

**Agenda Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2024**

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. Peters, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**1. MEETING OPENING****A. ROLL CALL**

**Members present** - Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Lucille M Perez, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Teresa Benosky - 6:05 P.M., Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo

**Absent** - Rick Garlipp

**B. STATEMENT OF THE MANNER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING**

Peter E. Genovese II, 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 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 a 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.

**C. OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE VALIDITY OF THE MEETING**

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

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

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

**E. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Peters made the following announcement: Oftentimes 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.

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted up to five (5) 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.

**F. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one addressed the Board.

**G. Comments from the Finance Committee Chair - Mrs. Youngblood Brown**

Mr. Ferraina disclosed that he has a medical condition. Additionally he requested to have the non-affiliated staff members salaries including the days worked in a chart format for the last 5 years. He also stated that Avery Grant was a strong proponent of the ROTC program and Mr. Ferraina would like an update on where we are. He also stated that the committee dealing with the future of education has not made much progress.

Mrs. Perez asked why Mr. Ferraina hadn't received the information he requested regarding the non-affiliated staff members.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that Mr. Ferraina had submitted an OPRA request for 10 years of information and he has received the information requested.

Mr. Ferraina stated it was not in the format that he wanted and that he received salaries on a January to January basis.

Mr. Genovese explained with regard to the OPRA request that the records that were generated by the system are on a calendar year because taxes are based on a calendar year.

Ms. Benosky asked when a job is posted is it done internally or externally.

Mr. Rodriguez - We post job openings both internally and externally and a committee selects the best candidate.

Mrs. Peters asked the Board members that when they review the agenda tonight to please take their time and if clarification of an item is needed now is the time to ask so that tomorrow's meeting will run smoothly.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board members who reached out to him after reviewing the Friday package before tonight's meeting for clarification.

Mrs. Dangler stated that it is important that we encourage Board members to ask questions at this meeting to get the information they need.

Mr. Ferraina made a comment with regard to how angry everyone was after the last Board meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he was not angry but disappointed by the fact that we had new employees and their families in attendance who were recommended to be appointed and they were technically not hired.

#### **H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Agenda Meeting minutes of September 24, 2024

Executive Session Meeting minutes of September 24, 2024

Regular Meeting minutes of September 25, 2024

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

### **A. BILLS AND CLAIMS - SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2024 AND OCTOBER 1 - 16, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH AND INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS & CONSULTATION**

I entertain a motion the Board approve the bills and claims for September 1 - 30, 2024 and October 1 - 16, 2024 for the City of Long Branch and Integrated Care Concepts & Consultation contained herein.

### **B. BILLS AND CLAIMS - SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2024 AND OCTOBER 1 - 16, 2024 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH AND INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS & CONSULTATION**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for September 1 - 30, 2024 and October 1 - 16, 2024 excluding the City of Long Branch and Integrated Care Concepts & Consultation contained herein.

### **C. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

I entertain a motion the Board approve the monthly operating reports for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School district for September 30, 2024 contained herein.

### **D. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of September 30, 2024 contained herein.

### **E. STUDENT REGISTRATION - as of September 30, 2024**



### 3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### A. **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

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

#### **SCHOOL**

#### **STUDENT**

Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Erick Mejia Lopez
Audrey W. Clark School	Jaden McGarry
George L. Catrambone School	Austin Schwartz
Gregory School	Carla Avila Acevedo
High School	Tatiana Contreras
Historic High School	Barbara Pierre
Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC	Kiana Sofia Rodriguez
Lenna W. Conrow School	Nuri Shalei-Royalty Ramsey
Morris Avenue School	Kehlani Estrella
Middle School	Dayanna Gutierrez

#### B. **DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

The Following staff have been selected as "District Employees of the Month" September

#### **EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH**

Elizabeth Lundberg, Teacher, Morris Ave. ,ECLC

#### **SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH**

Al Burrell, Custodian, George L. Catrambone School

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

#### **EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH**

Melissa Cooper, Teacher, Long Branch High School

#### **SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH**

Jane Flannigan, Instructional Assistant, Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC

#### C. **SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

At Long Branch Middle School, leadership isn't just a skill we teach—it's a way of life. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, or out in the community, our students are consistently encouraged to step up, lead, and make a difference. Aligned with our motto, "Enter a Learner, Exit a Leader," we take pride in helping students navigate diverse situations while building their confidence to embrace leadership roles.

Through a wide range of established programs, such as the National Junior Honor Society, LBMS Athletics, LB Student Ambassadors, and the LBMS Debate Team, we empower students to discover their potential as leaders. New initiatives, like the "GreenWave Buddies" program, where student-athletes mentor special education students participating in the Special Olympics, further highlight our commitment to fostering leadership.

Tonight, we'll take you on a journey that explores the ripple effect of leadership in our school community, showing how even the smallest acts of leadership can create waves of positive impact. From extracurricular activities to peer mentoring, and milestones that reflect personal growth, you'll hear from students, staff, and parents about how Long Branch Middle School has shaped their paths to becoming confident leaders. Let's dive in and see the Green Wave in action!

### 4. **GENERAL ITEMS**

#### A. **Comments from the Athletics Committee Chair** - Mrs. Perez

Mrs. Perez briefed the Board regarding discussions held by the members of the Athletics Committee. Those items are contained herein.

#### B. **Comments from the Governance Committee Chair** - Mr. Garlipp

#### C. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2025 - 2026 THREE-YEAR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PLAN AND ANNUAL UPDATE**

I recommend the Board approve the entire plan submission (MS Form Survey, SOA, District Contact Chart) of the 2025 - 2026 Three-year Preschool Program Plan and Annual Update.

**D. APPROVAL OF MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY POOL RENTAL**

I recommend the Board approve the agreement with Monmouth University for the use of the pool facilities for the Long Branch High School swim team for the 2024 - 2025 season at a cost not to exceed \$6,249.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SELF ASSESSMENT FOR DETERMINING HIB**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the New Jersey Department of Education 2023 - 2024 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (HIB Grade Reports) for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**F. GIFTS TO SCHOOL**

I recommend the Board approve the Gifts to School as listed:

United Way  
Christine Jagerburger  
Long Branch School District  
150 Hygiene Bags  
Value: (\$750.00)

Ocean Place Resort & Spa  
Elizabeth Pellerin  
Long Branch School District  
School Supplies  
Value: (\$500.00)

**5. PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:****A. RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

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

**DINA COCUZZA**, Teacher, effective January 1, 2025. Mrs. Cocuzza has a total of 26 years of service.

**OSCAR MORENO**, Custodian, effective November 19, 2024. Mr. Moreno has a total of 3 years of service.

**B. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

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

**JENNIFER NOONE**, Teacher, effective November 25, 2024.

**ANTHONY SANTORIELLO**, Instructional Assistant, effective October 18, 2024.

**C. RESIGNATION - STIPEND POSITIONS**

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

**LOUIS DEANGELIS**, Wrestling - Head Coach, effective October 9, 2024.

**JOHN JASIO**, Wrestling - Assistant Coach, effective October 14, 2024

**VICTORIA MCCORMICK**, Breakfast Monitor at Morris Avenue ECLC, effective September 27, 2024.

Mr. Zambrano questioned both wrestling coaches leaving around the same time stating his concerns of how the students would be able to practice.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he recently received these resignations. He stated that he has a plan and by the November Board meeting the open position should be resolved prior to the start of the wrestling season.

**D. APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the appointment of the following named individuals who constitute 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 including 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:

**EMILY BESSINGER**

1 Year Leave Replacement Science Teacher  
High School  
BA, Step 1  
\$58,741 (pro-rated)  
Certification: Teacher of Biological Science  
Education: The University of Tampa



(Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00) (UPC: 1392-01-SCNCE-TEACHR)

Effective: October 7, 2024

**JENNIFER EMERY**

Kindergarten Teacher

Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC

MA, Step 5

\$65,691

Certification: Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6, Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Education: Monmouth University

Replaces: Kimberly DeAngelo (Resignation)

(Acct. #: 20-218-100-101-000-08-00) (UPC: 0734-08-PRESC-TEACHR)

