



## **LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP/VOTING MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Executive Session - LHS Large Conference Room - 6:30 p.m.

Public Session - Hybrid Meeting at Livingston High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

A **Workshop/Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the Livingston High School Auditorium and via Zoom and Facebook Live. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 and Vineeta Khanna

Members Absent: Samantha Messer

Also in Attendance: Dr. Matthew Block, Lisa Capone-Steiger, Mark Stern, Susan Burman and Joann Goldberg

Mrs. Chirls 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 and Legal Settlements

Action may be taken upon return to public session. The full length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 30 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.

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

At 7:07 p.m. Mr. Cohen reconvened the public meeting.

There were approximately 40 members of the public and staff in person and approximately

15 members of the public and staff watching remotely through the webinar and a Facebook Live Stream.

Mr. Cohen acknowledged that it is June and Pride month. Mr. Cohen mentioned the incredible turnout at the Pride picnic on the oval and wanted to recognize how supportive the community is of each and every individual.

Mr. Cohen congratulated the LHS girls track and field team on becoming Essex County Champions.

## **Retirement Ceremony**

Mrs. Burman honored Mary Brancaccio, Lisa Friedman, Robin Goldberg, Stafford Horne, Linda Kleban, Lenore Piccoli, Danusia Rampolla and Jeffrey Weiboldt for their dedicated years of service to the district during tonight's Retirement Ceremony.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **1. CJPRIDE Scholarship Recipient**

Mrs. Burman presented a scholarship on behalf of CJPRIDE, which stands for Central to Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators, to LHS Senior, Henry Dagistino. As part of the application process, students are asked to write an essay about who might have inspired their career path towards education and Henry wrote about LHS math teacher and athletic coach, Dan Brill. Henry plans on attending Montclair State University and majoring in Education, with a focus on Social Studies.

### **2. Seal of Biliteracy**

Dr. David Greer, K-12 Supervisor of World Languages and English Language Learners, recognized 24 graduating seniors who achieved the 2022 State Seal of Biliteracy in: Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish. These students demonstrated very high levels of proficiency in reading, speaking, listening, and writing in English and language(s) other than English. Students recognized for Chinese are: Justin Chen, Sanjana Srinivasan, Alexander Wang, Andrew Wang, Ashley Wang, Evan Wang, Kevin Wang and Yuyang Xiao. The student recognized for Russian is: Edel Schnyder. Students recognized for Spanish are: Carlos Armayo, Dabid Boehm, Roman Brustein, Tomas Chaparro, Natalia Covan, Ethan Hirsch, Benjamin Keim, Eric King, Rhea Mathews, Alicia Rodriguez Monge, Aishi Roychoudhury, Daniel Silva and Alexander Weisman.

Two students are recognized for earning Seals of Biliteracy in two languages: Grace Dupree was recognized for Chinese and Spanish and Vera Li was recognized for Chinese and French.

Dr. Block congratulated the Livingston Lancer Baseball team who won the semi-finals right before the meeting tonight with a score of 4-1 and announced they will be playing in the finals on Friday.

Dr. Block announced the district will be appointing two new members to our administrative team on tonight's agenda and welcomed LHS Assistant Principal, Yulee Kim and LPS Director of Special Education PK-5, Jennifer Zeoli.

## **Board Reports**

Mrs. Khanna announced that some board members marched in the Memorial Day parade, that she attended the LCDI Pride flag raising ceremony and the Pride picnic at the oval. Mrs. Khanna also attended the National Honor Society and congratulated the 205 students who were honored.

Ms. Arnette announced she had the opportunity to attend the Riker Hill spring concert and thanked the teachers, principal and students.

Mrs. Chirls announced she attended the LEA dinner to honor the retirees and congratulated them for their service to our students.

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

There was no public input on agenda items.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

#### **2.1 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 2022-2023 school year:

#### **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

Mental Health Association in New Jersey

\$1,200.00/day

Mrs. Khanna seconded the motion.

Mrs. Steiger thanked Ruth Kaluski for helping to get this youth mental health first aid instruction for administrators coordinated for us. Mrs. Steiger also thanked Jennifer Walker and her team at SYLS for providing us with a grant to fund a good portion of this training.

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

## **BUSINESS**

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

#### **3.1 Settlement Agreements**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #03-2022 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #04-2022 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

#### **3.2 Conferences and Overnight Trips**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following virtual conference as shown on ***Attachment A***.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

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

**PERSONNEL**

Ms. Arnette moved the following:

**4.1 Resignations**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Last Day of Employment</b>
<i>Ilze Kancans</i>	Teacher of Chemistry	Retirement	LHS	October 31, 2022
<i>Sara Ilkowitz</i>	Custodian	Retirement	MPMS	June 30, 2022
<i>Danielle Imbimbo</i>	School Counselor	Resignation	HMS	June 30, 2022
<i>Amy Moltane</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Resignation	Collins	June 30, 2022
<i>Taryn DePreker</i>	TOSD	Resignation	MPE	June 30, 2022
<i>Jacqueline Tobia</i>	Behaviorist	Resignation	MPMS	June 30, 2022
<i>Erika Yersak</i>	TOSD	Resignation	Hillside	June 30, 2022
<i>Tiffany Scifo</i>	Kindergarten Aide	Resignation	RHE	June 30, 2022
<i>Monica Ahluwalia</i>	Playground Aide	Resignation	Hillside	June 22, 2022
<i>Paul Ray</i>	Playground Aide	Resignation	MPE	May 20, 2022

*\*as amended from a previous agenda*

**4.2 Leaves of Absences**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>LOA w/pay and benefits</b>	<b>LOA w/o pay, but with benefits (if applicable)</b>	<b>Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits</b>	<b>Return Date</b>
<i>Monalisa Goswami</i>	HMS	Instructional Aide	NA	NA	5/20/2022-6/6/2022	6/7/2022
<i>Rosa Gonzalez*</i>	Elementary	Teacher of Spanish	5/31/2022-6/2/2022 (.5)	6/2/2022 (.5)-6/30/2022 & 8/30/2022-11/19/2022**	11/22/2022-6/30/2024	9/1/2024
<i>Ann Butler</i>	LHS	Teacher of English	NA	6/1/2022-6/14/2022**	NA	6/15/2022

\*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 B**.

### 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
Jennifer Zeoli	District	Director of Elementary Special Education	First Year Tenure Track	B. Rosenthal	NA	NA	\$142,500 (prorated)	8/8/2022
Yulee Kim	LHS	Assistant Principal	First Year Tenure Track	M. Kays	LHS AP	8	\$134,687, plus \$1,500 for MA Degrees (prorated if after 7/1/2022)	upon release of current contract
Jaime Strumeier	Collins	Elementary School Teacher	First Year Tenure Track	A. Moltane	MA	2/3	\$63,155	8/30/2022
Gianna Agnello	Harrison	Elementary School Teacher	Second Year Tenure Track	I. Aivars	BA	2/3	\$55,600	8/30/2022
Sinead Do	LHS	First Secretary	Tenured	R. Goldberg	FS 12 month >7/12	11	\$69,745, plus \$1,200 for degree	8/1/2022
Jordan Virgil	LHS	Teacher of English	First Year Tenure Track	A. Alston	MA	2/3	\$63,155	8/30/2022
Michelle Miani	LHS	Teacher of English	First Year Tenure Track	M. Brancaccio	BA	2/3	\$55,600	8/30/2022
Jacqueline Pascale	LHS	Teacher of English	First Year Tenure Track	J. Rivchin	BA+16	1	\$56,900	8/30/2022
Robert Liquori	LHS	Teacher of Art	First Year Tenure Track	S. Abrams	BA	10	\$69,350	8/30/2022
Linda Eagle	Harrison	Teacher of ESL	Leave Replacement	M. Kim	D	1	\$71,900 (prorated)	8/30/2022-1/6/2023
Shea Williams	BHE	Media Specialist	First Year Tenure Track	J. Mills	MA+32	11	\$88,400	8/30/2022
Sachel Bise	LHS	TOSD	Leave Replacement	S. Stoddard	BA+32	1	\$59,455	8/30/2022
Max Diaz	LHS	Teacher of Chemistry & Biology	Leave Replacement	J. McCarthy	MA+32	1*	\$67,504 (prorated)	5/9/2022
Madison Hom	BHE	TOSD	First Year Tenure Track	K. Santos (transfer)	MA	5	\$64,555	8/30/2022

Karin Arones	Elementary	Teacher of Spanish	First Year Tenure Track	R. Bello	MA+16	10	\$80,206	8/30/2022
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*\*as amended from a previous agenda*

*\*\*will remain on the same step for the 2022-2023 school year.*

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the ABA Discrete Trial TA's and Instructional Aides as listed on **Attachment C**.

#### **4.5 Job Descriptions**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the revisions to the following job descriptions:

*Applications Architect  
Assistant Business Administrator  
Audio Visual Technician Stipend*

Mrs. Khanna seconded the motion.

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

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

There was no HIB report.

#### **PREVIEW OF JUNE 21, 2022 VOTING AGENDA**

The board reviewed the items for the next meeting.

#### **Student Representative to the Board**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

1. SEPAC
2. Strategic Plan

#### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Voting Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2022

#### **PROGRAM/CURRICULUM**

##### **1.1 Student Teachers**

#### **STUDENT SERVICES (forthcoming)**

##### **2.1 Out of District Placements**

##### **2.2 Related Services/Medical Consultants**

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **3.1 Payment of Bills**

##### **3.2 Board Secretary Report – April 2022**

##### **3.3 Transfers**

##### **3.4 Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Capital Reserve**

##### **3.5 Travel and Conferences Expenses**

##### **3.6 Contract for Supervisory Services for L.I.N.K.S.**

##### **3.7 2022/23 Anticipated Contracts to be Renewed, Awarded or to Expire During the School Year - PL 2015 - Chapter 47**

##### **3.8 Annual Appointments**

- 3.9 West Essex YMCA**
- 3.10 Essex Regional Educational Services Commission**
- 3.11 Joint Transportation Agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission**
- 3.12 Application and Receipt of Funds for ESEA Grants**
- 3.13 Genesis Educational Services, Inc. Agreement**
- 3.14 CJ PRIDE Shared Services Agreement**
- 3.15 Policies & Regulations**
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- 5.1 HIB Report**
- 5.2 Suspension Report**
- 5.3 Bus Evacuation Drills**

Dr. Block explained that under the Superintendent's Report, he will be providing an initial presentation on the strategic plan, the goals developed by the core team as well as some of the implementation plans and that there will also be a SEPAC presentation.

Mrs. Chirls asked for more information on what is included in the West Essex YMCA contract before they vote on it at the next meeting.

**Public Comment ~ up to 15 minutes**

There was no public comment.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 p.m., Ms. Arnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**



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

