

LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 22, 2026
Long Beach Island Elementary School Gymnasium
Executive (Closed) Session 6:00 PM – Regular (Public) Session 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING

“This meeting is hereby called to order. 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, Long Beach Island Elementary 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	Dr. Chung	Mrs. Hoffacker	Mr. Wright
	Dr. Costello	Mrs. Linkewich	Ms. Hagler
	Mr. Fluehr	Mrs. Raber	Mrs. Southwick

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

6. REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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8. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

July 22, 2026:	Regular and Closed Session
August 18, 2026:	Regular and Closed Session

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

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call:	___ Dr. Chung	___ Mrs. Hoffacker	___ Mr. Wright
	___ Dr. Costello	___ Mrs. Linkewich	___ Ms. Hagler
	___ Mr. Fluehr	___ Mrs. Raber	___ Mrs. Southwick

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Building/Grounds/Transportation/Finance: Colette Southwick
- Curriculum: Stephanie Chung
- PTA Liaison: Danielle Hagler

11. PERSONNEL

The Superintendent presents the following recommendations:

- A. Letter of Intent to Retire
Motion to accept a letter of intent to retire from Bianca Aniski, School Nurse, effective December 31, 2026. Mrs. Aniski has been employed in the district since 2004.
- B. Letter of Resignation
Motion to accept a letter of resignation from Natalie Ostermann, School Counselor, effective October 15, 2026.
- C. Mentor for Novice Teachers
The following personnel is approved as a Mentor for Novice Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year: Jacqueline Ramilo
- D. Stipend Positions
Motion to approve stipend/XCOMP positions for the 2026/2027 school year with approved timesheets:
- **After-School Academy:** 6 Teachers, up to 12 days, 1 hour/day @ \$55/hour: Mallory Mulcahy, Laura Daly
 - **Detention Supervisor (as needed):** 1 Teacher and 1 substitute, up to 15 hours @ \$55/hr: Matt Brady, Laura Daly (sub)
 - **Choral Instructor:** up to 20 hours @ \$55/hour - Tim Cotov
 - **After School Band Instructor:** up to 25 hours @ \$55/hour: Tim Cotov
 - **STEAM Night:** 2 teachers, up to 4 hours each @ \$55/hour: Cathy McBride and Laura Daly
 - **After-School STEM Instructor:** 2 teachers, up to 12 hours each @ \$55/hour: Cathy McBride and Laura Daly
 - **Student Assistant Interactive Leadership (SAIL) Advisor:** up to 20 hours @ \$55/hour: Janelle Gosline
 - **Student Assistant Interactive Leadership (SAIL) Projects:** up to 7 hours @ \$55/hour: Liz Messec
 - **Afterschool Sports Club:** 1 teacher, up to 18 days @ \$55/hr. Dates to be determined: James LaMarco
 - **Drama Club Coordinator:** 2 Teachers, up to 40 hours each @ \$55/hour: Julia Townsend and Janelle Gosline
 - **Drama Club Assistant:** 1 Teacher, up to 20 hours @ \$55/hour: Tim Cotov
 - **Academic Recovery:** up to 20 hours @ \$55/hour: Kelly Scotto di Carlo
 - **Art Night:** 1 teacher, up to 4 hours @ \$55/hour: Liz Messec
- E. Substitute Personnel
Motion to approve the employment of substitute personnel for the 2026-2027 school year as listed below pending receipt of required paperwork and completion of required substitute orientation:
- Patricia Cupka Nurse
- F. Part-time School Counselor
Motion to approve the employment of Sarah Brier, School Counselor, two days per week beginning October 16, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year at the daily rate of \$397.97. Pending receipt of required paperwork.

Motion to approve Personnel items A-F:

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call:

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___ Dr. Costello

___ Mr. Fluehr

___ Mrs. Hoffacker

___ Mrs. Linkewich

___ Mrs. Raber

___ Mr. Wright

___ Ms. Hagler

___ Mrs. Southwick

12. BUILDING/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION/FINANCE

The Superintendent presents the following recommendations:

A. Financial Reports

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

Motion to approve financial reports for the month of August 2026.

a. Report of the Secretary dated August 31, 2026

b. Report of the Treasurer dated August 31, 2026

2. Statement of Cash Balances

Motion to accept the Statement of Cash Balances for the month of August 2026 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 August 2026 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b).

_____, 2026
Meghan Lee, School Business Administrator

B. Transfers

Motion to approve the August 2026 transfer report.

C. Bills List

Motion to approve the September 2026 Bills List, totaling \$1,131,434.23

D. Travel and Training

Motion to approve the following travel/training expenses.

Date	Name	Position	Workshop	Location	Cost
8/20/26	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	Ocean County Association of School Administrators Monthly Meetings	Various Locations in Ocean County	Mileage
9/10/26					
10/8/26					
11/12/26					
12/11/26					
1/14/27					
2/11/27					
3/11/27					
4/18/27					
5/18/27					
6/3/27					
9/14/26	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	NJASA Convocation	East	Mileage

			with NJDOE Commissioner Dr. Lily Laux	Brunswick Magnet High School, NJ	
10/1/26 12/3/26 2/4 27 3/4/27 4/28/27	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	Ocean County School Boards Association Meetings	Various locations and virtual	No cost
10/5/26 - 10/9/26	Laureana Bautista	Teacher	Orton Training	Virtual	\$1750
10/7/26	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	Leading Forward: K-12 Leadership Roundtable	Georgian Court University, NJ	Mileage
10/19/26 to 10/22/26	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	NJSBA Workshops	Atlantic City, NJ	\$550 and mileage
10/20/26	Matt Brady	Teacher	Law Fair Mock Trial	New Brunswick, NJ	Mileage
10/6/26	LisaAnne Baumann	HR/Payroll Accts Payable	Strauss Esmay NJFLA/FMLA Training	Toms River, NJ	\$145 and mileage
11/10/26 1/26/27 5/25/27	Peter Kopack	Superintendent	Small Schools /Shared Services Committee Meetings - Committee Chairperson	Virtual	No cost
11/17/26	LisaAnne Baumann	HR/Payroll Accts Payable	Payroll and the BA	Mt. Laurel, NJ	\$218 & mileage
1/21/27	LisaAnne Baumann	HR/Payroll Accts Payable	Pension Review/Update	Mt. Laurel, NJ	\$218 & mileage
3/23/27	LisaAnne Baumann	HR/Payroll Accts Payable	Purchasing	Mt. Laurel, NJ	\$218 & mileage
3/23/27	Meghan Lee	BA/QPA	Purchasing	Mt. Laurel, NJ	\$199 & mileage

E. Use of Facilities

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

1. Girl Scout Troop 60614 Meetings (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month).
2. Girl Scout Troop 60279 Meetings (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month).

Motion to approve Finance items A-E:

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call: ___Dr. Chung ___Mrs. Hoffacker ___Mr. Wright

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13. ANNUAL APPROVALS/CONTRACTS

The Superintendent presents the following recommendations:

A. Bilmark Plumbing and Heating

Motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Bilmark Plumbing and Heating from September 14, 2026 through September 13, 2027.

Motion to approve Annual Approvals/Contract item A:

Motion:

Second:

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14. CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Superintendent presents the following recommendations:

A. Curriculum

Motion to readopt the Long Beach Island School District Curricula for the 2026-2027 school year which are aligned with the most recent State Board adopted version of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) as follows:

- ELA K-6
- Math K-6
- Science K, 3, 6

Motion to approve Curriculum/Technology item A:

Motion:

Second:

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15. EDUCATIONAL

A. HIB Report

Motion to accept the Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying report as presented in Executive Session.

B. Student Safety Data System Report Period 2

Motion to approve the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) 2025-2026 Report Period 2 (January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) as presented.

Motion to approve Educational items A & B:

Motion:

Second:

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16. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing Agreement
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2026 the governing body of the Long Beach Island Board of Education, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:34-7.6 (a), duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC),

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C 5:34-7.6 (a), the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC), the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall comply with the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion to approve Unfinished/New Business item A:

Motion:

Second:

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17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Dates to Remember
Sept. 24: Jugglers Assembly & 3rd Annual Fun Run 4pm
Oct 1: LBI Kite Show presentation
Oct. 5-9: Week of Respect
Oct. 9: Fire Prevention Program
Oct. 15: PTA Meeting, LBI Elementary 4pm
Oct. 20: LEAD U Assembly & Board of Education Meeting, LBI Elementary
 6:30pm

B. Donations

- Thank you to Helping Hands for their generous donations of school supplies.
- Thank you Danan Shaffer for the donation of 11 Mahjong mats to our Enrichment program.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- 19. RESOLUTION:** Resolved that the Board of Education will open its next scheduled meeting (Executive Session) on October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Long Beach Island Elementary 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.

Motion:

Second:

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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2 (If Needed)

Resolved by the Long Beach Island Board of Education to enter into a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing the matters checked below. Action may or may not be taken upon return to regular session. The matter will be disclosed to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

(Check as applicable):

___ Matters Involving Personnel

___ Pending or anticipated contractual Matters

___ Matters covered by attorney-client privilege

___ Pending or anticipated Litigation

___ Protection of the safety or property of the public

___ Collective Negotiations and/or negotiations of terms/conditions of employees of BOE

___ Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law

___ Matters that would constitute an unwarranted Invasion of privacy

___ Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

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21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
Second:
Carried: