

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Beach Island, New Jersey

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

NOTICE

The annual organization meeting of the Long Beach Island Board of Education was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School at 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

“This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District, in the County of Ocean, that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The notice has been posted in the Board of Education Office, Ethel A. Jacobsen School building and Long Beach Island Grade School building. The notice was also mailed to *The Press of Atlantic City* and filed with the Municipal Clerks of Barnegat Light, Harvey Cedars, Surf City, Ship Bottom and Long Beach Township.”

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met at 7 p.m. in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on January 3, 2017. All members were notified in writing of the meeting date.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Jennifer Bott	representing	Ship Bottom
Tom Beaty	representing	Long Beach Township
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township
Colette Southwick	representing	Long Beach Township
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Allyn Kain	representing	Surf City
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Kristy Raber	representing	Surf City
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars

Absent: None

Also present:

Peter J. Kopack, Superintendent
Megan C. Gally, SBA/Board Secretary
Anthony P. Sciarrillo, Esq. (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Megan Gally to the newly elected Board members, who represent the following constituent districts:

- A. Long Beach Township (3 years) – Bonnie Picaro
- B. Barnegat Light (3 years) – Marilyn Wasilewski
- C. Harvey Cedars (3 years) – James Donahower

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Roll call of Board Members followed the Oath of Office with all Board Members present.

ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTION RESULTS

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber to approve the combined statement of results of the 2016 election made a part of the organization meeting minutes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Bonnie Picaro, Long Beach Township	948
Richard Vaughan, Long Beach Township	565
Write-In	3
Marilyn Wasilewski, Barnegat Light	191
Nancy Spark, Barnegat Light	182
Write-In	3
James Donahower, Harvey Cedars	190
Write-In	3

Mr. Beaty questioned the order of acceptance of election results and oath of office.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary acted as Chairman pro tem for election of President:

President: Nominations for President of Board of Education for a one-year term, beginning January 3, 2017.

Nomination:	Colette Southwick	Nomination:	James Donahower
Nominated by:	Marilyn Wasilewski	Nominated by:	Tom Beaty
Seconded by:	Allyn Kain	Seconded by:	Bonnie Picaro

Marilyn Wasilewski asked if James Donahower is eligible to be president due to his wife's employment by the Long Beach Island Board of Education. Mr. Sciarrillo, Board Attorney, explained that he is not precluded from the presidency, but there could be conflicts where he could be excluded from discussion/votes in the areas of negotiations and evaluations of the building principal and superintendent. Also, a law suit cannot be brought against the Board of Education by his wife unless she is no longer an employee of the district or he resigns the presidency.

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to close nominations for President.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to vote for President.

Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Donahower was elected President:
5 votes for James Donahower (Beaty/Bott/Donahower/Hartmann/Picaro)
4 votes for Colette Southwick (Kain/Raber/Southwick/Wasilewski)

Board President, James Donahower, took the chair.

Vice President: Nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for a one-year term, beginning January 3, 2017.

Nomination:	Colette Southwick	Nomination:	Jennifer Bott
Nominated by:	Allyn Kain	Nominated by:	Tom Beaty
Seconded by:	Marilyn Wasilewski	Seconded by:	Georgene Hartmann

A motion was made by Allyn Kain, seconded by Kristy Raber to close nominations for vice president.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to vote for Vice President.

Upon a roll call vote, Mrs. Bott was elected Vice President:
5 votes for Jennifer Bott (Beaty/Bott/Donahower/Hartmann/Picaro)
3 votes for Colette Southwick (Kain/Raber/Wasilewski)
1 abstention (Southwick)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to approve calendar option b:

Resolved to establish the 2017 Annual Meeting Calendar. All public meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, NJ unless otherwise noted. Executive (closed) sessions will be held prior to the public meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on the board meeting calendar.

Month	Working/Special Meeting	Regular Meeting
January 2017	January 3, 2017 (Organization Meeting)	January 17, 2017

February	February 7, 2017	February 21, 2017
March	March 14, 2017	March 28, 2017
April	April 4, 2017	April 25, 2017 (Public Budget Hearing)
May	May 2, 2017	May 23, 2017
June		June 20, 2017
July		July 25, 2017
August		August 22, 2017
September		September 19, 2017
October		October 17, 2017
November		November 21, 2017
December		December 19, 2017
January 2018	January 2, 2018 (Organization Meeting)	

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes
 1 nay (Hartmann)

OFFICIAL BOARD NEWSPAPER

A motion was made by Georgene Hartmann, seconded by Kristy Raber to authorize *The Press of Atlantic City* as the official newspaper of the Board.

Mr. Sciarrillo clarified that one newspaper with daily circulation is required.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

POLICIES

A motion was made by Jennifer Bott, seconded by Bonnie Picaro to adopt all policies established by the previous Board of Education, with the regulations promulgated thereunder, until such time as this present board might wish to make changes.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes (Mrs. Hartmann's vote with the exception of any resolutions/votes involving the addition to the Ethel Jacobsen School)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Jennifer Bott, seconded by Bonnie Picaro to adopt all educational programs and practices established by the previous Board of Education, with the regulations promulgated thereunder, until such time as this present Board might wish to make changes.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

CODE OF ETHICS

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-24.1, the members of the Long Beach Island Board of Education shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. *I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.*
- b. *I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.*
- c. *I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.*
- d. *I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.*
- e. *I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.*
- f. *I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.*
- g. *I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.*
- h. *I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.*
- i. *I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.*
- j. *I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes

