

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

MINUTES OF THE WORKING MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in executive session at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on November 12, 2013, to discuss matters of Negotiations, 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 meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Picaro, and the roll call followed. The minutes were recorded by Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Allyn Kain	representing	Surf City
Kristy Raber	representing	Surf City
Jennifer Bott	representing	Ship Bottom
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township
Steve Evert	representing	Long Beach Township
David Plesniarski	representing	Long Beach Township
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township

ABSENT:

Terry Deakyne	representing	Harvey Cedars
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ALSO PRESENT:

Karen T. McKeon, Superintendent
Anthony P. Sciarrillo, Board Attorney

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 multipurpose room at 7:05 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Negotiations Committee will meet on November 21, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
- The Personnel Committee met on October 30, and November 11, 2013. Mrs. Bott reported.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Ms. McKeon gave a PowerPoint presentation on test scores.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Georgene Hartmann and seconded by Jennifer Bott to approve the following item(s):

- (a) **(WITHDRAWN) School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:** To approve the employment of Steven Moran as a full-time School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Long Beach Island School District at the annual salary of \$90,000 prorated effective December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- (b) **Stipend Positions 2013-14 School Year:** To approve stipend/XCOMP positions as follows for the 2013-14 school year:
 - **Choral Instructor:** Spring concert preparation, 10 hrs. max. for a total of \$350: David Gross
 - **After-School STEM Instructor:** 1 teacher, grades 3-6, 25 hrs. max. for a total of \$875: Cathy McBride
- (c) **Special Education Paraprofessional:** To approve the employment of Deborah Skimmons as a part-time Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2013/14 school year at the annual salary of \$14,000 prorated. Salary to be adjusted pending the outcome of the collective bargaining process. Benefits are not included. Ms. Skimmons is currently employed as a substitute in the district.
- (d) **Substitute Personnel:** To approve the employment of substitute personnel for the 2013/14 school year as follows: (see profiles)

Diane Barbieri	Teacher
Doug Leeds	Teacher
Jeremy Erwin	Custodian
- (e) **Spanish Interpreter:** To approve the addition of Kathryn Munn to the Child Study Team Consultant List as a Spanish interpreter for the 2013-14 school year.
- (f) **School Bus Driver:** To approve the employment of Charlene Boyle as a school bus driver for the 2013-14 school year at the prorated salary of \$14,228 (step 1 on the bus driver salary guide). Benefits are not included. Salary to be adjusted pending the outcome of the collective bargaining process. Ms. Boyle is currently employed in the district.

Upon roll call, the motion carried as follows: 8 ayes

DISTRICT/STATE/FEDERAL:

It was moved by Georgene Hartmann and seconded by Jennifer Bott to approve the following item(s):

- (a) **District Goals:** To approve the Long Beach Island Consolidated School District Goals and Objectives for the 2013-14 school year as follows:

GOAL 1: To review programs, curriculum/instructional strategies, and assessment tools in order to evaluate and improve the achievement of students with different ability levels as they work toward achieving the learning standards.

GOAL 2: To increase the use of technology as an enhancement to student learning and as a management information tool.

GOAL 3: To invite local Ocean and Coastal Science Organizations into the district to address STEM content in grades 3-6 to complement the MARE Program in accordance with broad district objectives for the 2013-14 school year.

GOAL 4: To continue to develop a wellness program that addresses and promotes healthy options in terms of the nutritional, physical, and emotional development of all students.

Upon roll call, the motion carried as follows: 8 ayes

- (b) **Semi-Annual Bus Evacuation Drills:** As required by the state, our semi-annual bus drills were conducted on October 25, 2013 .

AD HOC RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

It was moved by Georgene Hartmann and seconded by Jennifer Bott to approve the following item(s):

Mr. Evert, Board Member, gave a presentation explaining Change Orders.

- (a) **Shorelands Change Orders:** To approve change orders 1-10 for facility repairs at the Long Beach Island Grade School with Shorelands Construction, Inc. as follows:

- Change Order No. 1 \$ 63,100
- Change Order No. 2 \$ 40,702
- Change Order No. 3 \$ 5,144
- Change Order No. 4 \$ 8,817
- Change Order No. 5 \$ 13,300
- Change Order No. 6 \$ 10,048.50
- Change Order No. 7 \$ 12,512.50
- Change Order No. 8 \$ 1,653.75
- Change Order No. 9 \$ 11,494.00
- Change Order No. 10 \$ 40,340

- (b) **Change Order #11:** To approve a change order for facility repairs at the Long Beach Island Grade School with Shorelands Construction, Inc. as follows:

- Shorelands Construction, Inc. \$87,077

Upon roll call, the motion carried as follows: 5 ayes
3 nays (Kain, Raber, Wasilewski)

MISCELLANEOUS:

It was moved by Georgene Hartmann and seconded by Jennifer Bott to approve the following item(s):

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

Employee(s): **Tim Brennan**
Conference: Differentiation and the Curriculum-
Assessment Instruction Connection
Location: Parsippany
Date: November 22, 2013
Rationale: To gain information on curriculum assessment and student growth through
differentiated instruction.
Cost: \$150 registration and mileage

Employee(s): **Fran Lawlor**
Conference: Best iPad Apps to Enhance Content
Instruction (6-12)
Location: Cherry Hill
Date: December 4, 2013
Rationale: To learn about Apps for Content Instruction, how best to use them in the
classroom, and how to apply the use of apps for Higher Order Thinking
Skills/Assessment/Differentiated Instruction as identified through
Common Core.
Cost: \$229 registration and mileage

Employee(s): **Sharon VonGorski**
Conference: Review of the NJDOE Statutory and Regulatory
Requirements for Nursing Services
Location: Egg Harbor Twp.
Date: December 12, 2013
Rationale: To identify the difference between statute and code and identify
appropriate support mechanisms within the Department of Education.
Cost: \$30 registration and mileage

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

- Stafford Stingrays, EJ Gym, softball practice, 2 nights/week, 2 hours each night when
available
- Borough of Ship Bottom, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, EJ rest rooms and south parking lot
during Christmas Parade line-up, December 7, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Custodial
hourly fee of \$35 will be charged.
- LBI PTA, EJ Gym, November 15, 2013 from 6:30-7:30, PTA art drawing program

Upon roll call, the motion carried as follows: 8 ayes

- (c) **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB):** Update (no incidents reported)
- (d) **Parent Workshops:** Parent workshops will be offered to address Common Core Standards, ELA and Math.
- (e) **Miss NJ Visitation:** Miss New Jersey visited on Wednesday, October 30th to read to PreK-grade 2 students. Each student in grades PreK-6 received a book from Miss New Jersey.
- (f) **Halloween Parade:** The Halloween Parade was a huge success. Parents and faculty members participated along with the students.
- (g) **STEM Program:** The PTA sponsored a S.T.E.M. program on October 18th. Students participated in various stations regarding science, technology, engineering and math.
- (h) **Edmentum Workshops:** Workshops were provided to faculty on October 29th. Plato Courseware is part of Edmentum, Study Island, Reading Eggs, Accucess, and Education City which are standards-based online learning programs grounded in a tradition of solid research, sound pedagogy, and applied innovation. The coursework develops rigorous, relevant curriculum that challenges students with a 21st century approach - engaging them with interactive, media-rich content. So, if students are falling behind, at grade level, or advanced, these programs can accommodate their unique needs in an environment to thrive. Plato Courseware can be used in a lab setting, a blended model in which online courses supplement the traditional classroom, or through a completely virtual experience.
- (i) **Upcoming Events:**
 - November 12, First Marking Period Ends
Swim Program begins
 - November 13, Second Marking Period Begins
 - November 15, Theme Day, PTA sponsored program “Learn to Draw” with Mark Kistler (also an evening program 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
 - November 18-22, American Education Week, parent classroom visitations November 19-21
 - November 19, Report Cards Issued through Parent Portal
 - November 20, Picture retakes and group pictures
 - November 28 and 29, School Closed, Thanksgiving Recess

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS:

-Fran Lawlor, Teacher, asked about change orders.

-Colette Southwick, Long Beach Township, asked about change order #10 and type of pipe in change order.

-Kristy Raber, Board Member, asked why change orders were under Buildings and Grounds and not the Ad Hoc Committee. Mrs. Raber also commented on fees for the Board Attorney for phone calls and creation of Ad Hoc Committee.

-Bill Kunz, Long Beach Township, asked about for clarification on change orders. A discussion began regarding cost for taxpayers, staffing the LBI School, FEMA and asked that the Board be up front about the costs to the Mayors and Taxpayers between Board Members and Mr. Kunz.

-Fran Lawlor, Teacher, asked about previous change orders. Ms. McKeon responded that they were related to the modulars.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

-Bonnie Picaro, Board President, addressed the audience regarding Mrs. Raber's comments.

-CarriLyn Skipper, Ship Bottom, commented on the behavior of the Board and also asked for clarification on cost of permanent trailers vs. temporary trailers. Mr. Evert, Board Member, responded. Mr. Sciarrillo also responded.

-Georgene Hartmann, Board Member, explained Ad Hoc Committee Development and complimented Steve Evert on hard work on committee.

-Fran Lawlor, Teacher, asked about AllRisk going through contents left in classrooms at the LBI Grade School, will items be covered by insurance, and will teacher allowances for supplies be increased for next year to replace lost items since many were purchased by staff member? Ms. McKeon responded that all items will be evaluated and tallied.

-Fran Lawlor, Teacher, noted that she went to the LBI School 3 times and had headaches after each visit.

-Bill DeMaio, Ship Bottom, asked Allyn Kain why she did not support the restoration of the LBI School. Ms. Kain responded. He also asked about the cost to put an addition on the LBI School vs. EJ School. Mr. Sciarrillo responded.

-Bill Kunz, Long Beach Township, asked for clarification on the testing PowerPoint. Ms. McKeon responded. He suggested that the Board as a whole write a letter to be read at township meetings by Board member representing each town to describe work at LBI School and invite the Mayors to visit. He suggested Mrs. Picaro attend a Beach Haven Borough Council Meeting.

It was moved by Georgene Hartmann and seconded by Steve Evert to return to Executive Session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Upon roll call, the motion carried as follows: 8 ayes

It was moved by Steve Evert and seconded by Jennifer Bott to adjourn.

The motion carried as follows: 8 ayes

The time the meeting adjourned was approximately 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sheplin
Assistant Board Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Executive Session, 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting, 7 PM
EJ School