

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
January 5, 2021
Long Beach Island Grade School Media Center
Reorganization(Public) Session 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met in the Media Center of the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20th Street, Ship Bottom, New Jersey on January 5, 2021.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Chris Kelly, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and the read the following notice and Open Public Meetings Act Announcement:

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **NOTICE**

The annual organization meeting of the Long Beach Island Board of Education will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20th Street, Ship Bottom, New Jersey.

4. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

"This meeting is hereby called to order. 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, the 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."

5. **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered by Mr. Sciarillo, Esq. to the newly elected Board members who represent the following constituent districts:

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| A. | Long Beach Township | (3 years) – Danielle Hagler |
| B. | Ship Bottom | (3 years) – Stephanie Chung |
| C. | Surf City | (3 years) – Kelly Linkewich |

6. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Dr. Chung	Mrs. Hoffacker	Mr. Schragger
Ms. Hagler	Mrs. Linkewich	Mrs. Southwick
	Mrs. Raber (arrived@7:01)	Mrs. Wasilewski

ABSENT: Mrs. Bowker

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent
Mr. Frank Birney, Principal (virtual)
Ms. Chris Kelly, SBA/Board Secretary
Ms. Meghan Lee, Assistant BA
Mr. Anthony Sciarillo, Esq.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTION RESULTS

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following:

Motion to have the combined statement of results of the 2020 school election made a part of the organization meeting minutes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Danielle Hagler, Long Beach Township	1,049
Georgene Hartmann, Long Beach Township	696
Write-in, Long Beach Township	14
Stephanie Chung, Ship Bottom	547
Write-in, Ship Bottom	30
Kelly Linkewich, Surf City	580
Write-in, Surf City	14

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

8. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nominations for President of Board of Education for a one-year term, beginning tonight.

NOMINATION(S) 1. Colette Southwick 2. None

NOMINATED BY: Brielle Hoffacker

Second Kristy Raber **Second** _____

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Kristy Raber to close nominations:

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Kristy Raber to vote for President:

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

RESULTS OF VOTE (PRESIDENT): Mrs. Southwick

Board President, Mrs. Southwick, took the chair:

B. Nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for a one-year term,
beginning tonight.

NOMINATION(S) 1. Marilyn Wasilewski 2. None

NOMINATED BY: Kelly Linkewich

Second Kristy Raber **Second** _____

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Kristy Raber to close nominations:

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Kristy Raber to vote for Vice President:

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

RESULTS OF VOTE (VICE PRESIDENT): Mrs. Wasilewski

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Brielle Hoffacker to approve the following:

Resolved to establish the 2021 Annual Meeting Calendar. All public meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Media Center of the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20th Street, Ship Bottom, NJ unless otherwise noted. Executive (closed) sessions will be held prior to the public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Long Beach Island Board of Education reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or change the meeting dates, times and places with proper notice according to law.

Month	Meeting	Comment
January	January 26, 2021	
February	February 23, 2021	
March	March 16, 2021	(Preliminary Budget Review)
April *	April 20, 2021	
April *	April 27, 2021	(Public Budget Hearing)
May	May 18, 2021	
June	June 15, 2021	
July	July 20, 2021	
August	August 17, 2021	
September	September 21, 2021	
October	October 19, 2021	
November	November 16, 2021	
December	December 14, 2021	
January 2022	January 4, 2022	(Reorganization)

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

10. OFFICIAL BOARD NEWSPAPER

Motion by Kristy Raber, second by Brielle Hoffacker to approve the following:

Motion to authorize *The Press of Atlantic City* as the official newspaper of the Board.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

11. POLICIES

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

Motion to adopt all policies established by the previous Board of Education, with the regulations promulgated thereunder, until such time as this present board might wish to make changes.

Mr. Sciarillo explained that the policies being adopted are as of December 2020, and a policy committee meeting will be scheduled and the committee may make changes during 2021, and those policies will be adopted at next year's reorganization meeting. Mr. Schragger commented that last year (his first year on the Board) he was not able to review policies and not sure if new members should vote on them or if they should be postponed until the next meeting. Dr. Kopack reported that the policies were shared with the new members.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

12. **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

Motion to adopt all educational programs and practices established by the previous Board of Education, with the regulations promulgated thereunder, until such time as this present Board might wish to make changes.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(7): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays(1): Mr. Schragger

Abstain: 0

13. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZATION**

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

Motion that the Board of Education approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve bids, approve account transfers, pay bills, approve construction change orders and approve travel in accordance with policies 6471 and 3240, Board member Travel Expenses; Staff Travel Expenses and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in between board meetings on an emergency basis with lists of such bids, transfers, payments, construction change orders and travel subject to presentation and ratification at the next business meeting of the board.

Mr. Sciarrillo clarified that all payments made by the Business Administrator are subject to Board approval.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(7): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: Mr. Schragger

14. **SUPERINTENDENT'S AUTHORIZATION**

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

Motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to employ school personnel to fill vacancies in existing job classifications as they may occur in between board meetings on an emergency basis with a list of those employed subject to presentation and ratification at the next business meeting of the board.

Mr. Sciarillo clarified that the Superintendent by virtue of his certification can make recommendations on personnel and job classifications but recommendations are subject to Board approval.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

15. (WITHDRAWN) BOARD COMMITTEES

Motion, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve 2020 Board Committees as presented.

16. CODE OF ETHICS - Board Members each read an Ethics Code.

Motion by Brielle Hoffacker second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 12-24.1, the members of the Long Beach Island Board of Education shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- A. *I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.*
- B. *I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.*
- C. *I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.*
- D. *I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.*
- E. *I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.*
- F. *I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.*

- G. *I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.*
- H. *I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.*
- I. *I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.*
- J. *I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

(The Board received the acknowledgement for signatures.)

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

18. **RESOLUTION:**

Motion by Kristy Raber second by Brielle Hoffacker to approve the following:

Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled Executive Session meeting on January 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center of the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20th Street, Ship Bottom, NJ in Executive Session for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, Negotiations, Student Issues, and Personnel 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. This meeting will be virtual for members of the public.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(8): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Needed):** The Board did not enter into executive session.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Mrs. Southwick congratulated new Board Members and thanked the public for attending.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathy Sheplin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kathy Sheplin
Assistant to the Board Secretary