



LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP/VOTING MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2026

Executive Session - Administration Building - 6:45 p.m.

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

A **Workshop/Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the large conference room in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Parul Khemka, 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 6, 2026 and posted at the Board of Education office, on the district's website, and communicated to the Livingston Township Clerk.

Members Present: Pamela Chirls, Seth Cohen, Fang Gong, Parul Khemka and Inna Yelisevich

Member Absent: Abe Klein

Also in Attendance: Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Jessica Rapp, Dr. Maura Tuite, 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:

- student matters

Action may be taken upon return to the 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.

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

At 7:07 p.m., Mrs. Khemka reconvened the public meeting.

Mrs. Khemka asked for a Moment of Silence for Dr. Dan Weidner and Al Morantz, former educators and a former coach in Livingston.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Fishbein explained as part of the budget process, we are continuing to review our medical and dental insurance rate options which include exploring some ideas from both board and community members.

Dr. Fishbein announced that tomorrow night we are having a celebration of America's 250th Anniversary with music and storytelling in the Livingston High School Auditorium. The event starts at 6 p.m. and we ask that you go to the website to RSVP.

Board Reports

Mrs. Gong attended the All Township Concert on March 25 at Livingston High School and congratulated all who participated for a wonderful performance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

BUSINESS

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

3.1 Bylaws, Policies and Regulations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations for first reading:

- Policy #6320 - Purchases Subject to Bid (with revisions)
- Policy #6340 - Multiple Year Contracts (new to district)
- Policy #6350 - Competitive Contracting (new to district)
- Policy #6360 - Political Contributions (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #6422 - Budget Transfers (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #6423 - Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, Meals, and Refreshments (new to district)
- Policy #6424 - Emergency Contracts (new to district)
- Policy #6700 - Investments (new to district)
- Policy #6740 - Reserve Accounts (new to district)
- Policy #6831 - Withholding or Recovering State Aid (new to district)
- Policy #6832 - Conditions of Receiving State Aid (new to district)
- Policy #9130 - Public Complaints (with revisions)
- Regulations #9130 - Public Complaints (with revisions)

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations for second reading and adoption:

- Policy #5535 - Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device (with revisions)
- Policy #6115.04 - Federal Funds - Duplication of Benefits (M) (new to district)
- Policy #9700 - Special Interest Groups (with revisions)
- Policy #9713 - Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (with revisions)

3.2 Donation

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the donation from Shiyu Lu of an M18EX robotic lawn mower to the LHS Greenhouse Club to maintain the grass in the courtyard.

3.3 Overnight Trip

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Jackie Pascale* to chaperone a student participating in the NJ Key Club District Educational Convention (DECON 2026) in Asbury Park, New Jersey, from March 26-28, 2026. This is an update to the resolution previously approved on January 20, 2026.

3.4 Tuition Student (Receiving)

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the acceptance of the following tuition student for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student(s)	School	Tuition
OOD-3 ESY	Secondary	\$1,421

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

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

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Chirls 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>Janene Williams</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Retirement	Hillside	June 30, 2026
<i>Michael Jedwabnik</i>	Teacher of Music	Retirement	LHS	June 30, 2026
<i>David D'Addozio</i>	Technology Coach	Retirement	HIL/BHE	June 30, 2026
<i>Annette Ferreira</i>	Administrative Assistant	Retirement	CO	June 30, 2026
<i>Michael Adler</i>	Bus Driver	Retirement	Transportation	August 31, 2026
<i>Irina Gueva</i>	Non-Certified School Nurse	Resignation	MPMS	May 22, 2026

<i>Victoria Kenney</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Resignation	Collins	June 30, 2026
<i>Pia Bauer</i>	Reading Interventionist	Resignation	Hillside	June 30, 2026
<i>Samantha Stoddard</i>	TOSD	Resignation	HMS (position transferred from LHS)	June 30, 2026
<i>Carmella Amerise</i>	TOSD	Resignation	BHE	June 30, 2026
<i>Melanie Bonanne</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Resignation	COL	June 30, 2026

**as amended from a previous agenda*

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the resignation of Employee #8923 effective March 25, 2026 due to the employee's inability to return to work.

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>James Merlo*</i>	HMS	Teacher of Health & PE	9/12/2025-9/26/2025 & 5/11/2026-5/15/2026**	NA	NA	9/29/2025; 5/18/2026
<i>Shawn Rembecky</i>	LHS	Teacher of Business Education	8/26/2026-9/28/2026**	9/29/2026 & 9/30/2026**	NA	10/1/2026
<i>Stephanie Siu</i>	Harrison	Elementary School Teacher	8/27/2026-10/9/2026	10/12/2026-1/8/2027**	NA	1/11/2027
<i>Brett Bisconti</i>	LHS	Teacher of Social Studies	5/26/2026-6/5/2026**	NA	NA	6/8/2026
<i>Nidhi Benjamin*</i>	RHE	Teacher of Art	3/9/2026-4/30/2026	5/1/2026-5/8/2026 & 5/11/2026-6/30/2026**	NA	8/26/2026
<i>Dennis Hawkins</i>	HMS	Custodian	NA	NA	1/20/2026-3/25/2026	NA

**as amended from a previous agenda*

***Designates time counted toward NJFLA/FMLA*

4.3 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>Michael Hoang</i>	LHS	Teacher of Physics	First Year Tenure Track	D. Baumgartner	MA	8	\$73,801	8/26/2026
<i>Thomas Montesion</i>	MPMS	Supervisor of Social Studies (PreK-6); Health and PE (PreK-6) & District Equity	Second Year Tenure Track	NA	LSA	1/2	\$131,036, plus \$1,500 for 2 MA's plus \$1,000 for longevity	7/1/2026
<i>Micaela Hegarty</i>	Harrison	Library Media Specialist	First Year Tenure Track	C. Caulfield	MA	3	\$68,401	8/26/2026
<i>Ghulam Joyo*</i>	Central Office	IT Support Specialist	Leave Replacement	M. Mongioj	NA	NA	\$20/hr	11/17/2025-4/24/2026

**as amended from a previous agenda*

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

4.4 Substitutes

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 2025-2026 school year:

Teachers

Emily Schlessinger

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment B** 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.

4.5 Job Descriptions

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following job descriptions, effective for the 2026-2027 school year:

Content Area Supervisor (PreK-12, PreK-6, 7-12)
Reading Intervention & Enrichment Specialist (Elementary)
Instructional Aide
Job Coach
Life Skills TA
ABA Discrete Trial TA
PRIDE TA

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education abolishes the following job descriptions effective June 30, 2026:

Content Area Supervisor (PreK-12)
Content Area Supervisor (PreK-6)
Content Area Supervisor (7-12)

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Burman and Mrs. Khemka congratulated the retirees and wished them well in their next endeavors.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

5.1 HIB Report

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

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 p.m., Mrs. Chirls made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Rapp
Board Secretary

April 7, 2026