

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in executive session at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on March 15, 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*.

Executive Session:

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Bott at 5:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call was taken by Kathy Sheplin.

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
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Colette Southwick	representing	Long Beach Township
Tom Beaty	representing	Long Beach Township (arrived at 5:25 p.m.)
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light

Absent: None

Also present:

Peter Kopack, Superintendent

Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Nicholas Savio, Esq.

Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq.

At 5:05 p.m. a motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber to enter into closed session for discussion of Personnel, Attorney/Client Privilege, Litigation, and other legal matters with the sale of school. All in favor.

At 6:57 p.m. a motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, seconded by Allyn Kain to adjourn to public session. All in favor.

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

Public Session:

The regular meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Bott at 7:02 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
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)
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Absent: None

Also present:

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Nicholas Savio, Esq.

Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq.

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: Mrs. Bott noted that a revised offer was received from a current bidder on the LBI Grade School property.

Student Council: Miss Scholey, Student Council Advisor, and members Emma Mills and Andy Falletta reported on past and upcoming Student Council events.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS:

MINUTES:

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

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, February 16, 2016
- (b) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, February 16, 2016
- (c) Minutes of the Working Meeting of the Board of Education, March 1, 2016
- (d) Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Education, March 1, 2016

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 9 ayes, items a and b
8 ayes, 1 abstention (Hartmann)
items c and d

BILLS/TRANSFERS:

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

- (a) Bill List for March 2016

At Mr. Beaty's request, PO#1500170 in the amount of \$29,561.25 was withdrawn from the bill list.

- (b) **Line Item Transfers (Revenue and Expenditure)**

That the Board of Education approve the following:

WHEREAS; N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 "Over expenditure of Funds" states "A district board of education shall not incur any obligation or approve any payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district board of education in the applicable line item pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached revised revenue and expenditure line item transfers for the period ended January 30, 2016, be approved as attached, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the line item transfers reflected on the State of New Jersey Monthly Transfer Report is hereby acknowledged as received and approved, as attached.

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 February 29, 2016, 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 February 29, 2016.

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

BUDGET:

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

(a) **Adoption of Tentative Budget 2016-17:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2016-2017 School Year using the 2016-2017 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

General Fund	\$6,851,997
Amount to be raised for tax levy	\$5,874,781
Banked CAP Utilized	\$ 699,829
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 128,445
Total Funds	\$6,980,442

And to advertise said tentative budget in *The Press of Atlantic City* in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Ethel A. Jacobsen School, Surf City, New Jersey on May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2016-2017 School Year.

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

RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by James Donahower to approve the following:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education, upon receiving an offer from the Borough of Ship Bottom for the transfer of the Long Beach Island School to Borough of Ship Bottom, authorizes and approves the following:

A request to each Borough or Town for a resolution approving the transfer of the Long Beach Island School to the Borough of Ship Bottom and further pledging the Borough or Town's support of the Board of Education's referendum to raise the funds necessary to make modifications to the Ethel Jacobson School in order to accommodate all of the students of the District and to provide a thorough and efficient education as required by statute and code; and

Be it further

RESOLVED that conditioned on the above, entering into discussions/negotiations with the representatives from the Borough of Ship Bottom to attempt to arrive at mutually acceptable terms to complete the transfer of the Long Beach Island School to the Borough of Ship Bottom from the Board of Education.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 6 ayes
2 nays (Wasilewski and Southwick)
1 abstention (Kain)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Curriculum Committee met on March 3, 2016. Mrs. Picaro reported on Google Apps/Chrome Books/Professional Development/After-School Clubs/World Languages.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Mrs. Bott spoke about the following: Thanked the community for coming out and read a prepared statement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Mr. Perfater, North Beach, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Asked questions about the Ship Bottom resolution: price, all towns need to agree, deadline?