Effective: November 1, 2024

**GINA PIRO**

Special Education Preschool Teacher

Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC

MA+30, Step 8

\$70,591

Certification: Teacher of Students with Disabilities (Pending), Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (Pending)

Education: Touro College

Replaces: Amy Branagan (Resignation)

(Acct. #: 20-218-100-101-000-08-00)(UPC: 0718-08-PRESC-TEACHR)

Effective: November 1, 2024

**BRIAN SPAGNOLO**

Math Teacher

High School

BA, Step 1

\$58,741

Certification: Teacher of Mathematics (Pending)

Education: University of Massachusetts

Replaces: Akene Dunkley (Resignation)

(Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00) (UPC: 0076-01-MATHC-TEACHR)

Effective: October 1, 2024

**E. APPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS**

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

**ROMARY ARGUETA DURAN**, Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC, Step 1 at \$26,754 + \$250 stipend for BA. Effective: October 1, 2024.

Replaces: Lynn Callano (Resignation) (Acct. #: 20-218-100-106-000-04-00)(UPC: 1224-04-PRESC-PARAPF).

**ARYAHN COVIN**, Lenna W. Conrow ECLC, Step 1 at \$26,754 + \$250 stipend for BA. Effective: October 1, 2024. Replaces: Barbara

Greely (Retirement) (Acct. #: 20-218-100-106-000-08-00)(UPC: 1670-08-PRESC-PARAPF).

**APRIL HAMILTON-RAMIREZ**, Lenna W. Conrow ECLC, Step 1 at \$26,754. Effective : November 1, 2024. Replaces: Anthony

Santoriello (Resignation) (Acct. #11-216-100-106-000-18) (UPC: 1663-08-SEAUT-PARAPF).

**GRICELDA MARTINEZ**, Lenna W. Conrow ECLC, Step 1 at \$26,754. Effective: November 1, 2024. Replaces: Alda Viegas

(Resignation) (Acct. #: 20-218-100-106-000-08-00)(UPC:1414-08-KINDG-PARAPF).

**SADIE STOUT**, Lenna W. Conrow ECLC, Step 1 at \$26,754. Effective: October 1, 2024. Replaces: Yasemin Ates (Resignation) (Acct.

#: 20-218-100-106-000-08-00)(UPC: 0591-08-PRESC-PARAPF).

**F. APPOINTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGER**

I recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following named individual as Transportation Manager:

**ELIZABETH MUSCILLO**, District, at \$102,000. Effective: January 1, 2025. Replaces: Lauren Flannigan (Resignation) (Acct. #: 11-000-270-160-000-12-00) (UPC: 0034-12-TRANSP-MGRTRN)

Ms. Benosky asked if she could receive additional information with regard to the qualifications of the person being recommended for this position.

**G. APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER**

I recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following named individual as Social and Environmental Sustainability Officer:

**JESSICA SICKLER**, District at \$97,000. Effective: October 17, 2024. Replaces: Diogo DeAssis (Resignation) (Acct. #: 11-000-251-100-

000-12-00)(UPC: 1465-12-ESSOF-OFFCER).

Mr. Ferraina stated his opposition again with regard to appointing someone to this position.

#### **H. EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the transfer of the following individual for the 2024-2025 school year:

**ARDENIA CLAYTON**, from High School to Amerigo A. Anastasia Instructional Assistant.

#### **I. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

##### **DISTRICT**

###### **Special Olympics Advisor - \$1,800**

Melissa D'Ambrisi

###### **Adult ESL Evening Class Teacher - \$26/hr.**

George Alonzo, Alexandra Casares, Melissa Cooper, Romina Lujan, Cristina Medlin, Jessica Rodriguez

###### **Adult ESL Evening Class Team Leader - \$32/hr.**

Claudia Giron, Alison Munoz-Cassidy

###### **Adult ESL Evening Class Parent Assistant - \$15/hr.**

Ambar Capurro Rodriguez, Griselda Meneses

###### **After School Academic Programs (ASAP) - Safe School (STEAM) - \$20/hr.**

Reynaldo Guzman Jr., Emmanuel Itzol

###### **After School Academic Programs (ASAP) - Site Coordinator (STEAM) - \$32/hr.**

Suraya Kornegay, Johanna Mozo

###### **After School Academic Programs (ASAP) - Teachers (STEAM) - \$28/hr.**

Linda Bennett, Carrie Cho, Marcos Martinez, Jonathan Peralta, Brittney Ramsey, Kassandra Ruboyanes

###### **After School Academic Programs (ASAP) - Substitute Teachers (STEAM) - \$28/hr.**

Burak Ates, Christian Colon, Barbra Costello, Miguel Espinosa, Ingrid Geraldo, Dana Hochstaedter, Monica Holley, Jussara Lins, Bella Messick, Joseph Miscia, Michelle Newberry, Juliana Radisch, Brittney Ramsey, Heidi Ross, Altemise Toon, Carly Torsiello, Jared Tracey, Jake Turner

###### **After School Academic Programs (ASAP) - Instructional Assistants (STEAM) - \$15.13/hr.**

Veronica Billy, Emmanuel Itzol

###### **Before/After School Bus Aides - \$18/session**

Cheryl Martin (AAA), Beatriz Pacheco (JMF)

###### **Building Security - \$20/hr.**

Lamar Bennett

###### **Home Instruction - \$31/hr.**

Jonathan Peralta

##### **HIGH SCHOOL**

###### **Academic Lab Instructors - Homework Club - \$27/hr.**

Susana Abreu, Zaida Castano, Pierre Joseph, Ryan McGlennon, Edna Newman

###### **Lunchroom Monitor - \$23/session**

Kamilah Bergman, Stacie Broderick, Ana Menino

##### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

###### **Zero Period - \$27/hr.**

Douglas Cornell, Katherine D'Elia, Chelsea James, Theresa Komar, Aaron McCue, Gabriela Rodrigues

**Breakfast Monitor - \$15/session**

Tygeria Covin, Zayra DeMoraes, Yessika Moreno

**ELEMENTARY/EARLY CHILDHOOD****Before/After School Activities Advisor/Tutor - \$27/hr.**

Marissa Gomez, Dayna Sarcona

**Before/After School Extended Learning Program Teachers - \$27/hr.**

Cheryl Martin

**ESEA School Improvement Leader, Grades 1-5, AAA - \$2,700**

Shamika Blue

**Breakfast Monitor - \$15/session**

(MA): Courtney Braun

(AAA): Micah McKinney

**Lunchroom Monitor - \$23/session**

(AAA): Micah McKinney

(GRE): Jennifer Leonhardt

**J. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

**Event Workers (All Year) - paid per Athletic Event Fee Schedule**

Tariq Durant

**K. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year: \*pending fingerprints

**RETURNING BUS AIDE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Anthony Gizzi, Kim Kiernan, Kechla Rodriguez

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Ramon Leon Pena

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Veronica Billy, Kelesla Rodriguez, Kechla Rodriguez

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Jill Blake, Laurie Dalton, Ingrid Geraldo, Ty'Ron Johnson, Jackelyn Kafkias, Clara Lenis, Daniel Tracey, Kelly Wolf

**SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Shane Baker, Cierra Clark, Reynaldo Guzman, Shaniqua Logan\*, Garry McLeave\*

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Gloria Torres\*

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Lauren Bevacqua\*, Aric Blount, Gary Cummings, Thomas Darcy, Ava George\*, Heather Grieb, Veronica Grimm\*, Travis Kelleher, Alexander Orsino-Bryant, Isabel Pena, Lila Rice, Isaac Sultan

**SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Lorraine Potter

**L. APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the following individual as a Certified Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year:

TAMYCA GOFF

Substitute Athletic Trainer

District

\$250/day



Certification: School Athletic Trainer (Pending)

Education: Montclair State University

Effective: October 1, 2024

#### M. **CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the change in training level for the following individual effective September 1, 2024:

**INGRID GUZMAN-CAMERON**, Preschool Teacher, moving from BA to BA+30 on the teacher's salary guide.

**AMANDA MACDONALD**, Elementary School Teacher, moving from BA+30 to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

#### N. **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 2024-2025 school year. Long Branch Public School employees must complete their student teaching and/or internship outside of their contractual hours:

Attending School/Student	Pairing/Location	ATTENDING DATES
Georgian Court University Anna Bisbee	Erin Schoonveld - Gregory School	October 2024 - May 2025
University of Pheonix Andrea Colbert	STEAM - Audrey W. Clark School	October 2024 - May 2025
William Patterson University Nicole Petraitis	Kristen Ferrara - Middle School	November 2024 - July 2025
Monmouth University Jordan Ricketts	Jeremy Julio - High School	September 2024 - May 2025
Monmouth University Jasmine Garcia	Andrew Damato - Audrey W. Clark School	September 2024 - May 2025
Rowan University Stephanie Dispoto	Nick Greenwood - Gregory School	September 2024 - May 2025
Rutgers University Essence Davis	Jennifer Glover - Audrey W. Clark School	September 2024 - May 2025
The College of New Jersey Janna Montague	Sade Montgomery - Morris Avenue School	September 2024 - December 2024
Ft. Hays University Francesca Fantini	Dana Hochstaedter & Lee Carey - Amerigo A. Anastasia School	September 2024 - May 2025
Monmouth University Lariss Leonel	Amerigo A. Anastasia School	January 2025 - May 2025



**O. TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM**

I recommend the Board approve the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor for a 1-year term.

LOCATION	TEACHER	MENTOR	RATE
George L. Catrambone School	Diane Baldo	Margaret Chapman	\$550*
Middle School	John Begen	Sandra Rahilly	\$1,000
High School	Emily Bessinger	Stacie Broderick	\$1,000
Lenna W. Conrow School	Krystal Castelluccio	Kaitlin Baiata	\$550*
Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Victoria Elias	Amarylis Herrera	\$550*
Lenna W. Conrow School	Daniella Pianoforte	Leah Limardo	\$550
High School	Brian Spagnolo	Caterina Servidio	\$1,000
Gregory School	Carolee Wagner	Jennifer Leonhardt	\$550*

\*Provided by The Board of Education.

**P. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

I recommend the Board Approve the attendance of staff members at the conferences listed.

Name	Cost	Position	Conference	Sponsored By	Dates	Location	Account #
Nikkia Blair	\$9300.00	Supv. for School Counseling Services	Sand Tray Therapy Certification (14 ATTENDEES \$664.00/pp)	Lighthouse Counseling	9/26, 9/27, & 9/30/2024	Tinton Falls, NJ	20-488-200-300-488-25-00 ARP GRANT MONEY
David Booth	\$1320.77	Head of Technical Services	Brain Storm Educational Technology Conference	Brainstormk20	11/17, 18, & 19, 2024	Kalahari, Resorts and Conventions, PA	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Jason Corley	\$1902.00	Athletic Director	2024 National Athletic Administrator Conference & Exhibit Show	NJAAA & NFHS	12/13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 2024	Austin, Texas	15-402-100-500-220-14-44
Ann Degnan	\$770.22	Asst. School Business Administrator for Facilities	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-262-590-390-12-44
Juan Eshleman	\$217.59	Inventory Specialist	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/22 & 23/2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-262-590-390-12-44
Nicole Esposito	\$770.02	Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, & 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Peter Genovese III	\$770.02	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, & 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Rosalie Guzzi	\$190.00	Teacher	2024 NJAHPERD Adapted HPE Conf.	NJAHPERD	11/1/2024	Somerset, NJ	15-000-223-500-100-02-44
Kristen Maiello	\$350.77	Supervisor, Science 6-12	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/23 & 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
William Potter	\$350.00	Social Worker	Clinical Supervision Course	NASW	11/18, 19, 20, 2024	Virtual	15-000-223-500-10006-44
Tara Puleio	\$770.02	Chief Academic Officer	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Sandra Rahilly	\$199.00	Teacher	AI Infused Assessment & Rapid PBL Prototyping	MOESC	10/22/2024	Tinton Falls, NJ	15-000-223-500-100-02-44



Francisco Rodriguez	\$770.02	Superintendent of Schools	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Frank Riley	\$770.02	Asst. Superintendent for Leadership and Innovations	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Markus Rodriguez	\$770.02	Director of Diversity and Equity	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Aileen Porter	\$199.00	Payroll/Revenue Assistant	Mastering School District Payroll	MOESC	10/8/2024	Tinton Falls, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44
Kelly Stone	\$200.00	Stem Teacher	New Jersey Science Convention	NJ Science Teacher Assoc and NJ Science Education Leadership	10/15/2024	Princeton, NJ	15-000-223-500-100-09-44
Jena Valdiviezo	\$407.77	Director of Personnel	NJ School Board Workshop 2024	NJSBA	10/21, 22, 23, 24, 2024	Atlantic City, NJ	11-000-230-590-390-12-44

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

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the family/medical leave of absence as listed:

**INTENTION TO RETURN FROM FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

EMP ID 8309, Pupil Personnel Services learning disabilities teacher consultant, effective October 7, 2024.

EMP ID 8800, A.A. Anastasia School teacher, effective September 1, 2024.

EMP ID 7388, A.A. Anastasia School teacher, effective October 23, 2024.

EMP ID 5978, George L. Catrambone School teacher, effective September 30, 2024.

EMP ID 8432, High School counselor, effective March 27, 2024.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from December 9, 2024 to March 10, 2025.

EMP ID 7388, A.A. Anastasia School teacher, September 3, 2024 to October 22, 2024.

EMP ID 8214, High School teacher, from October 22, 2024 to November 10, 2024.

EMP ID 7394, Audrey W. Clark Alternative Academy, from October 14, 2024 to December 16, 2024.

EMP ID 7892, Morris Avenue School teacher, from March 10, 2025 to April 10, 2025.

EMP ID 7818, Joseph M. Ferraina custodian, from October 4, 2024 to December 20, 2024.

EMP ID 8067, Gregory School teacher, from September 30, 2024 to November 12, 2024.

EMP ID 5978, George L. Catrambone School teacher, from September 3, 2024 to September 27, 2024.

EMP ID 8940, Pupil Personnel Services social worker, from December 4, 2024 to December 10, 2024.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING URENT BUSINESS DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from April 10, 2025 to April 15, 2025.

EMP ID 7892, Morris Avenue School teacher, from April 11, 2025, April 21, 2025 and April 22, 2025.

EMP ID 8067, Gregory School teacher, from November 13, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING VACATION DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from March 11, 2025 to April 9, 2025.

EMP ID 7818, Joseph M. Ferraina custodian, from December 23, 2024 to December 27, 2024.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING EXCHANGE DAYS**

EMP ID 7818, Joseph M. Ferraina custodian, from December 30, 2024 to January 6, 2025.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING FAMILY ILLNESS DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from April 16, 2025 to April 23, 2025.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING MINUS SUB PAY DAYS**

EMP ID 7818, Joseph M. Ferraina custodian, from January 7, 2025 to January 17, 2025.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from April 24, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

EMP ID 7892, Morris Avenue School teacher, from April 23, 2025 to June 30, 2025.



EMP ID 7818, Joseph M. Ferraina custodian, from January 21, 2025 to February 4, 2025.

EMP ID 8067, Gregory School teacher, from November 16, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

EMP ID 8940, Pupil Personnel Services social worker, from December 11, 2024 to March 10, 2025.

**PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS**

EMP ID 4574, Gregory School, instructional assistant, from October 2, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS**

EMP ID 6480, George L. Catrambone School principal, from July 1, 2025 to July 20, 2025.

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

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

I recommended the Board approve the monthly report as required by statute.

**Monthly HIB Report**

Reporting Period - September 24, 2024 - October 15, 2024

**Summary:**

Total: Six (6) HIB investigations, five (5) incidents confirmed

**Amerigo A. Anastasia School**

One (1) investigation, (1) one incident confirmed as HIB

**Gregory School**

Two (2) investigations, (2) two incidents confirmed as HIB

**High School**

One (2) investigations, (2) two incidents confirmed as HIB

**JMFELC**

One (1) investigation, (0) zero incidents confirmed as HIB

**B. FIELD TRIPS**

I recommend the Board approve the Field Trips indicated below and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones
2024- 11/12, 11/19, 12/03  2025- 01/28, 02/25, 03/11, 03/25, 04/08	West Long Branch	Monmouth University	20	\$0.00	SBYS Mentorship - Male Empowerment	Jamie Hayes
10/28/2024	West Long Branch	Monmouth University	25	\$0.00	Red Ribbon Week Field Trip: On October 28th, we are bringing local high school students to Monmouth University to hear Nic Sheff, a best-selling memoirist on addiction, speak candidly about his personal struggles with substances that began when he was only 12	Jessica Stos and Amy Rock

10/18/2024	Long Branch	West End Shops	6	\$0.00	Students will practice their skills in order to navigate their way. They will use familiar street signs and their GPS device to find the best route for walking possible. They will arrive and practice their social skills and their budgeting to order an item or more.	Katherine Walsifer, Ana Hinajosa and Kerin Alvarado
10/21-22/2024	Long Branch	Cottage Beach	40	\$0.00	Teachers and students will walk to the Beach for a Sustainable Lesson from LBHS. As we are walking SW complete a pollution scavenger hunt. Once at the beach SW pick up trash and clean the Beach. Test the ocean water quality.	Kamilah Bergman, Stacie Broderick, Alexis Corbett, Marisya Stecz, Jennifer Santana, Cheryl Scuzorzo, Meghan Rathjen, and Amanda Roa-Rosales
11/11/2024	Long Branch	Gold's Gym	20	\$0.00	CBI, Gold's Gym will provide a personal trainer to talk about proper exercise and nutrition.	Cheryl Scuzorzo, Jennifer Santans and Veronica Billy
11/04/2024	West Long Branch	Shoprite	20	\$0.00	Life Skills - (ties in to the Retailing unit) Students prepare a shopping list to a given budget, locate items in the store, compare prices to determine the better value, do self check out, determine the amount of money to insert, count change, bag their order, heavy on bottom, light on top	Cheryl Scuzorzo, Jennifer Santana, Veronica Billy, Marisya Etoll, Meghan Rathjen
10/26/2024 and 01/11/2025	Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn Tech	22	\$0.00	Debate Club	Melissa Cooper, Claudia Giron, Gabrielle Hernandez, Susana Abreu, Bernadette Odoms
10/18/2024	Long Branch	Audrey W. Clark	24	\$0.00	Students will be performing dance pieces for Hispanic Heritage Month at the AWC Fiesta	Meagan Ruland
11/23/2024	Queens, NY	Newton High School	22	\$0.00	Debate Club	Melissa Cooper, Claudia Giron, Gabrielle Hernandez, Susana Abreu, Bernadette Odoms
12/07/2024	Staten Island, NY	Staten Island Tech	22	\$0.00	Debate Club	Melissa Cooper, Claudia Giron, Gabrielle Hernandez, Susana Abreu, Bernadette Odoms
02/01/2025	Bronx, NY	Bronx High School of Science	22	\$0.00	Debate Club	Melissa Cooper, Claudia Giron, Gabrielle Hernandez, Susana Abreu, Bernadette Odoms
03/22/2025	Bronx, NY	In-Tech Academy	22	\$0.00	Debate Club	Melissa Cooper, Claudia Giron, Gabrielle Hernandez, Susana Abreu, Bernadette Odoms

