

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Beach Island, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 2022
Ethel Jacobsen School Media Center
Executive (Closed) Session 5:30 PM – Regular (Public) Session 6:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in the Media Center of the Ethel A. Jacobsen School, 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on December 6, 2022.

Board President, Colette Southwick, called the meeting to order at 6 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 and electronic 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 and on the district website. The notice was also mailed to *The Press of Atlantic City*, *Asbury Park Press*, 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. **ROLL CALL**
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| Ms. Conway | Mrs. Hoffacker (left @ 6:19 p.m.) |
| Ms. Hagler | Mrs. Linkewich |
| | Mrs. Wasilewski |
| | Mrs. Southwick |
| | Mr. Schragger |

ABSENT: Dr. Chung, Mrs. Raber

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent (via phone)
Mr. Frank Birney, Principal
Ms. Meghan Lee, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Michael Pagnotta Architecture + Construction gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed site plan for the Long Beach Island Grade School property which included the following:

- Green space donation
- Green space coverage current/proposed
- Proposed single family homes
- Impervious coverage current/proposed
- Building coverage
- Flood mitigation
- Pavers
- Parking
- No variances required
- Possible alternate plans if partner with Ship Bottom
- Builders remedy

Mrs. Southwick opened the meeting to questions from the Board. There were no questions. Mrs. Southwick opened the meeting to questions from the public. The following topics were discussed:

- Drainage
- Zoning
- Management of construction vehicles

5. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:** None

6. **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Birney reported on the following: 6th grade holiday market, Grade Level Happenings on the website, welcomed everyone back to EJ School, PreK-holiday themes and letters g, h, and i; Kindergarten-sight words and numbers 1-10, spreading kindness; First Grade-holidays around the world; Second Grade-writing stories (sequential order and detail); Kids Care planted tulips in the garden; PE-Mr. LaMarco is working on fitness corners; thanked Ms. Daly for organizing presentations by author and former SRHS student, Amulya Veldanda, for students at the EJ and LBI Schools; and thanked the PTA for Book Fair, Hurricane Ian relief, and announced that the Holiday Gift Auction is on Friday.

7. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Southwick thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reported that there are a lot of good things happening in the district.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None

9. **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:** None

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kelly Linkewich to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

November 15, 2022: Regular and Closed Session

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

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays(1): Mr. Schragger

Abstain: 0

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Building/Grounds/Transportation/Finance: Ms. Lee reported that the committee met today and reported on the following: minimum wage increase, budget calendar, snow removal, substitutes, and EJ HVAC.
- PTA Liaison: Kelly Linkewich reported that the holiday auction Friday (buffet dinner, live music at Joe Pop's) has over \$20,000 in prizes, and thanked everyone for donations for Hurricane Ian.

12. **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kelly Linkewich to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. **Substitute Personnel**

Motion to approve the employment of substitute personnel for the 2022-2023 school year as listed below pending receipt of required paperwork and completion of required substitute orientation:

Patricia Pogorzelski	Paraprofessional/Transportation Aide/Kids Care Aide
Christian Panus	Paraprofessional/Teacher (Pending Certification)

B. Minimum Wage Increase

Motion to approve an increase in the minimum wage effective January 1, 2023 to \$15/hr.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(6): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Addendum Item:

Motion by Kelly Linkewich, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

C. Leave of Absence

Motion to approve a leave of absence for employee #4351, beginning approximately February 6, 2023 through the end of the 2022 - 2023 school year. Employee will use paid leave and FMLA.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(6): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

13. **BUILDING/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE**

Motion by Kelly Linkewich, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Bills List

Motion to approve the December 2022 Bills List, totaling \$422,402.43

B. Travel and Training

Motion to approve the following travel/training expenses.

Date	Name	Position	Workshop	Location	Cost
1/27/23	Cathy McBride	Teacher	Presenter: NJASA TECHSPO 2023	Atlantic City	Mileage
	Laura Daly	Teacher			
1/26/23 1/27/23	Shelley Smith	Teacher	Presenter and Attendee: NJASA TECHSPO 2023	Atlantic City	\$275 Registration and Mileage
1/26/23 1/27/23	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	Presenter and Attendee: NJASA TECHSPO 2023	Atlantic City	\$510 Registration and Mileage
2/2/23	Frank Birney	Principal	Monmouth University Principal's Academy	Monmouth	Mileage

A question was asked, and there was a brief discussion about PO #23-0348 on the bills list.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: Mr. Schragger

14. **ANNUAL APPROVALS/CONTRACTS**

Motion by Kelly Linkewich, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Snow Removal

Motion to approve David Ash, 908 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ for snow removal services as needed pending receipt of insurance certificate.

There was a brief discussion about the proposal/contract.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick
Nays(1): Mr. Schragger
Abstain: 0

15. **EDUCATIONAL**

Motion by Kelly Linkewich, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. HIB Report

Motion to accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report as presented in Executive Session.

B. Student Safety Data System Report Period 2

Motion to approve the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) 2021-2022 Report Period 2 as presented in Executive Session.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick
Nays(1): Mr. Schragger
Abstain: 0

16. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kelly Linkewich to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Grant Applications

Motion to approve submission of the following grant applications. There will be no financial impact to the Board of Education from these grants:

- EJ and LBI Schools will be individually applying for a Nutrition Enhancement grant in the amount of \$750 through AtlantiCare Healthy Schools, which will enable us to initiate or sustain ongoing wellness activities within the school setting.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(6): Ms. Conway, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Linkewich, Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **Dates to Remember**

December 7:	Pearl Harbor Day After-School Academy @ EJ – K & Gr. 1 After-School Band Practice for Grades 5 & 6 After-School Mathletics for Grades 3 & 4
December 8:	After-School Academy @ EJ – Gr. 1 After-School Mathletics for Grades 5 & 6 Grade 6 Holiday Market at Country Corner LBI Faculty Meeting
December 9:	Stage Blocking – EJ School in a.m. PTA Holiday Gift Auction – Joe Pops, Ship Bottom
December 12:	After-School Academy – Gr. 2 After-School Ukulele for Grades 5 & 6
December 13:	EJ Dress Rehearsal in a.m. After-School Academy @ EJ – K & Gr. 2 Micro:bit Club for Grades 5 & 6
December 14:	EJ Holiday Show, "Santa's Workshop" After-School Academy @ EJ – K & Gr. 1 After-School Violin Practice for Grades 5 & 6
December 15:	Kindergarten Rotary Holiday Luncheon –S.B. Firehouse After-School Academy @ EJ – Gr. 1 After-School Chorus for Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
December 19:	LBI School Concert Practice After-School Band for Grades 5 & 6
December 20:	LBI School Concert Practice After-School Violin for Grades 5 & 6 Micro:bit Club for Grades 5 & 6
December 21:	First Day of Winter LBI School Holiday Concert
December 22:	Grades 1 & 2 to Southern Regional HS for Holiday Show
December 23:	6th Grade Holiday Party Early Dismissals – Winter Break
December 26-Jan 2:	SCHOOL CLOSED – Winter Break
January 3:	Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, EJ School, 6 p.m.

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

- Construction cost update
- Project funding
- LEAP Program
- LBI School playground

19. **REORGANIZATION MEETING:** January 3, 2023 at the Ethel Jacobsen School, 6 p.m. (Public Session only).

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION #2 (If Needed):** The Board did not return to Executive Session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:41 p.m., a motion was made by Kelly Linkewich, second by Danielle Hagler to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin
Assistant to the Board Secretary