

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Beach Island, New Jersey
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2025
Ethel A. Jacobsen School Media Center
Regular (Public) Session 8:30 a.m.

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 A. Jacobsen School, 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey on January 28, 2025.

Board President, Colette Southwick, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.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 and electronic 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 and on the district website. The notice was also mailed to *The Press of Atlantic City*, and *The Sandpaper*, 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**
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| Dr. Chung | Mr. Wright |
| Ms. Hagler | Mrs. Southwick |
| Mrs. Raber | |

ABSENT: Mrs. Linkewich, Mr. Schragger, Mrs. Hoffacker

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent
Ms. Meghan Lee, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Dennis McKeever, Esq.

4. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:** Dr. Kopack reported on the following: 3rd marking period begins on February 3rd, thank you to the PTA for assemblies and upcoming events especially the PTA Enrichment Program, thank you to Kera Freeman and Stephanie Ivancich for obtaining the grant to implement the One School, One Book program reading initiative.
5. **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL:** None
6. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Southwick reported that the Board Self-Evaluation was complete, explained the process, and reviewed the evaluation results.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** None
8. **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:** None

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

January 7, 2025; Reorganization/Regular (Public) Session

Minutes of the closed session meeting will be released to the public when the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Building/Grounds/Transportation/Finance: Kelly Linkewich: no report
- PTA Liaison: Stephanie Chung reported on the After-School Enrichment Program, Brainwash assembly and Family Game Night, and the Annual Auction on March 22nd at the Farm on Main.

11. **PERSONNEL**

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Stipend Positions

Motion to approve stipend/XCOMP positions for the 2024/2025 school year with approved timesheets:

- **After-School Academy (EJ):** 2 Teachers, up to an additional 7 days, 1 hour/day @ \$50/hour: Jackie Ramilo, Mallory Mulcahy

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

12. **POLICY**

Motion by Kristy Raber, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Policy/Regulation Approval

Motion to approve the second reading and adopt the following new and revised policies and regulations:

P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
P 5533	Student Smoking (M) (Revised)
R 5533	Student Smoking (Revised)

P & R 7441	Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and On School Grounds (M) (Revised)
P & R 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised)
P 2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) (New)
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
P 5516	Use of Electronic Communication Devices (Revised)
R 5516	Use of Electronic Communication Devices (New)
P 5701	Academic Integrity (Revised)
P 5710	Student Grievance (Revised)
P 8500	Food Services (M) (Revised)
P 9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) (New)

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

13. BUILDING/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE

Motion by Kristy Raber, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

A. Financial Reports

1. Financial Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education

Motion to approve financial reports for the month of December 2024.

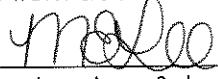
a. Report of the Secretary dated December 31, 2024

2. Statement of Cash Balances

Motion to accept the Statement of Cash Balances for the month of December 2024 which are reconciled with the Board Secretary's Reports by fund for that month.

3. SBA Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, I certify that as of December 2024 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b).


Meghan Lee, School Business Administrator

, 2025

B. Transfers

Motion to approve the December 2024 transfer report.

C. Bills List

Motion to approve the January 2025 Bills List, totaling \$288,597.93

D. Travel and Training

Motion to approve the following travel/training expenses.

Date	Name	Position	Workshop	Location	Cost
3/25/25	Bianca Aniski	Nurse	I & RS Training	Galloway	\$178 Registration and Mileage
2/21/25 2/22/25	Bianca Aniski	Nurse	Junior Master Gardener Conference	Virtual	\$65 Registration
1/15/25	Stephanie Ivancich	Teacher	Healthy Schools Grant Workshop	Egg Harbor Twp.	Mileage
3/28/25 3/29/25 (Sat.)	Denise Lake	Nurse	NJ State School Nurses Association Spring Conference	East Brunswick	\$249 Registration and Mileage
3/25/25	Meghan Lee Daniel Savage	SBA Assistant to the SBA	NJ Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) workshop	Mt. Laurel	\$145 Registration and Mileage \$195 Registration and Mileage
2/26/25	Denise Lake Bianca Aniski	Nurse Nurse	School & Pediatric Nurse Lecture Series	Virtual (evening)	\$40 each registration

E. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve use of facilities as follows, pending receipt of certificate of insurance:

1. Red Bulls Soccer, EJ School field and bathroom access, week of July 14-18 (9:00 - 12:00) at a fee of \$120/day.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Items A-E

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

F. Transfer of Funds

Motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Capital Reserve account to the Capital Projects account in the amount of \$1,287,000.00 to be utilized for the renovations and MEP Upgrades at the Ethel Jacobsen School.

Board members asked for an explanation of the project and clarification on funding/financing. Ms. Lee responded that the project is for electrical upgrades and the project will not be financed.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Item F

Ayes(4): Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain(1): Dr. Chung

14. EDUCATIONAL

Motion by Kristy Raber, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- A. HIB Report
Motion to accept the Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying report as presented in Executive Session.
- B. School Calendar Revision 2024-2025
Motion to approve adjusting the 2024-2025 school calendar due to the snow day on January 6, 2025. February 14th will now become an early dismissal for students and remain a full day for staff.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

15. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by William Wright to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- A. Board Committees
Motion to approve the 2025 Board Committees as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Danielle Hagler, second by Kristy Raber to approve the following:

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- B. Renovations and MEP Upgrades
Motion to approve a contract with Santorini Construction, Inc., 1 South Riverside Drive, Neptune, NJ 07753, in the amount of \$1,287,000.00 for renovations and MEP Upgrades at the Ethel Jacobsen School.

Ms. Southwick noted that these upgrades were planned, and Ms. Lee noted that they will be funded from the Capital Reserve account.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(4): Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain(1): Dr. Chung

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Dates to Remember

January 31: 2nd Marking Period ends
February 3: 3rd Marking Period begins
EJ Dental Health Assembly
February 7: Report Cards Issued
6th Grade Teleconference with Scientists from Antarctica
February 11: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., EJ School
February 13: PTA Brainwash Assembly for PreK-6
February 14: Early Dismissal
February 17: School Closed - Presidents Day

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

18. **Motion by Stehanie Chung, second by Danielle Hagler to approve the following:**

As per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

RESOLUTION: Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled meeting (Executive Session) on **February 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Media Center of the Ethel A. Jacobsen School, 200 South Barnegat Avenue, Surf City, NJ for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, Negotiations, Student Issues, and Personnel and will suspend opening activities, including the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of Adequate Notice of Meeting, until the Board opens in Public Session at 6:30 p.m. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by P.L.2020, c.11, and Section 8, c. 34 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-18.11) the Board may conduct a public meeting remotely by electronic means during a state of emergency so long as reasonable public notice and provision for public input is made under the circumstances.

Upon a roll call vote, motion carried:

Ayes(5): Dr. Chung, Ms. Hagler, Mrs. Raber, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Southwick
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board did not enter into Executive Session

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:47 a.m., a motion was made by Kristy Raber, second by Danielle Hagler to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sheplin
Assistant to the Board Secretary