

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 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 Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on November 17, 2015, to discuss matters of Personnel, Attorney-Client Privilege, Litigation, and Student Issues. 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 7:04 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
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township

Absent: None

Also present:

Peter Kopack, Superintendent
Enrico Siano, Interim SBA/Board Secretary
Nicholas Savio, 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 Mr. Siano.

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: Mrs. Bott noted correspondence.

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, October 20, 2015
- (b) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, October 20, 2015
- (c) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education, November 10, 2015
- (d) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, November 10, 2015

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes, items a through c
8 ayes, 1 nay item d (Picaro)

BILLS/TRANSFERS:

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

- (a) Bill List for November 2015

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

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 October 30, 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 October 30, 2015.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Building and Grounds Committee met on November 10, 2015. Mrs. Southwick reported. Mrs. Southwick also reported on the NJ School Boards Convention workshops.
- The Curriculum Committee met on November 12, 2015. Mrs. Raber reported.
- The Finance Committee met on November 17, 2015. The Finance Committee did not meet.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Mrs. Bott read a prepared statement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Denise Joseph, Surf City, asked questions/commented on the following:

- More copies of agenda

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

- Cost of mulch
- SBA rate

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS: Dr. Kopack addressed the public on the following topics: School Board Election, American Education Week, PTA Auction, PTA Assemblies, Character Education, Veteran's Day, and Halloween Parade.

PERSONNEL:

A motion was made by Allyn Kain, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following:

- (a) **Interim SBA Contract Extension:** To approve the extension of the employment contract of Enrico Siano, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the period of November 23, 2015, through on or about June 30, 2016 pending contract approval from the Executive County Superintendent.
- (b) **Stipend Positions:** To approve stipend/XCOMP positions for the 2015-16 school year as follows:
 - **AM/PM Tutoring/EBA:** Language Arts Literacy and Math, Grades 1-6, 2 mornings or afternoons/week, 7:30 a.m. to sign-in and from dismissal to 4 p.m. beginning November 2015 through April 2016, at the XCOMP rate of \$35/hr.: Julie Oldham and Lisa Hattrich
- (c) **Substitute Personnel:** To approve the employment of substitute personnel for the 2015-16 school year pending receipt of all necessary paperwork as follows:

Patricia Smith Teacher (see profile)

Janice Carroll Teacher (previously employed by the district)

Andrea Smith School Nurse (see profile)

Amy Loki Teacher (see profile)

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes items a and c
8 ayes, 1 nay item b (Raber)

DISTRICT/STATE/FEDERAL:

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

- (a) **Mentoring Plan:** To approve the 2015-16 Mentoring Plan as presented.

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

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by Allyn Kain, seconded by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

- (a) **Professional Day Requests:** To approve the following professional day requests:

Employee(s): Julie Oldham
Conference: PARCC Training
Location: Stockton College
Date: October 27, 2015
Rationale: To gain information on recent changes to the PARCC 2015-16 math assessment.
Cost:

Employee(s): Michelle Klesitz/Chloe Wiskow/Lori Daly/Donna Tabbacchino
Conference: PARCC Mathematics Assessment Updates
Location: Pennington
Date: November 10, 2015
Rationale: To gain the latest information and to better prepare our students with the current updates, scoring standards, and “language” required for PARCC math assessment.
Cost: Mileage

Employee(s): Julie Oldham
Conference: Open House at GenPsych
Location: Brick
Date: November 17, 2015 (4-6 p.m.)
Rationale: To tour the facility.
Cost: Mileage

Employee(s): Peter Kopack
Conference: The Connected Superintendent – EdTech: Current Applications and Tools to Leverage Your Leadership Reach
Location: Monroe Twp.
Date: December 2, 2015
Rationale: To gain information on the importance of being a connected superintendent, Apps and digital tools to use and Google Apps for

education.
Cost: \$149 registration and mileage

Employee(s): Bianca Aniski
Conference: Safe Schools
Location: Galloway
Date: January 29, 2016
Rationale: To attend NJ DOE training to understand best practice models for school safety.
Cost: Mileage

(b) **Field Trip Request:** To approve the following field trip request:

Trip: Student Council
Location: Southern Regional
Grade(s): Grade 3-6 student council members
Teacher(s): Miss Scholey
Date: November 25, 2015
Time: 8:30-12:00
Objective: To promote leadership and team building within the new student council members.
Transp: One bus
Cost:

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

- Stafford Soccer Club (Roger Budd), LBI School Gym, December 4 and 11, 2015 and January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016 from 6-8 p.m.
- Stafford Soccer Club (Steven Hafner), EJ or LBI School Gym, February 10, 17, 24, and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(d) **Donation:** To accept a donation from DonorsChoose in the amount of \$404.49 for a Cameo Printer and printer supplies for Sarah Esarey's first grade classroom.

(e) **(ADDED) Contract Approval:** To approve a contract with Open Systems Integrators, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (40% grant reimbursement) for upgrades to the LBI Grade School security system.

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

(e) **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB):** No report.

(f) **Principal's Report:** Mr. Birney, EJ School Principal, reported on PTA Programs, parent visitation for American Education Week, Veteran's Day, Healthy Foods, and grade level activities.

(g) **Fire/Security Drills:** Fire and Security drills were held in accordance with State Law as follows:

Ethel Jacobsen School

Fire: October 6th
Security: October 29th, Code Live Out

LBI Grade School

Fire: October 7th
Security: October 19th, Code L

(h) **Dates to Remember:**

- November 16: AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
LBI Parents invited to classrooms for American Education Week
PTA Meeting – LBI Media Ctr., 7 p.m.
- November 17: End of 1st Marking Period
EJ Parents invited to classrooms for American Education Week
Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.
- November 18: Beginning of 2nd Marking Period
Grade 5K Swim Program begins at St. Francis
After-School Band
- November 19: Grade 4D Swim Program begins at St. Francis
- November 20: THEME DAY – “Red, White & Blue Day” – Birthday Celebrations
- November 24: Grade 6K Swim Program begins at St. Francis
- November 25: Report Cards issued via portal
Early Dismissals – Thanksgiving Recess
- November 26 and 27: SCHOOL CLOSED – Thanksgiving Recess

Public Comment:

Bob Butkus, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Consolidation Study
- Public Comment Rules
- December 2nd meeting in gym
- Affordable housing – enrollment increase
- Sale of School

Michael Torrell, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Anonymous letter circulated-Board Comments
- Sale of School
- Borough of Ship Bottom – Attorney hired

Ken Flynn, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Public input on sale of school

Bea Johnson, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- December 2 meeting – Sale of School decision or vote?

Sharon Dugan, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Poll for vote of BOE to close school
- Transparency

Chris Krauser, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Referendum on sale of school
- EJ addition
- Affordable housing
- December 2nd meeting: Spreadsheet of numbers to review

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

- Consolidation process started due to school budget being voted down
- Educational advantages of consolidation

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

- Requested December 2nd presentation 48 hours in advance
- Record BOE meetings
- Public vote
- Expenses with regard to consolidation
- Consider impact on Borough
- Borough purchase of LBI Grade School

Pete Rossi, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Sale of school before Sandy
- Change in choice of school

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

- Call Mayors
- Correspondence from Land Trust

Ron Craft, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Ownership of LBI School property
- Sell to buyer or turn into open space

Joseph Latanzi, Long Beach Township Commissioner, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Review of process/procedures of school boards and local governments
- Consolidation

Jim Loudon, Harvey Cedars, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Letter sent to Ship Bottom residents accurate?

John Hay, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- List of potential buyers for LBI School
- Sale of school completed

Ken Haverson, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Who listed property
- Private buyer

Jackie Bayne, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Zoning of LBI School property
- Development procedures

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

- Modulares
- Cost of Modulares
- 2011 vote - rescind
- Architect bill

Ellen Cook, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Letter sent to Ship Bottom residents: shock value and fear

The Board returned to Executive Session. No action taken.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Colette Southwick and seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to adjourn.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary