

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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The Agenda Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held at 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Widdis, Board President, at 7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Widdis - President	Mr. Grant – 8:41 p.m.	Mr. Parnell
Mr. Dangler - Vice President	Dr. Critelli	Mr. Covin
Mrs. George	Mr. Zambrano	Rev. Bennett

Administrator's Present

Dr. Salvatore	Mr. Genovese	Ms. Dudick
Mr. Freeman	Mrs. Valenti	

Also Present

Richard D. McOmber, Esq., Board attorney
R. Peter Sokol, Esq., Board attorney

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

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary stated 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. Mr. Genovese 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

Mrs. Widdis, Board President, saluted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Widdis 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. All agenda attachments are

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

available for public review. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

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 respond to questions during the public participation portion of this meeting involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific, prospective or current employee.

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

No one addressed the Board.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the following minutes:

- Agenda Meeting minutes of January 26, 2016
- Executive Session minutes of January 26, 2016
- Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2016

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

1. **BILLS AND CLAIMS – JANUARY 4 - 31, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 1 - 24, 2016 FOR CHRIST THE KING**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the January 4 - 31, 2016 and February 1 - 24, 2016 bills and claims for Christ the King (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

2. **BILLS AND CLAIMS - JANUARY 4 - 31, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 1 - 24, 2016 EXCLUDING CHRIST THE KING**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the January 4 - 31, 2016 and February 1 - 24, 2016 bills and claims excluding Christ the King (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval)

3. **RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT – SODEXO – JANUARY 31, 2016**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the monthly operating report for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School District for January 31, 2016 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-5** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued)**

4. **ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2016**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, the Elementary Schools, Middle School, and High School Student Funds as of January 31, 2016 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-6** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

F. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

1. **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT**

A) **SPELLDOWN WINNERS - 2016**

The following named students are our 2016 Spelldown winners –
Presented by: A representative of the PTO/A Community Council

Amerigo A. Anastasia School

Lilyan Fauber	1 st place winner – Grade 5
Teairra Lacy	2 nd place winner – Grade 5
Bryan Reyes	3 rd place winner – Grade 5

George L. Catrambone School

Malica Feratovic	1 st place winner – Grade 4
Kevin Viedma-Gonzalez	2 nd place winner – Grade 5
Jasmin Gracida	3 rd place winner – Grade 5

Gregory School

Francesco Thorik-Saboia	1 st place winner – Grade 5
Misa King	2 nd place winner – Grade 5
Summer Sesty	3 rd place winner – Grade 4

Middle School

Elizabeth Vanbeuren	1 st place winner – Grade 8
Charles Vainella	2 nd place winner – Grade 8
Melissa Galicia	3 rd place winner – Grade 7

B) **HEALTHY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHALLENGE**

The Healthy High School National Challenge is an event designed to reinforce with students the importance of making healthy food choices on a daily basis. High School programs managed by Sodexo around the country out-performed each other by earning points for every healthy a la carte snack and beverage selected by their students. Long Branch High School ranked 3rd in the country and was awarded \$2,000 in scholarships for Long Branch students.

2. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

A) **DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS**

Tracey Brown	Maydi Alfaro
Michelle Gonzalez	Maria Jimenez Garcia
Oscar Hernandez	Jamie Pena
Ivette Sanabria	Nivia Gontijo
Maria Tellez Avila	Lourdes Vasquez-Hernandez
Michelle Concepcion	Fabianne Flores
Alondra Aguilar Flores	Reina Sanchez
Renata Costa de Faria	Cristina Hernandez Lopez
Monica Zuniga Lopez	

F. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT (continued)**

2. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS (continued)**

B) **TEACHER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY**

JOSE MELENDEZ, 5th Grade Math Teacher, George L. Catrambone School, presented by Mrs. Widdis

C) **SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH - JANUARY**

JULIETTE TROMBETTA, Secretary, Middle School, presented by Mrs. Widdis

3. **STUDENT COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** - Shannon Nutley

4. **SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

The spirit of Black History Month is alive in the everyday actions of our students! From competing like Jackie Robinson or exploring Science like Garret Morgan, Morris Avenue School students are gearing up to take on the world as athletes and scholars. The students are participating in gross motor activities like obstacle courses, bounce house, and learning to kick and throw balls. Morris Avenue School students are also learning to be scientists by working in our maker spaces and coding computers. At Morris Avenue School our students know that "Everything is Awesome!" when you're part of a team!

Dr. Salvatore reviewed the Agenda with the Board.

G. GENERAL ITEMS

1. APPROVAL TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FY2016 IDEA CONSOLIDATED FORMULA GRANT

I recommend the Board ratify the completion and submission of the FY 2016 IDEA Consolidated Formula Grant Award. The 2016 allocations are as follows:

1. Basic - \$1,641,248 (Non-Public Portion - 52,869)
2. Preschool - \$42,735 (Non-Public Portion - \$480)

I recommend the Board approve **JanetLynn Dudick**, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services, to serve as the District's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend that **Michael Salvatore, Ph.D.**, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

2. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FY2016 IDEA COMBINED BASIC & PRE-SCHOOL GRANT AMENDMENT

I recommend the Board approve the submission of an amendment to the FY2016 IDEA Combined Basic & Pre-School Grant. This amendment enables the FY15 IDEA Carryover Funds to be incorporated into the approved FY16 IDEA budget. The FY15 carryover amounts are as follows:

1. IDEA Basic - \$289,368
2. IDEA Pre-School - \$825

I recommend the Board approve **JanetLynn Dudick**, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services, to serve as the District's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend that **Michael Salvatore, Ph.D.**, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

3. APPROVAL TO FILE THE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING GRANT APPLICATION

I recommend the Board approve the filing of the 21st Century Community Learning Grant application on behalf of the elementary schools in the amount of up to \$550,000.

I recommend the Board authorize **Bridgette Burt**, Funded Grants Supervisor, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend that **Michael Salvatore, Ph.D.**, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

Dr. Salvatore - This grant, if awarded, will be used for after school tutorials for students.

G. GENERAL ITEMS (continued)

4. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FY16 IMPACT AID

I recommend the Board approve the acceptance of additional FY16 Impact Aid funding in the amount of \$3,248.39.

I recommend the Board authorize **Bridgette Burtt**, Funded Grants Supervisor, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend that **Michael Salvatore, Ph.D.**, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

5. APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

I recommend the Board approve the attached 2016-2017 school calendar - **APPENDIX G-1**.

Mr. Dangler discussed with the Board the decision of the committee to recommend the attached calendar for the 2016 – 2017 school year. There were some concerns with regards to Columbus Day and the Jewish holiday but they were resolved.

6. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION FOR THE SALE OF WEST END SCHOOL

I recommend the Board approve the extension for the sale of the West End School to the New Jersey Repertory Company as listed on the attached Resolution - **APPENDIX G-2**.

7. RE- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IRENE RITTER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

I recommend the Board approve the re-establishment of the Irene Ritter Foundation Scholarship. This will be a one-time \$5,000 award for a college bound male or female who is in good academic standing with a B average or better, good disciplinary standing, demonstrates financial need and has been active in the community.

8. GIFTS TO SCHOOL

I recommend the Board accept the following gifts to schools indicated:

Donated by:

Gold's Gym	7 Food Baskets
Monmouth University First Year Service Project	10 Rotisserie Chickens
Community Action Board	10 Turkeys
The Drifters	10 Food Baskets
Jersey Shore Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc.	5 Food Baskets & Turkeys
Ranney School Parents Association	10 Turkeys
BJ's Wholesale Club	20 Turkeys
Hazlet PBA Local 186	\$200.00
DonorsChoose.org	LittleBits Electronics Premium Kit
	LittleBits Electronics Space Kit
	Snap Circuits Lights Electronics
	Discovery Kit
	Snap Circuits SC-300 Electronics
	Discovery Kit

H. PERSONNEL ACTION

Comments from the Personnel Committee Chair (APPENDIX H-1)

Dr. Critelli briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Personnel Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under Appendix H-1.

Comments from the Governance Committee Chair (APPENDIX H-2)

Mrs. George briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Governance Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under Appendix H-2.

Mr. Parnell – Do we have a transgender policy? I've read articles in the newspaper where people were upset with the Strauss Esmay policies.

Dr. Salvatore – Yes, we approved our own version of the transgender policy last year.

At this time, Robert Rego, 270 Jeffrey Street, Long Branch, New Jersey, was given the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Rego asked the Board to re-consider his situation and re-instate him to his position with the district. He stated that he worked for the Board of Education for over 8 years and believes that the facts surrounding the case show him in a different light than was presented during the initial investigations. Mr. Rego thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to address them and left the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Covin, seconded by Mr. Parnell and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (1).

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Grant

1. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:25 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) allows for the exclusion from discussion at the public portion of a meeting of certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights, and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education wishes to discuss the **sale of West End School and review of the arbitration decision regarding Kevin Garifine** with the resulting action being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Long Branch Board of Education will hold a closed Executive Session immediately in the Board Conference Room, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 30 minutes. Action may be taken in the public portion of the meeting upon recessing of this Executive Session back into the open public meeting.

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Mr. Grant)
Date: February 24, 2016

H. PERSONNEL ACTION (continued)

The Board returned to open session at 8:18 P.M.

Mrs. Widdis - President

Mr. Dangler - Vice President

Mrs. George

Mr. Grant – 8:41 p.m.

Dr. Critelli

Mr. Zambrano

Mr. Parnell

Mr. Covin

Rev. Bennett

2. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE

I recommend the Board approve the Resolution to reinstate Kevin Garifine as listed on **APPENDIX H-3**.

3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF TITLE - RESOLUTION

I recommend the Board approve the change of job title as listed on **APPENDIX H-4**.

4. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITION

I recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following individuals:

JAVIER CANCHON VERGARA, George L. Catrambone School, teacher, effective February 12, 2016.

5. RESIGNATION - STIPEND POSITIONS

I recommend the Board accept the resignation of the following individuals:

MAUREEN ALEXANDER, Middle School, Online Reading Challenge advisor, effective February 1, 2016.

BRUNA CALE-OLIVEIRA, George L. Catrambone School, breakfast monitor, effective February 1, 2016.

BRUNA CALE-OLIVEIRA, George L. Catrambone School, lunchroom monitor, effective February 1, 2016.

MICHELLE MOREY, George L. Catrambone School, After School Extended Day Tutoring Program tutor, effective February 18, 2016.

KELLY STONE, George L. Catrambone School, After School Extended Day Tutoring Program tutor, effective February 18, 2016.

Comments from the Athletics Committee Chair (APPENDIX H-5)

Mr. Parnell briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Athletics Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under Appendix H-5.

6. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPENDS – SPRING, 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Boys Varsity Baseball Coach

James Riley

Step 6

\$4,682

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION (continued)**

6. **COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPENDS – SPRING, 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)**

Boys Varsity Tennis Asst. Coach

Linda Mango	Step 6	\$1,875
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Boys Varsity Track Asst. Coaches

Terrence King	Step 9	\$3,918
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Michael Dennis	Step 6	\$2,856
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Girls Varsity Track Asst. Coach

Anne Marie Cieri	Step 6	\$2,856
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Girls Varsity Lacrosse Asst. Coaches

Brittany Dilger	Step 6	\$2,856
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Jennifer Bogin	Step 6	\$2,856
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Boys Varsity Lacrosse Asst. Coaches

Dennis O'Keefe	Step 6	\$2,856
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Eric Peters	Step 6	\$2,856
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Varsity Volleyball Asst. Coach

Darnell Tyler	Step 6	\$1,875
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Varsity Baseball Asst. Coach

Shawn Brown	Step 6	\$2,856
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Varsity Softball Asst. Coaches

Staciann Sarno	Step 6	\$2,856
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Shawn O'Neill	Step 6	\$2,856
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Asst. Equipment Manager

Jamie Hayes	Step 6	\$2,395
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HS/MS Athletic Site Supervisor

Nyema Roddy		\$25.75/hr.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball Asst. Coaches

Louis DeAngelis	Step 9	\$2,461
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John Jasio	Step 6	\$1,969
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Softball Asst. Coaches

Katherine Gooch	Step 6	\$1,969
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Ashley Stubbington	Step 6	\$1,969
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Track Asst. Coaches

Suraya Kornegay	Step 6	\$1,969
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Michelle Borghese	Step 6	\$1,969
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H. **PERSONNEL ACTION (continued)**

6. **COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPENDS – SPRING, 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)**

Athletic Event Workers

per Athletic Event Fee Schedule

Dorothy Bowles, Mary Boyce, Cynthia Branch,
Enye Carter-Neville, Howard Coleman, Katherine
Gooch, Margaret Johnson, Deirdre Murray, Ruby
Nazon, Eric Peters, Jessica Rodriguez, Kelly Treshock

Mr. Dangler voiced his concern regarding some outstanding issues surrounding the Varsity Boys Baseball Coach.

Dr. Salvatore explained the process by which the coach was recommended.

Dr. Salvatore – The committee felt that he was the best candidate but at the time of last months' Board meeting they wanted to wait until any outstanding issues were resolved.

Rev. Bennett – Are you aware of any other outstanding issues regarding this candidate?

Dr. Salvatore – None that I am aware of that would not permit him to coach.

Dr. Salvatore asked for a consensus from the Board regarding the appointment and all members said yes.

Mr. Grant arrived at the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Mr. Grant declined to respond either way due to the fact that he had missed the majority of the discussion.

7. **STIPEND APPOINTMENTS - 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the appointment of the following stipend for the 2015-2016 school year:

CURRICULUM WRITERS

\$25.13/hr.

Algebra I & Honors Algebra I: Casey Griffin, Stefanie Matano

Algebra II & Honors Algebra II: Alissa Gallo, Allyssa Platts, Matthew Martone

Anatomy & Physiology: Vanessa Giammanco

Biology & Honors Biology: Stacie Broderick, Vanessa Giammanco

Chemistry & Honors Chemistry: Joel Delong, Jason Vengelis

Environmental Science: Donald Clark

Forensics Chemistry: Jason Vengelis

Geometry/Geometry Honors: Staciann Sarno, Caterina Servidio

K-5 Art: Sarah Kaplan

K-5 Music: Lisa Zwerin

Physics & Honors Physics: Nicholas Cartegna

Science, Gr. 6-8: Jamie Lynn Bazydlo, Stacie Broderick, Elizabeth West

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION (continued)**

7. **STIPEND APPOINTMENTS - 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS HEAD TEACHER

Louis DeAngelis (MS) *prorated 1/27/16-6/30/16 \$2,239*

HOMEWORK CLUB ADVISOR

Gina Vodola \$24.21/hr.

TDLA

Kristy Corcoran (AWC) *prorated 1/18/16-6/30/16 \$1,212.50*

6TH PERIOD TEACHER

Meredith Riddle *prorated 2/22/16-6/30/16 \$4,500.00

8. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

I recommend the Board approve the following substitute teachers:

Alana Bielski	Brittany Dilger
Juliana Franchetti	Kelli Shaughnessy
Laura Parker	Nicholas Saffioti

9. **SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS**

I recommend the Board approve the following substitute instructional assistants:

Alicia Marziale	Elizabeth Marrin
Rebecca Hernandez	

10. **SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE**

I recommend the Board approve the following substitute corridor aide:

Raphael Gomes de Sousa e Silva

11. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

Angel Feliciano

12. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following individuals to assume the position of mentor as detailed in the State Department of Education Teacher/Mentor Program:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Alyson Stagich	Margaret Lyons Dos Santos

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION (continued)**

13. **STAFF TRANSFER**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following staff transfer for the 2015-2016 school year:

Barbara Greely, from Middle School Instructional Assistant to Lenna W. Conrow Instructional Assistant.

Nancy Joyce, from Lenna W. Conrow School Instructional Assistant to Holy Trinity School Instructional Assistant

14. **FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the family/medical leave of absences as listed on - **APPENDIX H-6.**

15. **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES / MEETINGS**

I recommend the Board approve the attendance of the staff members indicated on the attach the conferences indicated - **APPENDIX H-7.**

I. **STUDENT ACTION**

1. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY HIB REPORT P.L. 2010. c. 122 (A-3466)**

I recommend the Board approve the monthly report as required by statute - **APPENDIX I-1.**

2. **FIELD TRIP APPROVALS**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the field trips indicated (which will be labeled **APPENDIX I-2** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

3. **PLACEMENT/TERMINATION OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the placement/termination of home instruction for the students listed on **APPENDIX I-3.**

4. **CORRECTIONS/REVISIONS TO MINUTES**

I recommend the Board approve the following corrections/revisions to minutes indicated:

January 27, 2016

ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

Katherine Gooch, Middle School teacher, to attend "Social, Behavioral, & Independent Thinking Strategies for the Student/Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder" sponsored by Association of Student Assistance Professionals to be held at The Hotel ML (CoCo Key Water Park) Mount Laurel, NJ on February 18, 2016 in an amount of \$165 (Acct# 11-000-213-500-904-12-44). The account number should have read: 15-000-223-500-160-02-44.

4. CORRECTIONS/REVISIONS TO MINUTES (continued)

January 27, 2016 (continued)

Jena Valdiviezo, 6-12 Science Supervisor, to attend and present at the National Science Teachers Association National Conference sponsored by National Science Teachers Association to be held in Nashville, TN on March 31–April 3, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$2,100 (Acct# 11-000-213-500-904-12-44). The account number should have read: 11-000-230-585-390-12-44.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

I recommend the Board approve the filing of the National Professional Development Program Application in the amount of up to \$450,000. This should have read: Authorization to approve the Long Branch School District to participate in the National Professional Development Program in partnership with William Patterson University.

December 15, 2015

PERSONNEL ACTION - FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DAHEMIA STEWART, Lenna W. Conrow School teacher effective January 4, 2016. This should have read instructional assistant.

JENNIFER CAMPBELL, Lenna W. Conrow School teacher, using paid days from December 15, 2015 to December 18, 2015. This should have read using paid days from January 27, 2016 to February 3, 2016 and an unpaid day for February 4, 2016.

SARAH CHOI, George L. Catrambone School teacher, using sick days from March 7, 2016 to June 7, 2015 and unpaid from June 8, 2016 to June 17, 2016. This should have read using sick days February 1, 2016 to May 4, 2016 and unpaid from May 5, 2016 to June 17, 2016.

CONSOLIDATED CHANGE ORDERS #1, #2 AND #3 - Renovations to the old High School

Change order #1 - Upgrade to electrical gear from \$42,140 to \$43,140 - an increase of \$1,000.

Change order #3 - New 2¼" x ¾" second and better maple flooring over mat vapor shield from \$37,914 to \$49,103 - an increase of \$11,189.

Change order #3 - Credit of base bid flooring on weight room from -\$3,149 to \$13,077. The net change for corrections listed will result in a total of \$2,261.

November 18, 2015

PERSONNEL ACTION - FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

LYN-ANNE KLINGA, Gregory School teacher, using sick days from March 7, 2016 to March 16, 2016 and unpaid from March 17, 2016 to June 17, 2016. This should have read unpaid from February 22, 2016 to June 17, 2016.

MARY ELIZABETH WOODRUFF, Middle School teacher, using sick days from March 7, 2016 to April 14, 2016 and unpaid from April 20, 2016 to June 30, 2016. This should have read using sick days from February 29, 2016 to April 12, 2016 and unpaid days from April 13, 2016 to June 17, 2016.

J. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one addressed the Board.

DISCUSSION

1. Meeting with pensions

Dr. Salvatore – Mr. Genovese has been asked to testify in front of the Pension Board regarding Chuck Ferrara, a retired district Athletic Director. Mr. Ferrara worked here for several years, leaving to take another position, and subsequently was involved in an investigation which led to charges. Prior to that investigation being completed, Mr. Ferrara re-imbursed the Board \$2,700. The Pension Board is looking to take away his entire pension. Mr. Genovese is going to give factual testimony with regard to the case.

Mr. Grant – I would like to see Kris Soto receive a stipend to help Ron Bennett with the performances he puts on each year.

Mrs. Widdis – This is not the procedure nor the forum.

Dr. Salvatore explained the required process.

Dr. Salvatore – A needs assessment and documentation comes to my level with respect to stipends at which point there is an evaluation done. If warranted, the recommendation goes on the Board agenda for the Board to approve.

Mr. Covin – Sometimes certain stipends require approval by the bargaining unit for their creation. There may be an existing stipend that can help.

Mr. Dangler expressed his discomfort with this type of discussion in light of the fact that Rev. Bennett was present at the table and felt that it was inappropriate.

Motion was made by Mr. Parnell, seconded by Mr. Covin and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (5).

Yes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

5. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:05 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) allows for the exclusion from discussion at the public portion of a meeting of certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights, and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education wishes to discuss **negotiations** with the resulting action being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality;

5. **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:05 P.M. (continued)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Long Branch Board of Education will hold a closed Executive Session immediately in the Board Conference Room, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 30 minutes. Action may be taken in the public portion of the meeting upon recessing of this Executive Session back into the open public meeting.

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Date: February 24, 2016

The Board returned to open session at 9:21 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Widdis - President	Mr. Grant	Mr. Parnell
Mr. Dangler - Vice President	Dr. Critelli	Mr. Covin
Mrs. George	Mr. Zambrano	Rev. Bennett

Dr. Salvatore asked Mrs. George to review with the Board the information from the Finance Committee.

Mrs. George briefed the Board regarding the challenges in preparing the FY17 budget as well as the needs for additional revenue in the areas of the sale of West End School as well as sale and lease back of textbooks.

Mr. Genovese briefed the Board on the process of the sale and lease back of textbooks.

Mrs. George – Based on the timing, the Board will be approving the submission of the budget to the County office by March 22, 2016. The Board and the Finance Committee would have March and April to make any final adjustments which would be presented at the Public Hearing on the budget on April 27, 2016. There is a net loss in State Aid for next year of approximately \$160,000. On a positive note, since the City's valuation is \$640MM over last year, the tax rate will not increase and there is a potential for a reduction.

Mr. Zambrano – I received an email that someone drove through the fence at the new High School.

Dr. Salvatore – We were able to determine that it was a white work van that had hit the fence. We did notify the police although we did not have a license plate. The damage is minimal.

K. ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 P.M.

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Parnell, seconded by Mr. Dangler and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:38 P.M.
Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary