

# LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in executive session at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on January 19, 2016, to discuss matters of Personnel, Attorney-Client Privilege, and Litigation. 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 7:10 p.m.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Jennifer Bott	representing	Ship Bottom
Allyn Kain	representing	Surf City
Kristy Raber	representing	Surf City
Colette Southwick	representing	Long Beach Township
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Tom Beaty	representing	Long Beach Township (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township

Absent:

Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
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Also present:

Peter Kopack, Superintendent

Nicholas Savio, Esq.

Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq.

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Kathy Sheplin.

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

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

**Correspondence:** Letter: Nancy Spark

**Student Council:** Dr. Kopack read a statement from Student Council Advisor, Janelle Scholey, on upcoming Student Council events.

**BOARD RESOLUTIONS:**

**MINUTES:**

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

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, December 15, 2015
- (b) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, December 15, 2015
- (c) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education, December 15, 2015
- (d) Minutes of the Annual Organization/Working Meeting of the Board of Education, January 5, 2016
- (e) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, January 5, 2016
- (f) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education, January 12, 2016

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Beaty), items a-c  
8 ayes, items d-f

**BILLS/TRANSFERS:**

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

- (a) Bill List for January 2016

There was a brief discussion about the bills list.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Beaty)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

- (a) **Financial Report of the Board Secretary**  
That the Board of Education approve the following:

***BE IT RESOLVED:*** That the Long Beach Island School District Board of Education accepts the Financial Report of the Board Secretary for the period ended November 30, 2015, and December 31, 2015, as attached, and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:*** That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10, the Board Secretary's financial report (appropriations section) did not reflect an over-expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected in this report, and the advice of the School Business Administrator, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(b) **Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Funds**

That the Board of Education approve the following:

**RESOLVED**, That the Long Beach Island Board of Education accepts the Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the period ended November 30, 2015, and December 31, 2015.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Beaty)

**BOARD COMMITTEE LIST:**

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

(a) **Board Committee List:** To approve the 2016 Board Committee list as presented and amended.

Mrs. Southwick would like 4 members on committees.

Mr. Beaty was added as PTA Delegate.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- The Curriculum Committee met on January 19, 2016. Mrs. Raber reported.
- The Curriculum Committee will meet on February 9, 2016.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Mrs. Bott spoke about the following: Mr. Kunz, School Business Administrator interviews, and the Brussel sprout cook-off.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Stacey Fuessinger, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Bill list (tuition)
- Board of Education Committee List posted – (It is posted on the district website.)

**SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS:** Dr. Kopack addressed the public and reviewed the January Superintendent and Principal's Report on events in the district.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by James Donahower to approve the following:

(a) **School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey:** January is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. A resolution follows to commend the efforts of colleagues throughout New Jersey and to encourage public support for education.

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Long Beach Island Board of Education is one of 588 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Long Beach Island Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.37 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The efforts of local boards of education, in partnership with stakeholders ranging from parents to teachers to state education officials, have fostered a public school system that has contributed to New Jersey's status as a leader in academic benchmarks, such as elementary and middle school scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and college preparation through Advanced Placement offerings; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Long Beach Island Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Long Beach Island Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

**PERSONNEL:**

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

- (a) **Substitute Personnel:** To approve the employment of substitute personnel for the 2015-16 school year pending receipt of all necessary paperwork as follows:

Allacen Jennings	Teacher
Michelle Dockery	Teacher
Kiley Barone	Teacher
Danielle Grasso	Teacher/Classroom Aide
Alison Rieder	Teacher

Ms. Kain asked a question about the requirements for substitute teaching in the Long Beach Island School District.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

**DISTRICT/STATE/FEDERAL:**

A motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, seconded by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

- (a) **SEMI Waiver:** To approve submission of a waiver to the county for participation in SEMI for the 2016-2017 school year, a federal reimbursement program through Medicaid for special education students who receive Medicaid. A waiver will protect against noncompliance for QSAC.
  
- (b) **LBI Education Foundation Grant:** To approve applications for the 2016 LBI Education Foundation Grant, "Toast the Teacher," as follows:
  - Chloe Wiskow: 2 whiteboard tables to enhance student-led and collaborative learning environments in grades 3-6
  
  - Bianca Aniski Summer Garden Program and/or replacement umbrellas for EJ Garden
  
- (c) **Grant Award:** To accept the AtlantiCare New Edible Garden Award in the amount of \$1,500. The grant money will be used to improve the fence surrounding the EJ School garden.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 abstention (Beaty) item b  
8 ayes, items a and c

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

A motion was made by James Donahower, seconded by Tom Beaty to approve the following:

- (a) **Professional Day Requests:** To approve the following professional day requests:
  - Employee(s):** Julie Oldham/Shelley Smith
  - Conference:** PARCC Training – District Test Coordinators
  - Location:** Cumberland County College
  - Date:** March 1, 2016
  - Rationale:** This a required training for PARCC test coordinators to receive updated information on procedures, requirements, accommodations, infrastructure, etc.
  - Cost:** Mileage
  
  - Employee(s):** Julie Oldham
  - Conference:** Post-Traumatic Stress Management & Psychological First Aid Training
  - Location:** Stockton University
  - Date:** March 3 and 4, 2016
  - Rationale:** To assist crisis teams with responses to youth and young adults in aftermath of traumatic events.
  - Cost:** \$320 registration and mileage

**(ADDENDUM ITEM)**

**Employee(s):** Sal Colino  
**Conference:** Red Cross Lifeguard/CPR/First-Aid Certification  
**Location:** Harvey Cedars  
**Date:** January 20-22, 2016  
**Rationale:** To obtain Red Cross certification to provide safety and support for our LBI/St. Francis swim program.  
**Cost:** \$400

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

- (b) **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB):** No report.
- (c) **Principal's Report:** Mr. Birney, EJ School Principal, reported on events at the EJ School.
- (d) **Fire/Security Drills:** Fire and Security drills were held in accordance with State Law as follows:
  - Ethel Jacobsen School**
    - Fire:** December 9
    - Security:** December 1, Code Live In
  - LBI Grade School**
    - Fire:** December 9
    - Security:** December 1, Code Live In
- (e) **Special Education Report:** January 2016
- (f) **Semi-annual Bus Inspections:** Semi-annual bus inspections were completed on January 8, 2016. Buses 2 and 4 were cited for minor repairs. Repairs have been scheduled and should be completed by January 22, 2016.
- (g) **Dates to Remember:**
  - January 19:** Grade 6K Swim Program at St. Francis Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
  - January 20:** PK & Kindergarten Oral Health Program  
Grade 5K Swim Program at St. Francis
  - January 21:** Grade 4D Swim Program at St. Francis
  - January 22:** New Jersey Day at LBI Grade School
  - January 25:** Children Stage Adventures Week  
PTA Meeting – LBI Media, 7 p.m.
  - January 26:** Grade 6K Swim Program at St. Francis  
Children Stage Adventures after school

- January 27:** Grade 5K Swim Program at St. Francis  
Children Stage Adventures after school
- January 28:** Grade 4D Swim Program at St. Francis  
Children Stage Adventures after school
- January 29:** Children Stage Adventures after school  
Children Stage Adventures show for students, 6:15 p.m.
- January 30:** Children Stage Adventures show – t/b/a in PM

**Public Comment:**

Fran Lawlor LBIEA President, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Spoke about Mr. Kunz's role in creating the district's Mission Statement as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee

Stacey Fuessinger, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Did EJ Garden supply enough Brussel sprouts for cook-off? (Yes)

Steve Moser, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Read a prepared statement
- Mr. Miller's letter
- Consolidation report – EJ structural
- Library size EJ vs. LBI
- MakerSpace
- Transition plan
- Project manager for construction

Mr. Beaty thanked Stacey Fuessinger for heading the After-School Enrichment program.

The Board returned to Executive Session. No action will be taken.

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski and seconded by Colette Southwick to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary