



LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING/WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

January 22, 2026

Public Session - Administration Building - 6:00 p.m.

I. OPEN SESSION

A. Call to Order – Parul Khemka, President

B. Reading of Meeting Notice

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 6, 2026 and posted at the Board of Education office and communicated to *The Star Ledger*, *West Essex Tribune*, *TAPinto Livingston* and the Livingston Township Clerk.

C. Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

D. Superintendent's Report

E. Public Comment

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. To protect the privacy of all students and staff, concerns regarding individual students and staff members should generally be addressed by first meeting with the appropriate administrative staff.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public comment at every meeting of the Board.

Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated in accordance with Board Bylaw No. 0167.

Public participation shall be extended to residents of this district, persons having a legitimate interest in the actions of this Board, persons representing groups in the community or school district, representatives of firms eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board, and employees and pupils of this district, except when the issue addressed by the participant is subject to remediation by an alternate method provided for in policies or contracts of the Board.

Public participation is not an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the Board and shall be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
2. A participant is limited to three (3) minutes' duration; elapsed time will be determined through the use of a timing device operated by the Board Secretary;
3. No participant may speak more than once and there shall be no yielding of time among speakers;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually;
5. There shall be no cross dialogue between the participant and the Board and/or Administration;

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6. Upon conclusion of a participant's remarks, the presiding officer will acknowledge the individual's remarks and may respond and/or direct a member of the Administration to respond to an inquiry following the participant's remarks or at the conclusion of the public participation session.

The presiding officer may:

- a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
- b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
- c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
- d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
- e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-8

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

3. BUSINESS

The Superintendent recommends the following:

3.1 Establishing the Annual Election Date of the Livingston Board of Education as the Third Tuesday in April

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1) authorizes a local board of education to change the annual school election date from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to the third Tuesday in April; and

WHEREAS, such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1(b)(1) stipulates that no such resolution may be adopted until at least four annual school elections have been held in November; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Board of Education has held at least four such elections in November since moving its election date in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Board of Education believes it is in the best interest of the community to return the school election to April to restore the voters' right to a separate non-partisan election for board members and a direct vote on the school budget; and

WHEREAS, moving the election back to April will require the annual school election to include a vote on the district's general fund tax levy for the budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingston Board of Education hereby changes the annual school election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to the third Tuesday in April, beginning in [Insert Year, e.g., 2026]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1, the terms of office of the members of the Livingston Board of Education shall be adjusted (shortened) as necessary to coincide with the new April election and subsequent reorganization meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide timely notice of this change, in writing, to the Essex County Clerk no

less than 85 days prior to the third Tuesday in April to take effect for the upcoming election cycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Essex County Board of Elections, the Essex County Superintendent of Elections, the New Jersey Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Education, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ROLL CALL VOTE

III. WORKSHOP ITEM

1. NJSBA Certification Training

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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 22, 2026 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.