

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

MINUTES OF THE WORKING MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

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 April 14, 2015, to discuss matters of Attorney-Client Privilege and Personnel. 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 7:05 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
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township

Absent:

Terry Deakayne	representing	Harvey Cedars
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Also present:

Karen T. McKeon, Superintendent

Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq.

Nicholas Savio, Esq.

Enrico Siano, Interim SBA/Board Secretary

Frank Little from Owen, Little & Associates, Inc.

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

Let the Board Minutes reflect that the Board returned to the open meeting in the media center at 7:05 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Mr. Siano.

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

Correspondence: Mrs. Bott read a letter from Mayor Huelsenbeck from the Borough of Ship Bottom.

Board Committee Reports:

- The Building and Grounds Committee met on March 26, April 2 and April 13, 2015. Mrs. Southwick reported.

- The Personnel Committee met on March 26, 2015. Mrs. Bott reported.

President's Remarks: Mrs. Bott addressed the public with a written statement that she read aloud. She then proceeded to present a timeline PowerPoint presentation to the audience.

Upon conclusion of the timeline presentation, Mrs. Bott introduced Mr. Frank Little from Owen, Little & Associates, Inc. who then presented the Evaluation of the Long Beach Island Grade School and E.J. School report to the public.

Public Comment on Report:

Rick McDonough, Ship Bottom, asked why LBI School structural issues were noted in this report but not in original LAN report of December 2012. Mrs. Bott responded that for this report, engineers suited up and physically went under the building for inspections. He asked about roof costs/life span of metal roof at LBI School. Mr. Little responded. He asked about the bus garage, cost to demolish/store buses outside. Mr. Little estimated the cost of demolition to be under \$50,000. He asked if the 2 x 4 shoring system for LBI School is sufficient. Mr. Little responded. He asked about additional square footage needs, construction costs not addressed. Mr. Evert noted that the purpose of this meeting was to share information with the public regarding the conditions of both buildings. Mrs. Bott reiterated the reason for the timeline. She noted that over 5 years with consolidation, the district would save \$2.5 million. Mr. McDonough asked if the Board was factoring in the additional square footage in operating expenses, the current bid amount and would the sale money cover the costs of an addition completely. Mrs. Bott responded that is the goal of the Board. Ms. Kain discussed the sale of building and addition. Mr. McDonough asked if the board would go out for a referendum if there was a shortfall. Mr. Sciarrillo noted that the board is looking at various proposals to accommodate various needs and the sale will cover the cost of the addition.

Darlene Kowalski, Harvey Cedars, asked about consolidation savings and the possibility of hiring a full-time librarian. Mrs. Bott responded that it could be an option.

Mr. Little discussed the storm drain pipe located on the Ethel Jacobsen School property.

Susan Hughes, Ship Bottom, asked about the structural repair plan and timeline for moving children into one school. Mrs. Bott responded.

Mr. Kunz, Long Beach Township, addressed the Board regarding the need for one school and the many benefits it would have for our students, staff and community. He also spoke about the benefits of the Choice program.

Dawn Kennedy-Little, Long Beach Township, thanked the Board of Education and asked about the deed restriction on the EJ School property, consequences of consolidation and the consideration of the children, and cost/cost savings. Mr. Sciarrillo explained the reverter clause in the deed. Dr. Kennedy-Little asked what would happen if the building was destroyed--could Surf City take the land back? Mr. Sciarrillo said, "no."

Mrs. Bott explained that the Board of Education is responsible for the best education and least disruption for the children of the district. Mrs. Southwick said that this is the main focus of the Board.

Stacey Fuessinger, Ship Bottom, asked if the district is still accepting Choice students, and how many students can the school hold without the Choice students. Mrs. Bott explained Choice numbers and noted that Choice seats are full for next year. She said the Board is exploring all options in order to cause the least disruption for our students.

Tom Beaty, Holgate, asked if there will be a revote on the vote to sell the LBI Grade School from 2011. Mr. Sciarrillo said that the vote from 2011 stands unless/until the Board would vote to reverse. Mr. Beaty asked if we have reached out to Beach Haven School District to join us. Ms. Kain and Mrs. Southwick noted that we have reached out many times and received no interest from Beach Haven. Mr. Sciarrillo noted that the Board reached out to Beach Haven prior to the LAN Study and Beach Haven said no. Ms. Kain noted that we have never closed that door. Ms. Bott said the Board will reach out to Beach Haven again. Mrs. Picaro noted that it was taken into consideration in the original LAN study. Mr. Beaty asked that the Board leave room for them when considering the addition.

Rick McDonough, Ship Bottom, asked if students could fit in one building without Choice students. Mr. Sciarrillo noted that it would depend on the need for various labs, etc. Mr. McDonough asked that if the LBI School was sold and if we didn't need an addition, would the district have to give the money back to the state. Mr. Sciarrillo noted that the money would be returned to the taxpayers, not the state, and Mr. Siano explained the various kinds of reserve accounts for the money. Mrs. Picaro noted that the current gym at the EJ School would not be sufficient if the district consolidated.

Darlene Kowalski, Harvey Cedars, asked if the Choice program was going away. Mr. Sciarrillo explained that Choice comes up for review with election of the Governor. Current Choice students are allowed to stay until they age out; however, at some point funding may end.

Mrs. Bott said that Mr. Little will attend the April 21st meeting. She said the report will be posted on the website.

Mr. Little left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. This concluded the presentation.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Ms. McKeon, Superintendent, thanked the staff for a job well done during testing.

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

- (a) **Substitute Personnel:** To approve the employment of substitute personnel for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year as follows: (see profiles)

Theodore Rothstein	Custodian
Genny Clausig	Teacher

- (b) **Contract Approval:** To approve the employment contract of Enrico Siano, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the period of March 9, 2015, through June 30, 2015, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

Mrs. Hartmann asked to withdraw item b. Mrs. Picaro explained that the Board is in the process of a discussion in executive session and would like to return to executive session to continue the discussion and then vote. She noted that this was no reflection on Mr. Siano.

A motion was made by Georgene Hartmann, seconded by Mrs. Picaro to withdraw item b from the personnel section of the agenda.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion did not carry: 6 nays (Evert, Kain, Raber, Southwick, Wasilewski, and Bott), and 2 ayes (Picaro and Hartmann)

The Board then voted on items a and b.

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

DISTRICT/STATE/FEDERAL: A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber to approve the following District/State/Federal items;

- (a) **Contract Approval:** Resolved the Board of Education rescinds the contract with Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C. (“Lindabury”) effective March 31, 2015 and enters into a contract with Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC (“Sciarrillo”) effective April 1, 2015, for the balance of the term of the Lindabury contract. Hourly rates and all other terms and conditions of the Sciarrillo contract will continue as in accordance with the Lindabury contract.

Mrs. Hartmann asked for clarification on item a. The Board had a brief discussion. Ms. Kain asked to close the discussion.

- (b) **Swim Program Extension:** To approve the extension of the Long Beach Island School District’s swim program from April 15, 16, and 21, 2015, due to the snow days and extension of the third marking period at no additional cost.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes and 1 nay (Hartmann) item a
8 ayes item b

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: a motion was made by Kristy Raber, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following Building and Grounds items:

- (a) **EJ Door Replacement:** To approve payment to C&M Door Controls, Inc. (Project #2544) in the amount of \$660 (PO# 1500179)for replacement of doors at the Ethel Jacobsen School.
- (b) **Change Order:** To approve the revised additional work/change order for the Ethel Jacobsen School door project #2544 to C&M Door Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$31,640.

(Withdrawn from Agenda) EJ Security Project

- (c) **Acceptance of Report:** To accept the Evaluation of the Long Beach Island Grade School and E.J. School, April 2015 as prepared by Owen, Little & Associates, Inc.

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

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

- (a) **School Bus Purchase:** To approve the purchase of up to a 24 passenger school bus as recommended through the bid process with MRESC (Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission) in an amount not to exceed \$58,000.

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

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

- (a) **Professional Day Requests:** To approve professional day requests as follows:

Employee(s): Cathy McBride
Conference: Reading for Understanding in Science
Location: Online Course (20 hours)
Date: April 1 through May 27, 2015
Rationale: This course give science teachers the tools to help students read and comprehend scientific texts for a better understanding in science.
Cost: None

Employee(s): Julie Oldham
Conference: NJASK Grade 4 Science Training
Location: Online
Date: April 2, 2015
Rationale: Mandatory training for district test coordinators.
Cost: None

Employee(s): Sharon VonGorski
Conference: Allergic Rhinitis, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis
Location: AtlantiCare, Egg Harbor Twp.
Date: April 23, 2015
Rationale: To understand how to avoid/prevent triggers.
Cost: \$30 registration and mileage

Employee(s): Chloe Wiskow
Conference: Learning Strategies that Motivate Students
Location: SRI & ETTC, Galloway
Date: April 23, 2015
Rationale: To learn strategies for increasing engagement, boosting test scores, and helping students succeed with more rigorous expectations.
Cost: 7 ETTC Hours and mileage

Employee(s): Frank Birney
Conference: Introduction to Dyslexia
Location: Rutgers, New Brunswick
Date: April 23, 2015
Rationale: To gain information on how to define dyslexia, share techniques for screening and 21st century evidenced based strategies for teaching and technology integration.
Cost: \$150 registration and mileage

Employee(s): Amy Ferrer
Conference: Techstock 2015
Location: Richard Stockton College
Date: July 15, 2015
Rationale: To acquire information/strategies on using iPads and other technology in the classroom which can be utilized in K-2 tech classes and TIPP.
Cost: \$25 registration and mileage

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

- Surf City Yacht Club, EJ parking lot, August 16-18, 2015. Surf City Yacht Club is hosting NJ State Opti races and are seeking additional parking for trailers

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

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

(d) **Upcoming Events:** April events were listed.

Public Comment:

Bill Kunz, Long Beach Township, spoke about the importance of Choice and the impact it has on our budget and he will encourage Beach Haven to join the LBI School District.

Rick McDonough, Ship Bottom, thanked the Board and asked that they consider all positions.

Stacey Fuessinger, Ship Bottom, thanked the Board and asked about a timeframe for their decision. Mrs. Bott noted that by September \$75,000 needs to be spent for structural shoring at the LBI Grade School.

The Board voted to return to executive session

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski to adjourn the public portion of the meeting. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary