



LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

Executive Session - Administration Building - 6:15 p.m.

Public Session - Administration Building - 7:00 p.m.

A **Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the large conference room in the Administration Building and via Zoom and Facebook Live. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Pamela Chirls, Board President, who announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 3, 2024 and posted at the Board of Education office and communicated to *The Star Ledger*, *West Essex Tribune*, *TAPinto Livingston* and the Livingston Township Clerk.

Members Present: Jenissa Arnette, Pamela Chirls, Seth Cohen, Fang Gong, Parul Khemka and Jake Ferrans

Also in Attendance: Dr. Matthew Block, Thomas Lambe and Joann Goldberg

Mrs. Chirls requested a motion to suspend Bylaw and Policy #0131 and #0164 so that Mr. Cohen could participate in the Executive Session portion of the meeting virtually.

Ms. Arnette moved the motion and Mrs. Khemka made the second.

Vote all in favor.

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

Executive Session

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- student and legal matters

Action may be taken upon return to the public session. The full length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 45 minutes; and be it

Further Resolved, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

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At 7:13 p.m., Mrs. Chirls reconvened the public meeting. There were approximately 86 members of the public and staff watching in person and remotely through the webinar and a Facebook Live Stream.

Superintendent's Report

1. LHS Annual Report on Graduates

This report has been postponed to the February 6 meeting.

2. Mid-Year District Goals Update

Dr. Block provided a mid-year district goals update and explained the ways we have addressed some of the goals that fall under Safety and Wellness, Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Governance, Community and Culture and Finance and Facilities. The full presentation is available on our website.

A question was asked about our long range facilities plan and Dr. Block explained we are working with the long range facilities planning committee on one that looks into how we can best use our facilities in the future and also confirmed that our architects will come into those meetings after looking at Monmouth Court to let us know what else we might be able to do with that space.

Mrs. Chirls asked that now that the addendum to the equity audit has been provided to the district, when the additional presentation will be and Dr. Block responded that Dr. Zion will be coming to our February 6 meeting to address the addendum.

Mr. Cohen asked how we measure outcomes on some of the activities under Safety and Wellness.

Mr. Cohen suggested as we continue to evaluate progress, to compare where we are ending the school year with where we thought we would be in conjunction with the strategic plan. Dr. Block responded he will add this information into his end of the year goals presentation.

3. Budget Calendar

Mr. Lambe reviewed the budget calendar and explained that the board should anticipate receiving their budget books some time the week prior to the February 6 meeting.

The board requested class enrollment counts for the elementary, middle and high schools be included in the budget books. For middle and high school, it would include course enrollments and section sizes.

Mrs. Chirls confirmed that all budget discussions will take place as a full board and not at the committee level.

Mrs. Khemka requested attendance data for extra curricular activities also be included in the budget books as this information will be important for them to review when discussing the budget.

Board Reports

Mrs. Khemka asked the board if they agree with taking the discussion about the statement on AI they had in the Curriculum Committee to the Policy Committee and everyone agreed.

Mrs. Khemka announced SEL4NJ created a subgroup, the SEL4NJ Youth Mental Health Advocacy Collaborative, that is in the process of creating an operational plan regarding youth mental health services and for schools interested in a partnership, she is happy to share their email.

Mrs. Khemka explained there was an update on the Governor's address to focus on phonics based reading instruction and a discussion about that going into legislation and becoming a bill.

Mrs. Khemka announced that Rutgers Behavioral Health is offering a free two-day training session on traumatic loss in February and March and will share the information about it with Dr. Block for any administrators or staff that might be interested.

Mrs. Chirls thanked everyone who participated in MLK Day of Service.

