



## **LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL VOTING MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 25, 2022

Executive Session - Zoom Meeting - 7:15 p.m.

Public Session - Zoom Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

A **Special Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date via Zoom and Facebook Live. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by the Board President, Seth Cohen, who announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 4, 2022 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, Vineeta Khanna, Samantha Messer and Jeffrey Xu

Also in Attendance: Dr. Matthew Block, Michael Davison, Susan Burman and Joann Goldberg

Mrs. Khanna 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:

- Personnel

Action may be taken upon return to public session. The full length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 15 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.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Cohen reconvened the public meeting. There were approximately 24 members of the public and staff watching remotely through the webinar.

### **Public Input on Agenda Item ~ up to 15 minutes**

Jason Munsch, 50 Virginia Avenue, asked what will happen with the inclusive practices for special needs students now that we are naming a new principal at the school.

Dr. Block responded that the candidate we are recommending worked in and led a school with special education programs much like the ones we have at Burnet Hill so she has experience with inclusiveness. Dr. Block continued this experience was a factor in our offering her the position.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL**

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Khanna moved the following:

**4.1 Appointment**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the application indicated below (\*) for emergent hiring for the following appointment 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
Lisa Barreto	BHE	Principal	First Year Tenure Track	S. Bright	LAA	6	\$140,692	9/23/22 or earlier if released by current district

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mrs. Chirls, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Khanna, Ms. Messer  
Nayes - None

**Public Comment ~ up to 15 minutes**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Cohen asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. No action will be taken and the board will not be coming back into public session.

Mrs. Chirls 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 July 25, 2022 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 matter.
  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.

Mrs. Khanna seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mrs. Chirls, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Khanna, Ms. Messer  
Nays - None

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Michael Davison**  
**Board Secretary**

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