

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Beach Island, New Jersey

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

NOTICE

The annual organization meeting of the Long Beach Island Board of Education was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School at 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

"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* and *The Sandpaper*, and filed with the Municipal Clerks of Barnegat Light, Harvey Cedars, Surf City, Ship Bottom and Long Beach Township."

The Board of Education of the Long Beach Island School District, Ocean County, met at 7 p.m. in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on January 2, 2018. All members were notified in writing of the meeting date.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Tom Beaty	representing	Long Beach Township
James Donahower	representing	Harvey Cedars
William Fenimore	representing	Ship Bottom
Georgene Hartmann	representing	Long Beach Township
Bonnie Picaro	representing	Long Beach Township
Kristy Raber	representing	Surf City
Colette Southwick	representing	Long Beach Township
Marilyn Wasilewski	representing	Barnegat Light

Absent: None

Also present:

Peter J. Kopack, Superintendent
Megan C. Gally, SBA/Board Secretary
Anthony P. Sciarrillo, Esq.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Board Attorney, Anthony Sciarrillo, to the newly elected Board members, who represent the following constituent districts:

- A. Long Beach Township (3 years) – Georgene Hartmann
- B. Ship Bottom (3 years) – William Fenimore
- C. Surf City (3 years) – Undetermined pending Run-Off Election

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Roll call of Board Members followed the Oath of Office with all Board Members present.

ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTION RESULTS

A motion was made by James Donahower, seconded by Colette Southwick to approve the combined statement of results of the 2017 election made a part of the organization meeting minutes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Georgene Hartmann, Long Beach Township	625
Richard Vaughan, Long Beach Township	339
Write-In	5
William Fenimore, Ship Bottom	202
Write-In	35
Allyn Kain, Surf City	192
John McMenamin, Surf City	192

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary acted as Chairman pro tem for election of President:

President: Nominations for President of Board of Education for a one-year term, beginning January 2, 2018.

Nomination: James Donahower
Nominated by: Tom Beaty
Seconded by: Bonnie Picaro

A motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, seconded by Colette Southwick to close nominations for President.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Donahower was elected President: 8 ayes

Board President, James Donahower, took the chair.

Vice President: Nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for a one-year term, beginning January 2, 2018.

Nomination:	Colette Southwick	Nomination:	Tom Beaty
Nominated by:	Marilyn Wasilewski	Nominated by:	Bonnie Picaro
Seconded by:	Kristy Raber	Seconded by:	Georgene Hartmann

A motion was made by Marilyn Wasilewski, seconded by Kristy Raber to close nominations for vice president.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

Upon a roll call vote, Mrs. Southwick was elected Vice President:
5 votes for Colette Southwick (Beaty/Donahower/Raber/Southwick/Wasilewski)
3 votes for Tom Beaty (Fenimore/Hartmann/Picaro)

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to approve calendar.

Resolved to establish the 2018 Annual Meeting Calendar. All public meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Media Center of the Ethel Jacobsen School, 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, NJ unless otherwise noted. Executive (closed) sessions will be held prior to the public meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on the board meeting calendar.

Month	Regular Meeting
January 2018	January 16, 2018
February	February 13, 2018
March	March 13, 2018
April	April 17, 2017
May	May 1, 2018 (Public Budget Hearing)
June	June 19, 2018
July	July 24, 2018

August	August 21, 2018
September	September 18, 2018
October	October 16, 2018
November	November 20, 2018
December	December 18, 2018
January 2019	January 2, 2019 (Organization Meeting)

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 6 ayes
2 nays (Raber, Wasilewski)

A motion was made by Bonnie Picaro, seconded by Georgene Hartmann to move all meetings for the 2018 year to the LBI Grade School.

Upon a roll call vote the motion is not carried: 4 ayes (Beaty, Fenimore, Hartmann, Picaro)
4 nays (Donahower, Raber, Southwick, Wasilewski)

Anthony Sciarrillo advises that the Board can advertise the January 16, 2018 singularly and revisit the location portion of the schedule at that meeting. The consensus is to advertise for the January 16, 2016 meeting.

OFFICIAL BOARD NEWSPAPER

A motion was made by Kristy Raber, seconded by Colette Southwick to authorize *The Press of Atlantic City* as the official newspaper of the Board.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 8 ayes

POLICIES

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber 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.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes (Mrs. Hartmann's vote with the exception of any resolutions/votes involving the addition to the Ethel Jacobsen School, the sale of the LBI School, policies 3124,3125,3160,3432,5411,5756,7481 R4212)
1 nay (Picaro)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Marilyn Wasilewski 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, the motion carried: 8 ayes

CODE OF ETHICS

A motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded 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 which 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 such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried: 7 ayes
1 nay (Wasilewski)

Acknowledgement of receipt of Code of Ethics for School Board Members was distributed and signed by Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public commented and /or asked questions on the following topics:
Location of meetings, bus issues, LBI school crawl space

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m., a motion was made by Colette Southwick, seconded by Kristy Raber to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy Sheplin".

Kathy Sheplin, Assistant Board Secretary