karen Beetle insisted the public need to be kept more informed and provided updates.

On a motion by Kristy Raber, seconded by Allyn Kain, the Board went to executive session at 6:18 p.m. On a motion by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber, the Board returned from executive session at 8.43 p.m.

At 8:47 p.m. a motion was made by Colette Southwick and seconded by Kristy Raber to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Moran
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary