

**LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Certification**

I certify that these are the true and exact minutes of the Little Egg Harbor Board of Education Special Meeting held on March 14, 2024.

Motion by P. Zeleznok. Second by A. Martin.

**WHEREAS**, the Little Egg Harbor School District Board of Education represents the Little Egg Harbor community, 400 staff members, and over 1,600 students;

**WHEREAS**, it is our duty to advocate our legislators and Governor on behalf of our constituents for fully-funded schools that allow for the "thorough and efficient" education of all our students;

**WHEREAS**, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 ("SFRA"), in conjunction with Senate Bill 2, PL. 2018, Chapter 67 ("S2"), establishes the formula for determining the amount of state aid for public school districts in New Jersey;

**WHEREAS**, State Aid is not distributed transparently and does not reflect the growing enrollment and changing demographics in our communities;

**WHEREAS**, continued cuts to state aid totaling \$1,979,960 over the past 5 years have detrimental effects on the educational programs provided by Districts;

**WHEREAS**, energy, supply transportation, and facilities costs continue to rise due to inflation;

**WHEREAS**, School Districts in NJ are facing staffing shortages and need to spend more to recruit, hire, and retain staff;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of staff benefits continues to rise at a rate that exceeds 2%;

**WHEREAS**, students are facing learning loss and mental health challenges that require additional spending;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of educating special education and multilingual students in our district continues to rise;

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**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Senate introduced S1986 and companion bill A1280 in the New Jersey State Assembly, which establishes a School Funding Formula Evaluation Task Force to study and recommend revisions to the SFRA;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Little Egg Harbor School District Board of Education recommends that the NJ State Assembly pass A1280, the NJ State Senate pass S1986, and Governor Murphy sign it into law to reevaluate the funding formula used to determine aid;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Little Egg Harbor School District Board of Education urges the State of NJ to reconsider current cuts in school aid.

Roll Call:

Ms. Laurence	-	Yes	Ms. Zeleznok	-	Yes
Dr. Snyder	-	Yes	Mr. Berry	-	Yes
Mr. Filiciello	-	Yes	Ms. Erber	-	Yes
Ms. Martin	-	Yes			

The Board Secretary stated the motion carried.

  
Mr. Robert Green  
School Business Administrator