Student Representative's Report

Mr. Ferrans congratulated Mrs. Gong on becoming a board member and discussed recent initiatives students at the high school have taken that combine service and the community. Mr. Ferrans continued that three clubs actively participated in the MLK Day of Service, which is an event sponsored by the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and that the Student Council will be hosting a Taste of Livingston Event on January 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria. The Taste of Livingston will represent many cultures and he encouraged all to attend.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

1. Voting Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2023
2. Public Portion of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023
3. Voting Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023
4. Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2024

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong (on 1/3/24 only), Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Abstain - Mrs. Gong (on 12/5/23, 12/11/23 and 12/12/23)
Nayes - None

Public Comment

Pam Tepper addressed the parts of the addendum to the equity audit report that lists instances of favoritism, threats, retaliation of parents and staff, exclusion of out of district students and the high staff turnover in special education. Mrs. Tepper suggested those in charge have been ineffective in correcting these problems.

Alyse Heilpern stated she hopes the findings of the addendum to the equity audit, especially about retaliation, are as alarming to the board members as they are to her. Mrs. Heilpern praised the MLK Day of Service and thanked members of the board for supporting Dr. Block's participation in taking the trip to Israel with the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest so he can learn firsthand about the war between Israel and Hamas and its effect on everyone.

Nita Vaswani spoke out of concern for the special education children in the district. Mrs. Vaswani stated she attended multiple meetings and much of what was said was excluded from the report. Mrs. Vaswani also asked why the addendum was not announced to the community and suggested choosing a new consultant to perform another audit.

Yael Alexandron shared the personal story of someone she knows who was taken hostage in Israel. Mrs. Alexandron thanked the board for approving Dr. Block's visit to Israel.

Ani Gourvitz stated it is deeply concerning that no one seems to be taking the results of the equity audit addendum seriously. Mr. Gourvitz added he and his wife have raised these same concerns with Dr. Block as they have been happening for a long time and that we should use some form of third party to implement changes, not the individual who might be the cause of these issues.

Peggy Romano stated after reading the equity report addendum, so much of it seemed true to her own experiences with the district.

Danielle Rosenzweig congratulated three members of the LHS staff who are on the agenda for retirement tonight...Wendy Gelman, Ricky Fabrizio and Paul Ehrenfeld.

Ambalika Roy expressed concern about why there is no LLD program at Mount Pleasant Middle School.

Dr. Block responded that the addendum was posted on the website for everyone to view and that Dr. Zion will be at the February 6 meeting to answer any questions about the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

Ms. Arnette moved the following:

1.1 Textbooks/DVDs

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the textbooks and DVDs as shown on **Attachment A**.

1.2 Student Teachers

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the student teachers as shown on **Attachment B**.

1.3 Field Trips

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the field trips as shown on **Attachment C**.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nayes - None

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

2.1 Out of District Placements

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves placement for the academic year 2023-2024 for two (2) Livingston students with disabilities, as classified and recommended by the Child Study Team, in facilities with tuition costs to be determined within the limits established by the New Jersey Board of Education as shown on **Attachment D**.

2.2 Related Services/Medical Consultants

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following consultants that will be utilized to provide related services for the 2023-2024 school year:

BEHAVIORAL TRAINING & ASSISTANCE / APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

Beach Behavior Services \$135.00/hour
\$1,500.00/(FBA)

HOME INSTRUCTION

Educational Services Commission of New Jersey \$80.00/hour
Stepping Forward \$63.35/hour

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Benjamin, Sara \$100.00/hour

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

Mrs. Khemka asked Mr. Lambe to provide the board with the total amount of money spent on behavioral training (ABA) and home instruction for the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nayes - None

BUSINESS

Mrs. Khemka moved 3.1 and 3.2:

3.1 Payment of Bills

Whereas, the Board Secretary has audited certain vendor claims as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2 and Board Policy 6470 and presented them to the Livingston Board of Education with the recommendation they be paid, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the payment of the following bills in the amounts listed and attach a complete copy of these bills to the minutes of this meeting.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10, 11, 12	Operating Budget (checks 104413 - 104837; Adv 97-117)	\$ 12,488,499.86
20	Grants (checks 104413-104837)	\$ 290,856.26
60	Cafeteria (Check 60009)	\$ 229,107.47
	TOTAL	\$13,008,463.59

3.2 Board Secretary Report – November 2023

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary for November 30, 2023, consisting of:

- 1) Interim Balance Sheets
- 2) Interim Statements Comparing Budgeted Revenue with Actual to Date and Appropriations with Expenditures and Encumbrances to Date

- 3) Schedule of Revenues - Actual Compared with Estimated
- 4) Statement of Appropriations Compared with Expenditures and encumbrances, and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the report of the Treasurer for November 30, 2023, which report is in agreement with the Report of the Board Secretary, and

Whereas, these reports show the following balances on the date indicated:

	Cash Balance	Appropriation Balance	Fund Balance
(10) General Current Exp. Fund	\$21,791,900.55	\$89,235,210.46	\$12,416,602.49
(11) Current Expense			
(12) Capital Outlay			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$169,631.14	\$2,923,322.72	(\$27,390.94)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$4,574,329.69	\$0.00	\$4,565,706.13
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$0.00	\$1,196,149.98	(\$1,256,526.13)
Total:	\$26,535,861.38	\$93,354,683.16	\$15,698,391.55

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-212(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of November 30, 2023, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments contractual orders which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8, 18A:22-8.1, now therefore be it

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certification and directs that they be made part of this resolution by reference, and be it

Further Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:20-2.13(d) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Fong seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nayes - None

Ms. Arnette moved 3.2 to 3.12:

3.3 Transfers

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools recommends certain transfers among accounts in the 2023-2024 budget for November pursuant to Board of Education Policy 6422, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education ratify transfers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 as shown on **Attachment E**.

3.4 Conferences and Overnight Trips

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the conferences and overnight trips as shown on **Attachment F**.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Dan Quackenbush, Delaney Hoffman* and *Sean Cruz* to chaperone approximately 24 students attending the DECA Competition from March 4, 2024 to March 6, 2024 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at no cost to the district.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Val Desamours, Marjorie Duffy* and *Drew Krumholz* to chaperone approximately 25 students attending the NJ Key Club District Education Conference (DECON) from March 22 to 23, 2024, in Princeton, New Jersey, at no cost to the district.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Dan Quackenbush* and *Delaney Hoffman* to chaperone approximately 24 students attending the DECA International Competition from April 26, 2024 to May 1, 2024 in Anaheim, California, at no cost to the district.

3.5 Donations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the donation of a HON Storyline Bookcase from Lee Distributors to Livingston High School. The donation is a sample piece that is no longer used by the vendor.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the Geo Boost donation from the American Geographical Society in the amount of \$300.00 to be used for classroom supplies.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the donation from the Collins Elementary School HSA in the amount of \$2,750.00 to be used to help pay Porchlight for the school play.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the donation from the Riker Hill HSA in the amount of \$2,625.00 to be used to help pay Porchlight for the school play.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the donation of a 40" Samsung flat screen TV from Gary and Debbie Paoella to the Riker Hill band and orchestra director for utilization in teaching.

3.6 Joint Transportation Agreement

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education enters into a joint transportation agreement with Clayton Public Schools on Route CHS07 Clayton High School in the amount of \$1,516 for the 2023-2024 school year.

3.7 Purchase - Hanover Supply

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves requisition number R-24-02092 to Hanover Supply for the purchase of cast iron boiler sections in the amount of \$49,142. This purchase is made through co-op #34HUNCCP #HCEC-Cat-23-10 Effective 05.08.2023-05.08.2024.

3.8 The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. to hold a therapy dog session at Livingston High School during Lancer Time on January 17, 2024.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. to hold a therapy session at Livingston High School for the Health Occupation Students of America Club (HOSA) on March 19, 2024.

3.9 Settlement Agreements

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #01-2024 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #02-2024 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #03-2024 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #04-2024 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

3.10 Approval of NJQSAC Committee

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment G** as members of the NJQSAC Committee.

3.11 NJQSAC - District Performance Review for Submission

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the District Performance Review (DPR) for the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Submission in accordance with **Attachment H**.

3.12 New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education authorizes the district to submit an application for the New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant. The grant will cover the costs associated with the implementation of a high dosage, intensive tutoring program and prioritizes students in grades 3 and 4 who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nayes - None

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

4.1 Resignations & Retirements

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the resignations of:

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
<i>Wendy Gelman</i>	Teacher of Spanish	Retirement	LHS	June 30, 2024
<i>Ricky Fabrizzio</i>	Teacher of Physical Science	Retirement	LHS	June 30, 2024

<i>Paul Ehrenfeld</i>	Athletic Trainer	Retirement	LHS	June 30, 2024
<i>Gary Silverman</i>	Teacher of Math	Retirement	HMS	June 30, 2024
<i>Adriana Costa</i>	Instructional Aide	Resignation	RHE	January 19, 2024

**as amended from a previous agenda*

4.2 Leaves of Absences

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the leaves of absences of:

Name	Location	Position	LOA w/pay and benefits	LOA w/o pay, but with benefits (if applicable)	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
<i>Jenna Graub</i>	LHS	TOSD	3/14/2024-5/14/2024	5/17/2024-6/30/2024 & 8/29/2024-10/16/2024**	NA	10/17/2024
<i>Kelly Rocco</i>	LHS	Teacher of Math	4/29/2024-6/30/2024 & 8/29/2024-9/12/2024**	9/13/2024-11/21/2024**	NA	11/22/2024
<i>Melissa Muirhead</i>	LHS	Teacher of Biology	6/14/2024-6/30/2024	8/29/2024-11/21/2024**	11/22/2024-1/3/2025	1/6/2025
<i>Susan Kiernan</i>	Harrison	Instructional Aide	12/7/2023-1/1/2024	1/2/2024-1/31/2024**	NA	2/1/2024
<i>Elizabeth Waldron</i>	Collins	Instructional Aide	NA	1/23/2024-2/23/2024**	NA	2/26/2024
<i>Ashley Gropack*</i>	Hillside	TOSD	1/2/2024-1/15/2024	1/16/2024-3/19/2024 & 3/20/2024-6/30/2024**	NA	8/29/2024
<i>Marc Ciricillo*</i>	HMS	Science Teacher	1/5/2024-1/26/2024**	NA	NA	1/29/2024
<i>Samantha Minniti</i>	Collins	Elementary School Teacher	1/8/2024-1/30/2024 & 3/11/2024-4/5/2024**	1/31/2024-3/8/2024 & 4/8/2024-5/31/2024**	NA	6/3/2024
<i>Elysa Ruderman*</i>	LHS	Life Skills TA	10/30/2023-11/30/2023 (.5)	11/30/2023 (.5)-1/19/2024**	NA	1/22/2024
<i>Soukeyna Diop-Tall*</i>	LHS	Teacher of French	12/4/2023-1/10/2024**	NA	NA	1/11/2024

**as amended from a previous agenda*

***Designates time counted toward NJFLA/FMLA*

4.3 Transfers

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the transfers as listed on **Attachment I**.

4.4 Appointments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the applications indicated below (*) for emergent hiring for the following appointments under the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39.17 et. seq.; N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. All appointments are contingent upon reference checks in accordance with P.L. 2018, c.5.

Name	Location	Title	Tenure Track/LOA or LT Replacement	Replacing	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Date
<i>Bertha Bermudez</i>	District	Manager of Transportation	NA	L. Marazzo	NA	NA	\$92,500, plus \$5,000 for CDL (prorated)	1/30/2024
<i>Sandra Orejarena</i>	District	Assistant Manager of Transportation	NA	B. Bermudez (promoted)	NA	NA	\$74,000, plus \$5,000 for CDL (prorated)	upon release of current contract
<i>Cynthia Drapala</i>	BHE	Elementary School Teacher	Leave Replacement	E. Burger	BA	1	\$55,075 (prorated)	2/1/2024
<i>Catherine Bitar</i>	RHE/Hillside	Elementary School Teacher/TOSD	Leave Replacement	T. Lockwood/A. Gropack	BA	1	\$55,075	8/30/2023
<i>Dina Lawrence</i>	LHS	Teacher of Math (.6)	First Year Tenure Track	NA	MA	11	\$48,915 (prorated)	4/22/2024
<i>Michael Vieira</i>	Hillside	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$18/hr	1/3/2024
<i>Michael Leao</i>	Hillside	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$18/hr	1/5/2024

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the ABA Discrete Trial TAs and Instructional Aides as listed on **Attachment J**.

4.5 Substitutes

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves an increase in the daily substitute rate to \$150 per day effective February 1, 2024, for regular substitutes and an increase for teachers who retired from Livingston to \$160 per day effective February 1, 2024.

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment K** as certified substitutes. These individuals are currently employed by the District. In the event these individuals are called upon to serve as a substitute, they will be compensated an additional \$50/day (\$10/period) for that assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals listed below to serve as substitutes on an as-needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year:

Teachers

Vincent Fano
Jacob Ullman
Leonardo Zeoli
Danielle Pritikin
Rianna Luna
Christopher Ebneith (retired)

Custodial

Javane Dunkley (\$18.50/hr)

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individual(s) listed below to serve as long-term substitutes as reflected below:

Name	Location	Title	Leave Replacement or Long Term Sub	Replacing	Salary	Effective Date
<i>Suzanne DiTacconi*</i>	BHE	TOSD	Long-Term Substitute	C. Wittjohann	\$275/day**	11/1/2023-1/11/2024
<i>Alexandra Wynn*</i>	COL/MPE/HAR/BHE	Teacher of Spanish	Long-Term Substitute	C. Netti/K. Arones/ S. Haskell	\$275/day**	10/26/2023-6/20/2024
<i>Toni Lynn Sisbarro</i>	LHS	Life Skills TA	Long-Term Substitute	E. Ruderman	\$169/day**	1/9/2024-1/19/2024

**amended from previous agenda*

***to be paid the difference between their current daily rate and the rate quoted above*

4.6 Stipends

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals on **Attachment L** for athletic stipends at Livingston High School for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the contract between the LBOE and the LEA.

4.7 Extra Period Assignments

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education approves the extra period assignments as listed on **Attachment M**.

4.8 ESEA Title III Immigrant Grant

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment N** to be paid for work performed for the ELL Community Liaison Program, at the rate listed, not to exceed 40 hours total. These funds will be paid through the Title III - Immigrant Grant Funds (Account number: 20-242-100-100-1033-12).

4.9 Longevity

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment O** for longevity with the effective date listed.

4.10 Mentor Fees

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education amends the individuals on **Attachment P** listed as assigned mentors to receive payment in accordance with the schedule listed seconded the motion.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

The Board and Dr. Block congratulated the retirees who are on tonight’s agenda for their years of service to the district.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nays - None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

5.1 HIB Report

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the findings of HIB cases.

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Chirls
Abstain- Ms. Arnette, Mrs. Khemka
Nays - None

Old Business

Mrs. Gong explained the reason she abstained from voting on Dr. Block's trip at the January 3, 2024 meeting was because it was her first meeting and she didn't have enough information to make an informed vote.

New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Chirls asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and announced the board would not be coming back into public session.

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., also known as the "Sunshine Law," authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances, and

Whereas, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public hearing before it can meet in such an executive or private session, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Livingston Board of Education that:

- (A) It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session on January 16, 2024 to discuss the matters stipulated, in conformance with the subsections of said act which are indicated.
1. Matter rendered confidential by federal law, state statute or rule of court.
 2. Matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
 3. Matter, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy unless the individual concerned shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
 4. Collective bargaining matters.
 5. Matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, etc. where it would adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.
 6. Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting public property where disclosure could impair protection.
 7. Investigation of violations or possible violations of law.
 8. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than collective bargaining agreement.
 9. Personnel matters unless the individual employees or appointees affected requested that such matter be discussed at a public meeting.
 10. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty.
- (B) The matters discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and formal action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting to which the public has been invited.
- (C) No action will be taken.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls
Nayes - None

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Lambe
Board Secretary