

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Long Beach Island, New Jersey  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 20, 2021  
Long Beach Island Grade School Media Center (virtual)  
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
(AMENDED)**

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 April 20, 2021.

Board President, Colette Southwick, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and read the following statement:

"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 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**
- |             |                |                         |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Mrs. Bowker | Mrs. Hoffacker | Mr. Schragger (Virtual) |
| Dr. Chung   | Mrs. Linkewich | Mrs. Wasilewski         |
| Ms. Hagler  | Mrs. Raber     | Mrs. Southwick          |

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent  
Mr. Frank Birney, Principal  
Ms. Chris Kelly, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Meghan Lee, Assistant BA  
Mr. Anthony Sciarillo, Esq.  
Ms. Shelley Smith, Tech Coordinator

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Eileen Bowker, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:**

Resolved by the Long Beach Island Board of Education to enter into a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing the matters checked below. Action may be taken when the Board of Education returns to Public Session. The matter will be disclosed to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

(Check as applicable):

- ☐ Matters Involving Personnel
- ☐ Pending or anticipated contractual Matters
- ☒ Matters covered by attorney-client privilege
- ☐ Pending or anticipated Litigation
- ☐ Protection of the safety or property of the public
- ☐ Collective Negotiations and/or negotiations of terms/conditions of employees of BOE
- ☐ Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- ☐ Matters that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- ☐ Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

Mrs. Southwick stated that the Board will return to public session in approximately 20 minutes.

**Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:**

Ayes(9): Mrs. Bowker, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,  
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

5. **Motion by Brielle Hoffacker, second by Kristy Raber to return to public session:**

**Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:**

Ayes(9): Mrs. Bowker, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,  
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The Board returned to public session at 6:25 p.m.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

A. Ethics Training - Mr. Anthony Sciarillo, Esq. presented the 5 Cs:

1. Commitment
2. Confidentiality
3. Chain of Command
4. Conflict
5. Claims

Mr. Sciarillo also spoke about parameters of participation in negotiations, importance of regular communication as a Board of Education, roles and responsibilities of Board Members and Administration, respectful environment, and resiliency.

Mrs. Southwick asked if participation in committees that impact all students is a conflict. Mr. Sciarillo said that it is not a conflict if it benefits all students. There were no further Board questions. Mr. Sciarillo concluded the training by handing out ethics information to Board Members.

7. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

A. Board of Education Goals 2021-2022: Dr. Kopack reviewed the mission statement and reviewed district and Board Goals for 2021-2022. Board Members will review the suggestions, and come back with their top 5 choices, discuss again, and approve at a future meeting.

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

B. Field Trip  
Motion to approve the following field trip:

| Date                      | Grade | Destination                    | Teacher in Charge | Trip Objective                      | Cost     |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 4/22/21<br>(alt. 4/23/21) | 5     | Barnegat Lighthouse State Park | Townsend Kappy    | Investigate our coastal environment | \$409.84 |

Mrs. Raber questioned the cost. Ms. Kelly explained the costs associated with field trips.

**Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:**

Ayes(9): Mrs. Bowker, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber,  
Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Southwick

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

C. **Bid Rejection**

**Motion by Kristy Raber, second by Kelly Linkewich to approve the following:**

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Island Board of Education is the owner of certain real property which is part of Block 48, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Ship Bottom, County of Ocean and state of New Jersey, known as the Long Beach Island Grade School ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:20-5 authorizes a board of education to sell real property owned by a board of education and may set a minimum price and conditions for the sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the sale of the Property on January 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board advertised for the sale of the Property by providing notice to the *Star Ledger* on March 18 and March 23, 2021, and in the *Asbury Park Press* on March 17 and March 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board received bids for the property on April 8, 2021 as follows:

| Bidder              | Amount       | Conditions                                                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fox Development LLC | \$15,000,000 | Bid was not accompanied by a bid bond or a security deposit as required by the bid advertisement. |

WHEREAS, the Board expressly reserved the right to accept or reject any bid containing contingencies and/or conditions that would not be acceptable; and

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Long Beach Island Board of Education finds the bid submitted by Fox Development LLC was not accompanied by a bid bond or security deposit as required by the bid advertisement and therefore rejects the bid for being a non-responsive pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:20-7.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2021, at a properly constituted meeting of the Long Beach Island Board of Education by a roll call majority vote of its full membership.

Mr. Schragger asked to amend the motion to state that the bid was also defective as it was subject to a standard real estate contract that would normally be used with no terms and conditions set forth and; therefore, contains a major further defect. Mrs. Southwick asked if anyone would entertain moving the motion. There was no response from the Board; therefore, the motion was not considered by the Board, and the vote proceeded without the amendment.

**Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:**

Ayes(8): Mrs. Bowker, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Hoffacker, Mrs. Linkewich, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Schragger (Mr. Schragger voted yes, but stated he did not agree with the terms.), Mrs. Southwick

**Nays(1): Mrs. Wasilewski (Amendment)**

Abstain: 0

Mrs. Southwick stated that the Board reviewed the second bid, and after careful consideration, rejected the bid. The Board of Education will review its options and place the schedule for moving students from the LBI Grade School to EJ School on temporary hold. Additional information will be forthcoming after the Board of Education meeting on April 27th.

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

- Via Email: Special Counsel approved at April 13th meeting—Mrs. Southwick said the minutes will be approved at and available after the April 27th meeting.

9. **RESOLUTION:** Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled meeting on April 27, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. in the Media Center of the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Ship Bottom, NJ in Executive Session for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, 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 4:30 p.m. This meeting will be virtual for the public.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:56 p.m., a motion was made by Kristy Raber, second by Eileen Bowker to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin  
Assistant to the Board Secretary