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

- Referred to Mission Statement
- Thanked the BOE for exploring the direction of partnering with the community on the sale of the LBI Grade School

Gerard Buonpane, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Agreed with Mr. McDonough on his statement

Larry Baily, Ship Bottom, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Transition Plan for moving students from the LBI Grade School to the Ethel Jacobsen School. Mr. Sciarrillo responded.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS: Dr. Kopack thanked the Student Council for their presentation, thanked the teachers and applauded the success of Read Across America Day, thanked Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove for reading to grades 3 and 4, thanked DARE Officer, Megan Keller, and thanked the PTA for the wonderful Carnival.

DISTRICT/STATE/FEDERAL:

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

- (a) **Comprehensive Equity Plan:** To approve the Long Beach Island School District's Comprehensive Equity Plan 2016-2017 through 2018-2019 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.
- (b) **Food Service Agreement:** To approve a Shared Services Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year for Food Services with Stafford Township Board of Education in the amount of \$55,000.
- (c) **Memorandum of Understanding:** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Long Beach Island School District and the Long Beach Township and Ship Bottom Police Departments for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system access subject to approval of modifications.

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

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

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

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

Employee(s): Janelle Scholey
Conference: Ocean County Peace Summit Planning
Location: Cedar Creek Elementary
Date: March 4, 2016
Rationale: To plan activities for the 2016 Peace Summit.
Cost: Mileage

Employee(s): Wendy Yeager/Bianca Aniski/Karen Beetel
Conference: School Garden Conference
Location: Monmouth Agriculture Building
Date: April 8, 2016
Rationale: To learn new creative curriculum connections for our EJ Garden and to learn new gardening techniques from a master gardener.
Cost: \$20 each registration and mileage

(b) **Donation:** To accept the donation of two Epi-Pen and two Epi-Pen Jr. Auto-Injector packs from BioRidge Pharma through the EpiPen for Schools Program.

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

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

(d) **Principal's Report:** Mr. Birney, EJ School Principal, reported on Read Across America Day, PTA Carnival, Hat Day and the EJ Garden.

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

Ethel Jacobsen School

Fire: February 1
Security: February 10, Code Live

LBI Grade School

Fire: February 17
Security: February 16, Code Live In

(f) **Dates to Remember:**

March 15: 5T Swim Program at St. Francis
Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 16: D.A.R.E. Program at LBI
6L Swim Program at St. Francis

March 17: St. Patrick's Day
4S Swim Program at St. Francis

- March 18:** Theme Day –“Hat Day”– Birthdays-Personality of the Month
PTA Assembly at EJ School - “Brain Challenge”
- March 20:** Spring Begins
- March 22:** 5T Swim Program at St. Francis
- March 23:** 6L Swim Program at St. Francis
D.A.R.E. Program at LBI: 5K and 5T
- March 24:** Early Dismissal – Spring Break
LBI School: 12:30, EJ School: 12:45
No Swim Program
- March 25-April 1:** SCHOOL CLOSED – SPRING BREAK

Public Comment:

Jim Binder, Surf City, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Thanked the BOE for adopting the Ship Bottom Resolution
- Asked about process for sale and timeline. Mr. Sciarrillo responded: Mayors need to be contacted, resolutions requested from all towns, referendum in December to supplement funds, progress will be reported on at BOE meetings.

Kelly Turner and Sarah Esarey, EJ Teachers, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Thanked everyone for participating in Read Across America Day and handed out certificates

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

- Thanked the BOE for the resolution
- Asked if the current resolution voids the original resolution to sell the building and if private builders were off the table. Mr. Sciarrillo responded.

Nancy Spark, Barnegat Light, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Requested that as the BOE moves forward, more discussions be held in public session.

John Haddish, Surf City, asked questions/commented on the following:

- Asked if bond floated for deficit would be a one-time bond. Mr. Sciarrillo responded.

Georgene Hartmann, Board Member, commented on the accomplishments and continuing needs of the Long Beach Island School District.

The Board returned to Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege. No action will be taken.

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski and seconded by Kristy Raber to adjourn to executive session. All in favor.

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Thomas Beaty and seconded by James Donahower to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary