

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Beach Island, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2019
Long Beach Island Grade School Media Center
Executive (Closed) Session 6:00 PM – Regular (Public) Session 7:00 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 Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 20th Street, Ship Bottom, New Jersey on July 23, 2019.

Board President, William Fenimore, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 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. 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**

PRESENT:	Mrs. Bowker	Mr. McMenamin	Mrs. Wasilewski
	Mrs. Raber (left at 7:45 p.m.)		Mrs. Picaro
	Mr. Fenimore	Mrs. Hartmann	Mrs. Southwick

ABSENT: Mr. Donahower

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent
Ms. Chris Kelly, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Anthony Sciarillo, Esq.

4. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:** Dr. Kopack thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the curriculum committee and reported on summer curriculum work, thanked teachers and parents for working on the gardens over the summer, reported on the LBI Grade School gym floor, and on the Summer Reading Party in July and noted that there will be another Summer Reading Party in August.
5. **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL** – No report
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** Members of the public commented, asked questions on the following topics:
- Bill List
 - Cost of LBI School Renovations
7. **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE** - None

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Eileen Bowker, second by Georgene Hartmann to approve the following:

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

June 18, 2019: Regular and Closed Session

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (8): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski,
Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Negotiations: Marilyn Wasilewski – no report
- Personnel: Georgene Hartmann – no report
- Policy: James Donahower – no report
- Building/Grounds/Transportation: Bonnie Picaro – no report
- Finance: John McMenamin – no report
- Curriculum: Colette Southwick reported that a meeting will be scheduled in September.
- Public Relations/Strategic Plan: Eileen Bowker – no report
- Community Roundtable: William Fenimore reported that the committee met with the Mayors in July and discussed the plans for the LBI Grade School and asked for input from the Mayors. He reported that the engineer estimates the cost of the LBI Grade School renovations to be 7.68 million and that there are some additional items that are not included in price. Plans were submitted to the DOE and approved, and the DOE will be sending a letter for the BOE to submit to the Board of Elections for the referendum.
- PTA Liaison: Colette Southwick – no report

10. **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Georgene Hartmann, second by Eileen Bowker to approve the following:

A. Letter of Resignation

Motion to accept a letter of resignation from Tracy Piscopo, Custodian, effective July 5, 2019.

B. Summer Employment

Motion to approve summer employment at the Stipend/XCOMP rate of \$35/hr. as follows:

- Webmaster: 1 teacher to update and maintain the district website, up to 15 hours for a total of \$525 with approved time sheet: Chloe Sheplin

Addendum Items:

C. Part-time Preschool Teacher

Motion to approve the employment of Susan Phillips as a Part-time Preschool Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year at the annual salary of \$57,404 prorated (step 1 on the BA salary guide) pending receipt of required provisional certifications. Benefits are not included. Final salary to be determined pending the outcome of the collective bargaining process.

D. Leave Replacement Teacher

Motion to approve the employment of Stephanie Ivancich as a Leave Replacement Teacher (Resource Teacher) for the 2019-2020 school year at the annual salary of \$57,404 (step 1 on the BA salary guide). Final salary to be determined pending the outcome of the collective bargaining process.

Mr. Fenimore thanked Tracy Piscopo for her service and introduced the new teachers.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (8): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

11. **FINANCE**

Motion by Georgene Hartmann, second by John McMenamin to approve the following:

A. Financial Reports

1. Financial Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education

Motion to approve financial reports for the month of June 2019.

- a. Report of the Secretary dated June 30, 2019
- b. Report of the Treasurer dated June 30, 2019

2. Statement of Cash Balances

Motion to accept the Statement of Cash Balances **as amended** for the month of June 2019 which are reconciled with the Board Secretary's Reports by fund for that month.

3. SBA Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, I certify that as of June 2019 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b).


Chris Kelly, School Business Administrator

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B. Transfers

Motion to approve the June 2019 transfer report.

C. Bills List

1. Motion to approve the supplemental bill list for June 2019 totaling \$136,279.13
2. Motion to approve the July 17, 2019 Bills List, totaling \$131,404.61

D. Travel and Training

Motion to approve the following travel/training expenses.

Date	Name	Position	Workshop	Location	Cost
10/2/19	Bianca Aniski	School Nurse	Steering Committee: Health Schools, Healthy Children	Little Egg Harbor Twp.	Mileage

Mrs. Hartmann noted a correction that needed to be made to Treasurer's Report. Ms. Kelly noted that the report was correct but parenthesis were omitted around a negative number on a backup schedule.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Items A, B and D

Ayes (8): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Mrs. Wasilewski initially abstained on C1 but changed her vote to yes during the voting process.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Item C 1

Ayes (5): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Picaro

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Item C 2

Ayes (7): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Southwick

12. **ANNUAL APPROVALS/CONTRACTS**

Motion by Marilyn Wasilewski, second by Georgene Hartmann to approve the following:

A. Contract Approval

Motion to approve a contract with NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for educational services from September 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,900.

B. Appointment of Attorney

WHEREAS, there exists a need for legal service; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Long Beach Island Board of Education that Sciarillo Cornell Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC, Licensed Legal firm for the State of New Jersey is hereby appointed to conduct legal services from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, at the hourly rate of \$165.

C. Revised Attendance Officer

Motion to appoint the revised District Attendance Officer and stipend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

- Long Beach Township/Barnegat Light, Sargent Michael Brennan (**Patrol Officer Sean Ferguson**), \$200

D. Shared Service Agreement - Transportation Services

Resolved that the Long Beach Island Board of Education enter into a shared services agreement with Central Regional School District for the provision of transportation services for the Long Beach Island School District from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$20,000. This agreement provides a transportation supervisor and other associated services.

E. Special Education Services

Motion to approve the following Special Education Services for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. School Psychologist, Theresa Strunk, \$400.00 per day, \$60.00 per hour not to exceed \$16,500

F. Affirmative Action Needs Assessment and CEP

Resolved, that the Long Beach Island Board of Education authorized the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan (for school years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022) during the 2018-19 school year.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Items A,C,D,E, F

Ayes (8): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Item B

Ayes (6): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays (2): Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin

Abstain: 0

13. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Addendum Item:

A. **(Withdrawn)** Long Beach Island Grade School Renovations

Motion to approve Frank Little, Engineer, Owen, Little & Associates Inc. to complete the plans for the renovation of the Long Beach Island Grade School for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education at the cost of \$_____.

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Dates to Remember

August 12-16: Red Bulls Youth Soccer Camp, LBI School, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

August 18: Summer Reading Party, LBI Branch of OC Library, Surf City, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

August 20: Board of Education Meeting, LBI Grade School, Ship Bottom, 7 p.m.

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

- State legislation forcing consolidation
- Conflicts of interest
- Single school back-up plan in case of an emergency
- Board conduct
- Contract negotiations
- Consolidation and options for the EJ School
- Public presentation on referendum
- Tuition
- Class size
- Choice
- Previous referendum
- Cost of LBI Schools to taxpayers

16. **Motion by Georgene Hartmann, second by John McMenamin to approve the following:**

RESOLUTION: Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled meeting on August 20, 2019, at 6 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.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (7): Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. McMenamin, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Picaro, Mr. Fenimore

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:04 p.m., a motion was made by Eileen Bowker, second by Georgene Hartmann to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin
Assistant to the Board Secretary