

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

MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2023

The Agenda Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held in the Long Branch Administrative Office, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mrs. Perez called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perez - President	Mr. Zambrano	Mr. Ferraina
Mrs. Peters - Vice President	Mrs. Youngblood Brown	Mrs. Dangler
Mr. Grant	Ms. Benosky - ZOOM	Mr. Garlipp

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

C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Perez 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.

C-3. Comments from the Finance Committee Chair (APPENDIX C-1) - Mrs. Youngblood Brown

Mrs. Youngblood Brown turned the meeting over to Mr. Genovese to discuss the budget.

Mr. Genovese handed out the shared services analysis as per the request of the Finance Committee. In that document it showed the anticipated income to be received from the various shared services as well as the employees who would be assisting in the process, their anticipated compensation and the net to the Board each year over 5 years. The net amount of money the Board would receive over 5 years would be approximately \$286,000.

Mr. Ferraina stated he was not in a favor of a 5 year commitment.

Mr. Grant liked the idea of being able to help the surrounding communities.

Mr. Rodriguez reiterated that the grounds men would be receiving time and a half and would work after their contractual hours.

Mr. Genovese presented to the Board the proposed budget for FY2024, beginning with a detailed analysis on State Aid and its impact on taxes.

Mr. Genovese handed out a budget review package which contained the following:

A 5 year review of State Aid from FY2020 through FY2024. During that time frame Long Branch property valuations grew from \$4.7 billion to \$7.4 billion and while the City was increasing in its valuations by over \$2.6 billion, the tax rate over that same period of time has been reduced by over \$.24. Mr. Genovese also explained to the Board that in the past, although the Board has received over \$2 million per year on average, this year the Board received \$606,000 as an increase in general fund State aid. He stated that based on Long Branch's increase in both property wealth and individual wealth, under the State formula the district has the ability to pay a larger share of revenue to support the educational process. The State feels the local fair share should be in excess of \$68,000,000 for FY2024. Our local fair share will be approximately \$62,000,000. The State also feels that the Board is under spending by approximately \$18,000,000. Mr. Genovese explained that this is a comparison to how wealthy districts spend money for education and that the Board of Education does not need to do that at this time.

Mr. Genovese gave a look ahead of 3 years into the future and what the tax levy could look like. He reviewed categorical expenses and growth and the impact it has on future budgets. He suggested that, over the next 3 years, we reduce approximately 30 staff members through attrition. This along with the reduction of one time expenses in 2024 will help to reduce the anticipated tax levy in 2027 by a little over \$3 million.

The next part of the budget presentation was a detailed review of the anticipated budget for 2024. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for next years budget, highlighting a few of the major cost drivers for next year which were the following:

- Summer camp and summer schools. Last year they were charged to the ESSER II and the ARP grants. This year it will come from the general fund budget
- Approximately \$1.5 million for transportation due to the increase in the consumer price index (CPI) of 5.86%, plus an anticipated \$350,000 transfer from the pre-school to the general fund based on State direction. There will be an additional \$137,000 for school buses as well as an increase in special education cost which is a little over \$800,000.
- Health care and salaries combined will increase by approximately \$3.8 million
- \$1 million increase in facilities due to the district matching funds required with the \$4.8 million grant received from Clean Energy.

Mr. Genovese stated that this budget comes with a tax rate reduction including debt services of approximately \$.11.

Mr. Ferraina brought up that although the tax rate is going down by \$.11, the ratables have come up substantially and as a result the taxes you are going to pay on your home will most likely be higher than the previous year.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

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

- Agenda Meeting minutes of February 21, 2023
- Executive Session Meeting minutes of February 21, 2023
- Regular Meeting minutes of February 22, 2023

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

1. **MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of the December 31, 2022 Board Secretary's Reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

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

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

2. **BUDGET TRANSFER REPORTS – FY2023 DECEMBER**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the following Budget Transfer Resolution (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-1** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 "Budgetary Controls and Over expenditure of Funds" states a "district Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees shall implement controls over budgeted revenues and appropriations and shall not approve any obligation or payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached line item transfers FY 2023 December as listed be approved for the month ending December 31, 2022.

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: March 15, 2023

3. **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2023 DECEMBER**

I recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 31, 2022 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-2** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

4. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2023 DECEMBER**

I recommend the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending December 31, 2022 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-3** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

5. **MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

I recommend the Board approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), we, the Members of the Board of Education, after a review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certify that to the best of our knowledge that as of December 31, 2022 no major account or fund have been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: March 15, 2023

6. **BILLS AND CLAIMS - JANUARY 1 - 31, 2023, FEBRUARY 15 - 28, 2023 AND MARCH 1 - 15, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for January 1 - 31, 2023, February 15 - 28, 2023 and March 1 - 15, 2023 for the City of Long Branch (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

7. **BILLS AND CLAIMS - JANUARY 1- 31, 2023, FEBRUARY 15 - 28, 2023 AND MARCH 1 - 15, 2023 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for January 1 - 31, 2023, February 15 - 28, 2023 and March 1 - 15, 2023 excluding the City of Long Branch (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

8. **RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT – SODEXO – FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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 February 28, 2023 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-5** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

9. **ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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 February 28, 2023 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-6** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

F. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following students have been selected as "Students of the Month";

SCHOOL

Amerigo A. Anastasia School
Audrey W. Clark School
George L. Catrambone School
Gregory School
High School
Historic High School
Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC
Lenna W. Conrow School
Middle School
Morris Avenue School

MARCH

David Castillo Amador
Ivari Shanai-Leigh Rice
Jason Andrews
Jefferson Jadiel Bautista Pena
Tornike Kajaia
Samanta Elena Ramirez-Posadas
Natalia Grace Braga
Wyatt David Phillips
Luis Portillo-Lazaro
Isabella Dos Santos Paula

2. **FAIR HOUSING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

The following students have been selected as winners of the Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster Contest. Winners will be honored at a luncheon on April 16, 2023.

FIRST PRIZE

Vitoria Gabriela Silva Dos Santos	6th Grade
Nikoli Xavier Belfort	6th Grade

HONORABLE MENTION

Giulia Florencio Alves	6th Grade
Cristal Pineda	6th Grade
Kimberly Bautista	6th Grade
Isabela Luiza Da Silva	6th Grade

3. **DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

The following staff have been selected as "District Employees of the Month" **MARCH**

a. **EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH**

Tanisha Allbright, Teacher, Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC

b. **SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH**

Sara Ortiz, Instructional Assistant, Morris Ave., ECLC

4. **SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

High School

Long Branch High School will present a video compilation that celebrates and highlights the various programs, educational activities, and special events that have taken place throughout the 2022-2023 school year. All of the highlights will showcase the extensive variety of curricular and extra curricular offerings that our Long Branch High School students get to be involved in as part of their overall educational experience. The theme of the production is "You Cannot Hide That Green Wave Pride"

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

Comments from the Communications/Security Committee Chair - APPENDIX G-1

Mr. Grant briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Communications/Security Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under **APPENDIX G-1**.

Comments from the Instruction & Programs Committee Chair - APPENDIX G-2

Mrs. Peters briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Instruction and Programs Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under **APPENDIX G-2**.

Comments from the Operations & Management Committee Chair - APPENDIX G-3

Mr. Zambrano briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Operations and Management Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under **APPENDIX G-3**.

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2023 - 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE**

I recommend the Board approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2023 - 2024:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2023 - 2024 Total Expenditures	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Less: Anticipated Revenues	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Taxes to be Raised	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2023 - 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE (continued)**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education established \$85,400 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$59,220 as of this date; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$92,350 for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Long Branch Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$ xxx for the purpose of additional instruction for children and new curriculum. The district intends to complete said purposes by June, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Long Branch Middle School located at 350 Indiana Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey on April 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year,

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: March 15, 2023

2. **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STATE AID ALLOCATIONS**

I recommend the Board approve the acceptance of additional State Aid allocations for services under Chapter 192/193 for the 2022 - 2023 school year as indicated below:

Chapter 193

<u>Program</u>	<u>Approved to Date</u>	<u>Additional Entitlement</u>	<u>New Entitlement</u>
Annual Exam & Class	\$760	\$1,140	\$1,900

I recommend the Board authorize **Alisa Aquino, Director of Grants & Innovative Programs**, or her designee, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend **Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools**, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

3. **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FY2023 IMPACT AID GRANT ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

I recommend the Board approve the acceptance of the FY2023 Impact Aid grant additional funding in the amount of \$6,080.

I recommend the Board authorize **Alisa Aquino, Director of Grants & Innovative Programs**, or her designee, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

I further recommend **Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools**, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

4. **APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

I recommend the Board approve the adjustment to the 2022 - 2023 school calendar by closing schools on April 10, 2023 due to an unused inclement weather day.,

Mr. Ferraina suggested that in order to allow staff members to plan accordingly, all of the unused days should be put back on the calendar with the understanding that if a day is used due to inclement weather we may have to take back one of those days.

Mr. Rodriguez – I will put that on the agenda for tomorrow night.

5. **APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION RENEWALS**

I recommend the Board approve the transportation renewals for the 2023 - 2024 school year as listed on **APPENDIX G-4**.

6. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FY2024 PRE-SCHOOL BUDGET**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the submission of the FY2024 Pre-school budget.

7. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2023 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY WAIVER**

I recommend the Board approve the submission of the 2023 New Jersey Department of Education Equivalency Waiver to the New Jersey Department of Education as part of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review - **APPENDIX G-5**.

8. **ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION - APRIL 1 - 3, 2023**

I recommend the Board approve Teresa Benosky and Joseph Ferraina to attend the National School Board Association 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition to be held on April 1, 2, 3, 2023 at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida at a cost not to exceed \$1,750. per person

9. **ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION - APRIL 1 - 3, 2023**

I recommend the Board approve Violeta Peters and Theresa Dangler to attend the National School Board Association 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition to be held on April 1, 2, 3, 2023 at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida at a cost not to exceed \$1,750. per person.

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

10. **GIFTS TO SCHOOL**

I recommend the Board accept the gifts to schools indicated - **APPENDIX G-6.**

Mrs. Perez – Why is the Green and White Association buying uniforms?

Mr. Rodriguez – This is what they wanted to donate to us.

Mr. Ferraina – Items such as uniforms should be a Board expense and we should ask the Green and White Association to purchase things that the Board may not be able to.

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

1. **REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEES SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

I recommend the Board reinstate suspended employees (#8062), an Instructional Assistant, and (#8617) a Teacher, effective March 16, 2023 - **APPENDIX H-1a, APPENDIX H-1b.**

2. **SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

I recommend the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (#8614) Teacher, effective March 8, 2023 - **APPENDIX H-2.**

3. **RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITION**

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

IRIS ALVARADO, Instructional Assistant, effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Alvarado has a total of 37 years of service.

JILL BLAKE, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Blake has a total of 26 years of service.

KIMBERLEY CORSO, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Corso has a total of 19 years of service.

HOYLE MOZEE, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Mozee has a total of 28 years of service.

CAROL POSSIEL, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Possiel has a total of 38 years of service.

RACHEL ROBINSON, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Robinson has a total of 38 years of service.

CATHERINE SVENDA, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Svenda has a total of 22 years of service.

JEAN WAGNER, Teacher, effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Wagner has a total of 21 years of service.

MSgt. WILLIAM A. WILSON, AFJROTC Instructor, effective April 1, 2023. MSgt. Wilson has a total of 12 years and 7 months of service.

Mrs. Perez inquired about the retirement of MSgt. Wilson and what that means for the program.

Mr. Rodriguez – I am currently in discussions with the Air Force to see what their plans are for the next school year.

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

4. **RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITION**

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

VINCENTE CRUZ HERNANDEZ, Groundsperson, effective March 25, 2023.

MEGAN FARRELL, Teacher, effective June 30, 2023.

ALICIA LUDLOW, Custodian, effective April 1, 2023.

AMANDA SILLER, Teacher, effective May 7, 2023 or sooner if suitable replacement is found.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the appointment of the following named individuals who constitutes a careful selection and screening of applicants and is hereby recommended for an employment contract contingent upon the successful completion of their degree program, New Jersey Department of Education certification requirements, and all other state and federal guidelines included but not limited to: a criminal history clearance and successful clearance of S-141/A-3381 (P.L.2018, c.5) This initial appointment may change as district needs develop:

OLIVIA MAJESKI

Special Ed Science Teacher
Audrey W. Clark
BA, Step 2
\$56,761.00

Certification: Teacher of Students with Disabilities, Elementary Teacher with Specialization in Science in Gr. 5-8

Education: Kean University

Replaces: Open UPC

(Acct. # 15-209-100-101-000-06-60) (UPC # 1538-06-SPEBD-TEACHR)

Effective: September 1, 2023 *Pending Pre Employment Physical & Fingerprints**

6. **APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME BUS DRIVERS**

I recommend the Board approve the following named individuals as full-time Bus Drivers:

ARACELIS RIVERA, Full-Time Bus Driver at Step 3 \$40,331.00, effective Pending Pre Employment Physical & Fingerprints*.

Replaces: Sandra Klemser (Resignation)

(Acct. # 11-000-270-161-000-12-00) (UPC # 0958-12-TRNSP-FTDRVR)

PRESTON THROWER, Full-Time Bus Driver at Step 2 \$39,443.00, effective Pending Pre Employment Physical & Fingerprints*.

Replaces: Open UPC

(Acct. # 11-000-270-160-00-12-60) (UPC # 1555-12-TRNSP-FTDRVR)

Mr. Zambrano asked how many years of experience the bus drivers have had.

Mr. Rodriguez – Aracelis Rivera has been driving a bus for 3 years and Preston Thrower for 2 years.

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

7. **APPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS**

I recommend the Board approve the following named individuals as Instructional Assistants:

RUTE NUNES-BENTO, Instructional Assistant at the Long Branch Middle School, Step 1 at \$20,384.00, effective Pending Pre Employment Requirements*.

Replaces: Bettie Smith (Retirement)

(Acct. # 15-213-100-106-000-02-00) (UPC # 0335-02-SELDI-PARAPF)

KAITLYN WHITE, Instructional Assistant at George L. Catrambone School, Step 1 at \$20,384.00, effective Pending Pre Employment Requirements*.

Replaces: Open UPC

(Acct. # 15-204-100-106-000-09-00) (UPC # 1637-09-SEAUT-PARAPF)

8. **ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following annual district stipend positions listed below:

DISTRICT

Before/After School Bus Aides

\$14.13/hr.

Michael Dombrowiecki

Building Security

\$15.45/hr.

Christopher Sanchez, Maribel Rodriguez, Nancy Jones, Michael Dennis, Veronica Billy, Alexa Booth, Megan Renzo-Mazza, Dalwasia Jones, Francesca Fantini, Jasmine Gomez, Rafael Ramirez, Gregory Goodell

STEAM Program Instructional Assistants

\$14.13/hr.

Tyra Priester

STEAM Program Safe School Environment Persons

\$15.00/hr.

Shannon Mcsorley, John Severs

STEAM Program Substitute Teachers

\$24.21/hr.

Tyra Priester, Gregory Penta

8. **ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)**

ELEMENTARY

Before/After School Extended Learning Program Teachers (Title I)

\$26.00/hr.

Farra Caputo, Amaryllis Herrera, Yvette Mayo

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast Monitor

\$13.50/session

Miguel Espinosa

Zero Period

\$25.00/hr.

Ashley Stubbington

HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Lab Instructors- Homework Club

\$25.00/hr.

Tyler Malone

- H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**
9. **FUNDED STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**
I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following funded stipend position listed below:
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| <u>ARP Mental Health Counselor</u> | \$63.00/hr. |
| July 5, 2023 - August 16, 2023 | |
| Megan Bolger | |
10. **SUMMER AND PART-TIME STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**
I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following annual district stipend positions listed below:
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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>AWC Summer HS Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Thomas Boyce | |
11. **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**
I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following part-time and stipend positions:
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| <u>High School Summer Program Guidance Counselor (3 wk.)</u> | \$31.43/hr. |
| Hema Solanki, Sydney Lasquinha | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Guidance Counselor (6 wk.)</u> | \$31.43/hr. |
| Jamie Hayes | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Safe School Personnel</u> | \$15.71/hr. |
| Vito Marra, Rafael Ramirez | |
| <u>High School Summer Program ELA Teachers</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Chelsea Byrne, Nicole Fox, Michael Padovani | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Math Teachers</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Daniel Buhler, Sean Fitzgerald, Nemeil Navarro | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Biology Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Alexis Corbett | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Chemistry Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Peter Larrabee | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Social Studies Teachers</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Anton Deluca, Devon Mazza, Joseph Siciliano | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Bilingual/ESL Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Amanda Roa-Rosales | |
| <u>High School Summer Program Band Teacher</u> | \$3,200.00/season |
| Robert Clark | |
| <u>High School Summer Enrichment AP Human Geography Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Alex Smiga | |
| <u>High School Summer Enrichment AP Literature Teacher</u> | \$26.00/hr. |
| Gina Crouch | |

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

11. **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023 (continued)**

High School Summer Enrichment AP World History Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Jonathan Barratt

High School Summer Enrichment AP US II Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Jonathan Barratt

High School Summer Enrichment AP Statistics Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Sean Fitzgerald

High School Summer Enrichment AP Psychology Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Jenna Miah

High School Summer Enrichment AP Studio Art Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Roger Derrick

High School Summer Program SUBSTITUTE Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Gary Beddoe, Dawn Ciaramella, Marc Hyndsman,
Tiffani Monroe, Dana Switay

High School Summer Program Weight Room Supervisors \$20.94/hr.
Darnell Tyler (a.m.)
Aaron Collins (p.m.)

High School Summer Substitute Program Weight Room Supervisor \$20.94/hr.
Brenda Itzol

12. **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**
I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following part-time and stipend positions:

MS Summer School Program Guidance Counselors \$31.43/hr.
Megan Renzo-Mazza, Abigail Rios

MS Summer School Program Data Administrator/Scheduler (Mon-Th) \$31.43/hr.
Ivette Ricigliano

MS Summer School Program ELA Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Bernadette Odoms, Phillip Mammano

MS Summer School Program Math Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Amanda Olsen, Joseph Maratta

MS Summer School Program Science Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Conover White

MS Summer School Program Social Studies Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Karan Degraw, Matthew Payne

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

12. **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023 (continued)**

MS Summer School Program Physical Education Teacher \$26.00/hr.
John Jasio

MS Summer School Program Safe School Personnel \$15.71/hr.
Zayre DeMorias, Ralph DeFillipo, Scott Rothberg

MS Summer School Program Elective Teacher \$26.00/hr.
Alyssa Morgan

MS Summer School Program Band Teacher \$24.21/hr.
Jasmine Gomez Not to exceed 80 hrs - 4 wks @ 20 hrs

MS Summer School Program Substitute Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Sharyn Benetsky, Kirsty Corcoran

MS Summer School Program Guidance Counselor Substitute \$26.00/hr.
Angela Napoli

MS Summer School Program Substitute Safe School Personnel \$15.71/hr.
Dorothy Bowles, John Severs, Rafael Silva

MS Summer ELA Tutors \$26.00/hr.
Bernadette Odoms, Karan DeGraw

MS Summer Math Tutors \$26.00/hr.
Joseph Maratta, Giulia Mazzone

MS Enrichment Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Karan DeGraw, Meagan Fornicola, Joseph Maratta, Giulia Mazzone,
Vanessa Mantione, Angela Napoli, Conover White

13. **ELEMENTARY K-5 STEAM SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following part-time and stipend positions:

STEAM Summer Program Site Coordinator/Facilitator \$31.43/hr.
Doreen Regan

STEAM Early Childhood Summer Learning Site Coordinators/Facilitators 31.43/hr.
Felicia Clarke, Kim Walker

STEAM Summer Program Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Judith Edwards, Carlos Gomez, Dahemia Stewart, Kevin Schaubert,
Rosa Melo, Benita Holt, Vincent Vallese, Michael Dennis, Lupe Kiy,
Marjorie Chulsky, Brian Roberts, Jessica Rodriguez, Aaron Collins,
Michele Morey, Bruna Cale, Veronica Billy, Angela Robertson,
Martha Prieto, JamieLynn Bazydlo, Soledad Navarro, Ashley Stewart,
Dorothy Williams-Reed, Amanda Castano, Shavany Gonzalez,

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

13. **ELEMENTARY K-5 STEAM SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023 (continued)**

STEAM Summer Program Teachers (continued) \$26.00/hr.

Kelli Shaughnessy, Patrice Perez, Jasmine Garcia, Denise Woolley, Fabianne Flores Tirado, Shamika Blue, Bella Messick, Tyra Priester, Francesca Fantini, Marcos Martinez, Yessika Moreno, Meagan Fornicola, Valerie Browning, Elaine Atkinson, Melissa Riggi, Tamara Genovese, Christan Colon, Leah Oppito, Larissa Leonel, Jennifer Long, Jennifer Adams, Bernadette Odoms, Brandon Tracey

STEAM Summer Program Substitute Teachers \$26.00/hr.

Shane Baker, Alexandra Ferretti, Margaret Johnson, Jennifer Noone, Tiffani Monroe, Nancy O'Toole, Altemise Toon, Laura Tracey

STEAM Summer Program Art Teachers \$26.00/hr.

Sarah Kaplan, Laurie DeMuro, Margaret Marzullo, LaTuya Morris

STEAM Summer Program Music Teachers \$26.00/hr.

Jasmine Gomez

STEAM Summer Program Phys. Ed. Teachers \$26.00/hr.

Jennifer Farrell, Gregory Penta, Carlos Villacres, Patrick Tracey

STEAM Summer Program Swim Instructor/Lifeguards \$26.00/hr.

Carol Emik, Kennedy Mayo, Alexandra Muscillo, James Mazzacco, Kelly Stone, Daniel Tracey, Jared Tracey, Elyse Williams

STEAM Summer Program Safe School \$15.71/hr.

Devron Clark, Jason Corley Jr., Joseph Defillipo, Fermin Luna Hernandez, Michael Jones, Reynaldo Guzman, James Ianicelli, Miguel Maldonado, Thomas Odom, Manuel Rosario, John Severs, Brenda Williams, Joseph Winter

STEAM Summer Program Secretaries \$14.13/hr.

Nicole Bland, Desirea Medina, Ruby Nazon, Christine Vincelli

STEAM Summer Program Instructional Assistants \$14.13/hr.

Charletta Friday, Sara Ortiz, Debra Langel, Shana Linton-Sanderson, JoAnn Sciarappa, Linda Whitehead

14. **ELEMENTARY K-5 STEAM SUMMER PART-TIME AND STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2023**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following part-time and stipend positions:

STEAM Summer Program Teachers \$26.00/hr.

Elisa Perez

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

15. **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STIPENDS - SUMMER 2023**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following part-time and stipend positions:

CST Evaluations - LDTC \$350.00/case

Susana Abreu, Lisa Kean, Fiona McKeon, Danielle Tarallo

CST Evaluations - Occupational Therapists \$350.00/case

Denise Buckley, Luann Candemo

CST Evaluations - School Psychologists \$350.00/case

Gerard Flint, Melissa DAmbrisi, Meghan Amendola

CST Evaluations - Social Workers \$350.00/case

Maryann Galloway, Jennifer Glover

CST Evaluations - Speech Therapists \$350.00/case

Marjani Morgan, Amanda Russo, Blair Sliazis

CST Case Worker - LDTC \$150.00/case

Lisa Kean

CST Case Worker - School Psychologists \$150.00/case

Meghan Amendola, Gerard Flint

CST Case Worker - Social Workers \$150.00/case

Sarah Martin, Maryann Galloway, Jennifer Glover, Melissa DAmbrisi

CST Case Worker - Speech Therapist \$150.00/case

Marjani Morgan, Amanda Russo

Case Conference Teachers (Gen Ed & Special Ed) \$75.00/case

Susan Abreu, Sharyn Benetsky, Meghann Cavanagh, Marjorie Chulsky, Tracey Cistaro, Jillian Clemente, Kirsty Corcoran, Stephanie Dispoto, Samantha Gallo, Brenda Itzol, Maria Manzo, Ellen Marx, Meghan Rathjen, Amanda Roa-Rosales, Caitlyn Sorrentino, Janice Stout, Bonnie Tedeschi

Case Conference CST - LDTC \$75.00/case

Susana Abreu, Lisa Kean, Fiona McKeon, Danielle Tarallo

Case Conference CST - Occupational Therapists \$75.00/case

Denise Buckley, Luann Candemo

Case Conference CST - Social Workers \$75.00/case

Jennifer Glover, Maryann Galloway

Case Conference CST - School Psychologists \$75.00/case

Meghan Amendola, Melissa DAmbrisi, Gerard Flint

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

15. **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STIPENDS - SUMMER 2023 (continued)**

Case Conference CST - Speech Therapists \$75.00/case
Marjani Morgan, Amanda Russo, Blair Sliazis

ESY Behaviorist \$63.86/hr.
Emily Grosiak, Alyssa Milazzo

ESY Counselors - Related Services \$63.86/hr.
Melissa DAmbrisi, Jennifer Glover, Michelle Gargiulo, Willie Hampton,
Eva Palma, William Potter, Brittany Saez

ESY Speech/Language Specialist \$63.86/hr.
Marjani Morgan, Blair Sliazis

ESY School-To-Work Job Coach \$26.00/hr.
Janette Egan

ESY MS Special Ed Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Katherine Gooch Alcott, Christina Bharda, Matthew Payne

ESY ELEM Special Ed Teachers \$26.00/hr.
Rebecca Fackenthal, Shirley Sagarese, Molly Warner

ESY HS Instructional Assistants \$14.13/hr.
Ardenia Clayton

ESY MS Instructional Assistants \$14.13/hr.
Sonia Mendez

ESY ELEM Instructional Assistants \$14.13/hr.
George Alonzo, Shane Baker, Shannon King, Dalwasia Jones,
Kechla Rodriguez

ESY PreK & Kindergarten Instructional Assistants \$14.13/hr.
Jennifer Buono

16. **STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENT**

I recommend the individuals listed be authorized to conduct their student teaching in the Long Branch Public Schools as indicated during the 2022-2023 school year. Long Branch Public School employees must complete their student teaching and/or internship outside of their contractual hours.

Brookdale Community College

Karla Bermudez-Hernandez Anastasia School

March - May 2023

Fabianne Flores Tirado

Rutgers University

Essence Davis Anastasia School

June - September 2023

Kristine Villano

Monmouth University

Meagan Fornicola Middle School

March - May 2023

Jill Careri, Cristina Medlin

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

17. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following individual to assume the position of Mentor provided by the Board of Education at a rate of \$550 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

Gregory School

TEACHER:

Julisa Frazier

MENTOR:

Meredith Sinnett

18. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor at a rate of \$550 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

George L. Catrambone
Middle School
High School

TEACHER:

Charles Cochran
Gabriela Rodrigues
Jessica Stos

MENTOR:

Noelle Brown
Kristen Circelli
Amy Rock

19. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following individual to assume the position of Mentor at a rate of \$1000 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

Gregory School

TEACHER:

Chelsea Foley

MENTOR:

Anna Santos

20. **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year:

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS - PENDING FINGERPRINTS*

Melanie Britten*

SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE - PENDING FINGERPRINTS*

Kennedy Mayo*

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS - PENDING FINGERPRINTS*

Gabriel Cortez*, Julio Rivas*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS - PENDING FINGERPRINTS*

Mary Benner*, Melanie Britten*, Brianne Brown*, Shaun Booth*,
Mikaela Manarang*, Jared Tracey*

21. **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

I recommend the Board approve the attendance of the staff members at the conferences listed - **APPENDIX H-3.**

22. **FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the family/medical leaves of absence as listed on **APPENDIX H-4.**

23. APPROVAL TO CHARGE SALARIES TO FEDERAL GRANTS FOR FY2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexander Isaacs (5/1/23 - 6/30/23)	Title IIA	\$12,000.00
Lois Alston (3/1/23 - 6/30/23)	Title IIA	\$33,879.96

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend appointments:

Nicholas Tranchina	Golf	volunteer - no salary/stipend
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I recommend the Board approve/ratify the change in training level for the following individual, effective April 1, 2023:

I. **STUDENT ACTION** - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:

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

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

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the placement/termination of home instruction for the 2022 - 2023 school year for the students listed on **APPENDIX I-3**.

I recommend the Board approve the following atypical out of district students for placement and transportation for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

ID#: 12001154, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

- I. **STUDENT ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:
(continued)**

4. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ATYPICAL OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR
PLACEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION FOR 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)**

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Burlington, N.J.

Tuition: \$47,632.00

Transportation:

Effective Dates: 1/24/23-6/19/23

5. **RECOMMENDATION FOR OUT OF DISTRICT GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENT FOR
PLACEMENT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following out of district general education student for the 2022 - 2023 school year:

RANCOCAS VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mount Holly, N.J.

Tuition: \$9,001.80

Transportation:

Effective Dates: 1/3/23-6/30/23

ID#: 110800051

6. **RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF ATYPICAL TUITION-IN STUDENT FOR
PLACEMENT FOR THE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following termination of atypical tuition-in student for the 2022-2023 school year.

KEANSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Keansburg, N.J.

Tuition: \$49,204.16

Effective Date: 2/27/23

ID#: 20281380

7. **CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

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

July 27, 2022

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL

Nicole Carroll; Assistant to the Principal of George L. Catrambone School, effective August 1, 2022 at \$1,400.00 stipend per week for August and \$6,850.00 stipend from September 1st 2022 until December 31st 2022. Replaces Nikolas Greenwood (Reassignment). This should have read effective as of January 3, 2023 at a salary of \$95,000.00 pending Principal Certification.

DISCUSSION

Staffing - 2023 -2024 school year

Dr. Valdiviezo gave the Board an overview of the process for non-tenured evaluations and non-renewals.

Mrs. Youngblood Brown stated that receiving this information early is an improvement over last year.

Mr. Ferraina stated that although non-tenured employees can be dismissed with just a letter, we should know information with regard to who and how they are being recommended for non-renewal.

Motion was made by Mrs. Perez, seconded by Mr. Ferraina and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (8).

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

8. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

That the Board approve the following Resolution -

RESOLUTION

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 **personnel matters (ID #8062, ID #8617, ID #5168, ID#7021, #8614), and the potential purchase of facilities** 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 Conference Room of the Administrative Building, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 60 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: March 14, 2023

The Board returned to open session at 9:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Perez - President
Mrs. Peters - Vice President
Mr. Grant

Mr. Zambrano
Mrs. Youngblood Brown
Ms. Benosky - ZOOM

Mr. Ferraina
Mrs. Dangler
Mr. Garlipp

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

No one addressed the Board.

K. **ADJOURNMENT – 9:06 P.M.**

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Peters, seconded by Mr. Grant and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

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

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