

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Long Beach Island, New Jersey

November 14, 2017

Ethel Jacobsen School Media Center

Special (Public) Session 5:30 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 Jacobsen School, 200 Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on November 14, 2017.

Board President, James Donahower, called the meeting to order at 5:32 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* and *The 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**

PRESENT: Mr. Beaty Mrs. Picaro Mrs. Wasilewski Mrs. Hartmann
 Mrs. Bott Ms. Kain Mrs. Southwick Mr. Donahower
 Mrs. Raber (arrived at 5:54 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent
 Ms. Megan Gally, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Mr. Nicholas Savio, Esq.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Referendum Ad Hoc Committee**

1. Ad Hoc Committee Report from October 30th Meeting: James Donahower read the minutes from the meeting with the Mayors.

Board members discussed the minutes from the meeting with the Mayors.

6. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

- A. School Consolidation: Discussion

Motion by Colette Southwick, second by Jennifer Bott to allow a second public comment.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (9): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower,
Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Hartmann

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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

- More clarification of district finances and impact on LBI School District students and programs
- Cost of additional evaluations of school buildings
- Newspaper ads regarding referendum from town officials
- Teacher contract – cap on students
- Choice
- Closing of section of school(s) if not being utilized
- Budget surplus designation
- Structural re-inspection of LBI School

At 6:57 p.m., a motion was made by Colette Southwick, second by Marilyn Wasilewski to approve the following:

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolved by the Long Beach Island Board of Education to enter into a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing the matters of attorney/client privilege and pending or anticipated contractual matters. Action may be taken upon return to regular session. The length of the meeting is expected to be approximately 30 minutes. The matter will be disclosed to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes (8): Ms. Kain, Mrs. Picaro, Mrs. Southwick, Mrs. Wasilewski, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Donahower,
Mrs. Raber

Nays: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Hartmann

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., a motion was made by Allyn Kain, second by Jennifer Bott to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin
Assistant Board Secretary