

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
April 4, 2017
Ethel Jacobsen School Media Center
Executive (Closed) Session 6:30 PM – Working (Public) Session 7:00 PM

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
(Amended)**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:** The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on April 4, 2017.

Board President, James Donahower, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement:

"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 *The Sandpaper*, and filed with the Municipal Clerks of Barnegat Light, Harvey Cedars, Surf City, Ship Bottom and Long Beach Township."

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PRESENT:**
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| Mr. Beaty | Mrs. Picaro | Mrs. Wasilewski |
| Mrs. Hartmann | Mrs. Raber | Mrs. Bott |
| Ms. Kain | Mrs. Southwick | Mr. Donahower |

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent
Ms. Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Nicholas Savio, Esq.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Tony Solimine, Esq., Bond Counsel, McManimon, Scotland & Bauman
B. Jennifer Edwards, Acacia Financial

Mr. Solimine and Ms. Edwards gave a presentation on the following topics:

- Referendum structure with regard to one or multiple questions
- Tax impact
- Debt service aid
- State aid
- Special Election process
- Use of proceeds from sale of the LBI Grade School

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** Members of the public commented, asked questions as follows:

- Length of Bond – 20 years
- Referendum question(s) ballot structure

6. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Jennifer Bott, second by Bonnie Picaro to approve the following:

A. Merit Criteria

Motion to certify that the Superintendent's qualitative merit criteria has been satisfied for the 2016-2017 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent in the amount of \$3,125.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (9): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Hartmann

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Transition Plan: Dr. Kopack gave an overview of the plan. The Board entered into a brief discussion.

Motion by Jennifer Bott, second by Bonnie Picaro to approve the following:

C. Shoring Repair

Motion to approve a contract with Shore Connections, Inc., 304 Forge Road, Unit 10, West Creek, NJ for temporary shoring repairs at the Long Beach Island Grade School in an amount not to exceed \$21,500.

Board Members were given the opportunity to comment on the reason for their vote.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (9): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Hartmann

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Storage Building: Discussion

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Jennifer Bott to approve the following:

Motion to remove storage building from the scope of project.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (9): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Hartmann

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Jennifer Bott, second by Bonnie Picaro to approve the following:

E. **(ADDENDUM ITEM)** Authorization of Special Election

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LONG BEACH ISLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body, and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries and the legal entity governed by the Board) is authorized to undertake renovations, improvements, and construction of new facilities as well as purchase the associated equipment and furniture necessary to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the School District; and

Whereas, the Board has conducted a thorough study of its facilities and equipment and has compared this information with student enrollment projections and other demographic information as it relates to the School District; and

Whereas, the Board now wishes to establish a special election date to request that the voters of the School District authorize the issuance of bonds to finance various improvements; and

Whereas, as a result of such study, the Board wants to authorize or ratify the preparation and submission of a school facilities project to the New Jersey Department of Education (the "Department of Education") for the various improvements;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District in the County of Ocean, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. That a special election be conducted on September 26, 2017 for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of school bonds to finance various improvements throughout the School District.

Section 2. That the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to notify the Clerk of the County of Ocean, the Ocean County Board of Elections, and the respective Clerks of the Township of Long Beach, Borough of Ship Bottom, Borough of Barnegat Light, the Borough of Surf City and the Borough of Harvey Cedars (the "Constituent Municipalities") about the special election so that the following publications can be made:

(i) That the Ocean County Clerk is required to advertise a notice to persons wanting mail-in ballots in a newspaper that circulates in the County of Ocean at least 55 days in advance of the special election, and that the publication of such advertisement in such newspaper will conform with the requirements of **N.J.S.A.** 19:57-7; and

(ii) That the Ocean County Board of Elections is required to publish the required election notices in accordance with the requirements of **N.J.S.A.** 19:12-7(a) and (b).

Section 3. That the Board hereby authorizes, or hereby ratifies, the Superintendent of Schools, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, architect, and bond counsel to submit school-facilities project applications to the Department of Education, pursuant to the requirements of **N.J.A.C.** 6A:26-3.1 *et seq.*, in order to determine the preliminary and final eligible costs under the *Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act* (the "Act") so that the Board can conduct a bond referendum to finance various capital improvements.

Section 4. That the Board hereby approves, if necessary, amendments to its long range facilities plan in order to include the capital improvements being contemplated in the referendum and has elected to receive debt service aid under the Act.

Section 5. That the Board hereby approves or ratifies the conceptual schematic drawings of the various capital improvements to the School District's facilities and hereby authorizes the submission of such schematic drawings to the planning board for its review and comment, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40:55D**.

Section 6. That the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the County of Ocean, the Ocean County Board of Elections, the Clerks of the Constituent Municipalities, and the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Ocean as soon as practical after the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (7): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower, Mrs. Raber,
Nays (2): Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Hartmann
Abstain: 0

Motion by Jennifer Bott, second by Tom Beaty to approve the following:

F. Purchase of Generator

Motion to purchase a generator at a cost of \$450,000 to be included in scope of project.

Amendment: Upon review of the minutes, Mr. Beaty objects to his name as second on the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, motion failed:

Ayes: 0
Nays (9): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Hartmann
Abstain: 0

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Dates to Remember

- April 4: PARCC TESTING – 6th Grade Math (make-ups after lunch)
After-School Fitness Club for Grades 3 & 4
After-School Chorus
Board of Education Meeting, EJ School, 7 p.m.
- April 5: PARCC TESTING – 6th Grade Math (make-ups after lunch)
After-School Band
- April 6: After School Fitness Club for Grades 5 & 6
After-School Band
- April 7: Theme Day – Crazy Hair Day, Birthdays, Personalities of the Month
- April 10-14: School Closed - Spring Recess
- April 17: PTA Assembly @ LBI – "Habitat Heroes"
- April 18: 3rd Grade Marking Period Grade Verifications due
Grade 2 – Skype "Kale Huddle" – Music Room
PK-2 – PTA Assembly – Eco-Mermaid Show, 10 a.m.
After-School Chorus
Student Council Meeting, 3:10-4:10

- April 19: PARCC Testing – 6TH Grade L.A. (make-ups after lunch)
PK4 & K – Skype “Kale Huddle”– Music Room
After-School Band
- April 20: National D.A.R.E. Day
PARCC Testing – 6TH Grade L.A. (make-ups after lunch)
Grade 1- Skype – “Kale Huddle” – Music Room
After-School Band
- April 21: 3rd Marking Period Report Cards issues via portal
PARCC Testing – 6TH Grade - L .A. (make-ups after lunch)
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24: PARCC Testing – Grade 4 (make-ups after lunch)
“Fender Blender” Event at EJ: 2S – 10:11, 2F – 10:58, PK4 – 2:21
Grade 6 Graduation Pictures (tentative)
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 25: PARCC Testing – Grade 4 (make-ups after lunch)
Family Life Meetings: Grade 6 – 9:00-11:00, Grade 4 – 1:30-2:30
After-School Chorus
Board of Education Meeting – Public Budget Hearing, EJ School, 7 p.m.
- April 26: PARCC Testing – Grade 4 (make-ups after lunch)
Grade 6 – Project Aware at STAC Center
“Fender Blender” Event at EJ: 1T – 9:24, 1E – 10:11, KR – 10:58, KC-1:34
After-School Band
- April 27: Take Your Child to Work Day
PARCC Testing – Grade 4 (make-ups after lunch)
After-School Band
- April 28: ARBOR DAY
PARCC Testing – Grade 4 (make-ups after lunch)

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Members of the public commented, asked questions on the following topics:

- Storage building
- Alternate plan if referendum fails
- Generator
- Transition plan
- Referendum
- FEMA audit

9. **A motion was made by Jennifer Bott, second by Georgene Hartmann to approve the following resolution:**

RESOLUTION: Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled meeting on April 25, 2017, in Executive Session and will suspend opening activities, including the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of Adequate Notice of Meeting, until the Board opens in Public Session at 7 p.m.

All in favor

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2:** The Board did not return to Executive Session.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Georgene Hartmann to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin
Assistant Board Secretary