

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

MINUTES

JULY 28, 2021

The Annual Retreat Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held at Charley's Ocean Grille, 29 Avenel Blvd., Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mrs. Youngblood Brown called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Youngblood Brown - President	Dr. Critelli	Rev. Bennett
Mrs. Perez - Vice President	Mr. Zambrano - absent	Ms. McCaskill
Mr. Grant	Mr. Covin	Mrs. Peters

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 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. Youngblood Brown, Board President, saluted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Youngblood Brown 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 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

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

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted up to three (3) minutes and one (1) opportunity to address the Board 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. With the exception of those individuals whose names are on the agenda this evening, 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Covin, seconded by Mrs. Perez and carried by roll call vote that the Board recess for lunch.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Covin, seconded by Mrs. Perez and carried by roll call vote that the Board re-open the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Youngblood Brown - President
Mrs. Perez - Vice President
Mr. Grant

Dr. Critelli
Mr. Zambrano - absent
Mr. Covin

Rev. Bennett
Ms. McCaskill
Mrs. Peters

D. **PRESENTATION BY TAMIKA A. POLLINS, Ed.D**

Mrs. Youngblood Brown read the biography of Dr. Pollins to the Board – **APPENDIX 1.**

Dr. Pollins took the Board through a communications exercise, showing the value of understanding each individuals different backgrounds in order to communicate effectively to achieve results.

E. **BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT – DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2021 – 2022**

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the Strategic Plan with the Board including the alignment of Board goals and objectives, stating that while this is a work in progress, these particular goals and objectives have been aligned with the 5 year Strategic Plan.

Dr. Critelli discussed the importance of collaboration to ensure the success of administering a new plan.

Mr. Rodriguez concurred and explained that it is critical to have everyone on the same page for the success of our students.

Mrs. Youngblood Brown stated that it was her understanding the Strategic Plan would be available on our website and she would also like it on the TV station as well.

Mr. Rodriguez – Yes it will be.

Mrs. Youngblood Brown stated she would also like to share the Plan with the Mayor, Council and the Department of Education to show what Long Branch is doing.

Mrs. Perez – Last year the Board adopted a lengthy resolution with regard to inclusion. Is this something we are going to begin to promote?

Mr. Markus Rodriguez stated that the committee is working with Monmouth University to do just that during Cultural Week.

Rev. Bennett stated that in speaking with members of the Urban Ministerial there were some questions regarding testing, and whether the SAT's will be available this year.

Ms. Puleio – We have administered both the PSAT's and the SAT's this past year and will continue to do so.

F. **ADJOURNMENT – 3:22 P.M.**

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Peters, seconded by Mr. Covin and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 3:22 P.M.
Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Zambrano

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

Learn more about our history. It just might inspire you to help us build a better future.



Dr. Tamika A. Pollins has experience as a Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Hudson County NJ. Previously, Dr. Pollins served as a Principal and an Assistant Director of School Implementation and Educator Evaluation for Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Before joining the team at Rutgers, Dr. Pollins worked for the Rhode Island Department of Education as an Educator Quality Specialist. She led the design of the Student Learning Objective process that is currently being implemented as a part of the Rhode Island Model Educator Evaluation and Support System. Before her work in Rhode Island, she served in various roles – as an Academic Data and Assessment Specialist/Testing Coordinator and as a classroom teacher in Houston (Aldine Independent School District). Her career began in Pennsylvania where she taught in both urban (School District of Philadelphia) and suburban (North Penn School District) settings. In addition to the pivotal role she played in the implementation of the Rhode Island Evaluation Model, Dr. Pollins was also an adjunct professor at Johnson and Wales University. She has earned her doctoral degree from Northeastern University in Curriculum and Instruction. She earned her Master of Science degree from Saint Joseph's University in Education Administration and Curriculum & Instruction. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University in the area of Elementary Education. She is currently certified as a Superintendent, Principal, Curriculum Supervisor and Teacher.