

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CITY OF LONG BRANCH  
NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held at 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dangler, Board President, at 5:30 P.M.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Dangler - President	Mrs. Perez	Mr. Zambrano
Mrs. Beams - Vice President	Mr. Grant	Mr. Parnell
Mrs. George	Mrs. Critelli	Mr. Menkin

**A-1. STATEMENT OF THE MANNER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING**

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary stated that adequate notice of the meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education has been provided by a Schedule of Public Meetings published in the Atlanticville and the Asbury Park Press. He further stated a schedule of Public Meetings has been posted in the Board of Education Office and the Office of the City Clerk, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mr. Genovese made the following announcement: Fire exits are located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by bell and/or public address system. If so alerted to fire, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest smoke-free exit.

**A-2. OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE VALIDITY OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Genovese stated that the objecting member must give supporting reasons.

**B. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bill Dangler, Board President, saluted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Dangler made the following announcement: Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate board committee. The members of the board committee work with the administration and Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

**C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC (continued)**

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer and shall give their names, addresses and the group, if any, that they represent. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Board will not, during the public portion of this meeting, discuss matters involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific or prospective or current employee.

**C -2. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one addressed the Board.

The Board reviewed the information received from New Jersey School Boards Association for the evaluative processes for both the Board of Education which is designed to be a self evaluation, as well as the format of the Superintendents evaluation. The Board decided to create a base line evaluation for the Board which will be submitted to the Business Administrator on Tuesday evening at which time the Business Administrator along with the Board President will compile the information and prepare it for a presentation to the full Board at a meeting yet to be determined. Because the Board felt the tool was very important, they want to set aside several hours to go over each and every measure.

The next item on the agenda was dealing with the Superintendents evaluation, again using the New Jersey School Boards Association format. The Board decided to create four (4) goals for the Superintendent for which he would be evaluated.

The first goal will be that the Superintendent will put measures in place to insure quality of teaching and learning in the schools.

The second goal is to develop and implement systems and structures to insure accountability supported by district data.

Prior to setting the third goal, Mr. Grant excused himself at 6:15 P.M.

The third goal is to strengthen relationships between community and families.

The fourth goal is for the Superintendent to ensure fiscal accountability.

Mrs. George – Who can participate in the evaluation?

Mr. Salvatore – There are still conflicts on the Board with regards to certain members. Based on previous opinions and the law, those conflicts would still exclude some members from participating in the evaluation process.

Mr. Parnell – Why would there be a conflict for Mrs. George, Mrs. Critelli and Mrs. Perez?

Mr. Salvatore – The position that the Ethics Commission takes with regards to Board members who have children working in the district, although there would be no intention on any ones part on this Board, the Ethics Commission still perceives certain relationships as conflicts.

Mr. Menkin – When I took the Governance course in Atlantic City, they made it very clear that people with these types of conflicts cannot participate.

Mrs. Critelli – It comes down to the integrity of each person and it truly is unfortunate that these conflicts would preclude us from being able to participate in the evaluation process.

Mrs. George respectfully asked to receive another updated opinion with regards to this matter.

1. **ADJOURNMENT – 6:35 P.M.**

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Dangler, seconded by Mrs. Critelli and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
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