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones



2024: 12/14 2025: 01/25, 02/08, 04/05 and 05/17	New York	TBA	20	\$0.00	Debate Competition	Matthew Payne, Bernadette Odoms and 1 additional Chaperone
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**AUDREY W. CLARK**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones
11/01/2024	Jersey City	Liberty Science Center	40	\$1102.00	Trip is designed as a reward for exhibiting proper school behavior for the month of October.	Sarah Hansen and 11 additional Chaperones
11/13/2024	Toms River	Novins Planetarium	8	\$175.00	Students will have an opportunity to experience science outside of the traditional classroom, allowing them to engage with the subject matter in a more hands- on, immersive way, helping them see the practical applications of scientific concepts.	Ms. Sargarese, Ms. Hough, Ms. Bryk, Ms. Fackenthal, Joanna Cristofaro, Michelle Gargiulo, Shardae Williams, Bahar Sweeney, Eva Palma, Essence Davis, Victoria Ruiz, Julianna Nesterson
01/28/2025	Edison	Slime Factory	10	\$180.00	This experience helps students develop fine motor skills and coordination. The act of manipulating slime helps develop fine motor skills by engaging hand muscles. This improves dexterity, hand-eye coordination, and strength in the fingers and hands. This activity is often helpful for children or individuals who might need sensory input to feel more connected to their environment.	Ms. Sargarese, Ms. Hough, Ms. Bryk, Ms. Fackenthal, Joanna Cristofaro, Michelle Gargiulo, Shardae Williams, Bahar Sweeney, Eva Palma, Essence Davis, Victoria Ruiz, Julianna Nesterson
02/28/2025	Asbury Park	Silverball Museum	35	\$525.00	Incentive monthly Tier 3 Trip based on school wide behavior Modification Program	Kim Parisi and 10 additional chaperones
12/13/2024	Neptune	Shore Lanes	40	\$250.00	Incentive monthly Tier 3 Trip based on school wide behavior Modification Program	Meghan Mueller, Christina Bharda, Lindsay Stefan

**AMERIGO A. ANASTASIA**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones
12/16/2024	Long Branch	Middle School	45	\$0.00	A.A.A. After-School Choir, A.A.A. After-School Dance Performance	Melissa Heggie, Zachary Clements and Mary Mazzacco

**GEORGE L. CATRAMBONE**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones
03/31/2025	Red Bank	Count Basie Theater	110	\$0.00	Peking Acrobats. This show correlates to the social studies standard 6.1.2.History SE.1: Use examples of regional folk heroes, stories, and/or songs and make inferences about how they have contributed to the development of a culture's history.	Kelli Shaughnessy, Jennifer Gonzalez, Elizabeth Reid, Elizabeth Gannon, Erica Soto, Paige Morton and 1 additional chaperone

12/14/2024 and 2025: 02/08 05/17	Queens, NY	TBA	30	\$0.00	Debate Team Tournament	Stefania De Souza Favareto, Amanda Camporeale and 1 Additional Chaperone
01/25/2025	Brooklyn, NY	TBA	30	\$0.00	Debate Team Tournament	Stefania De Souza Favareto, Amanda Camporeale and 1 Additional Chaperone
04/05/2025	Uniondale, NY	TBA	30	\$0.00	Debate Team Tournament	Stefania De Souza Favareto, Amanda Camporeale and 1 Additional Chaperone
10/22/2024	Long Branch	Elberon Beach	140	\$0.00	Community Service: Develop an action plan that addresses issues related to climate change and share with school and/or community members.	Dawn Mangan, Laura Tracey, Barbra Costello, Betsy Kaeli, Kali Pappayiannis, Maria Maisto, Jo Anna Mozo and Christine Zergabel
01/09/2025	Red Bank	Count Basie Theater	100	\$0.00	Show is based off the Strike of 1899, when newsboys Kid Blink and David Simons led a band of orphan and runaway children on a two-week-long action against newspaper publishers Pulitzer and Hearst. The show addresses the Industrial Revolution, child labor, different points of view, and life in NYC in 1899.	Sarah Choi, Katie Marx, Catarina Lopes, Noelle Brown, Amanda Camporeale, Tarik Morrison, Robert Leuhman, Jose Melendez
11/01/2024	Red Bank	Count Basie Theater	100	\$0.00	SUGAR SKULL! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure is a touring bilingual/bicultural musical for young audiences and families that uses traditional regional music and dance from Mexico to tell the story of twelve-year-old Vita Flores. Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a spirited candy skeleton suddenly springs to life, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de Muertos.	Kristin Ciccone, Laurie DeMuro, Kelly Vargas, Michelle Newberry, Stefania DeSouza, Ali Peduto, cari Green wood, Bruna Cale
02/07/2025	Toms River	Ocean County College Planetarium	160	\$1120.00	Teach selected facts and concepts about the night sky and to motivate students to seek a deeper appreciation of astronomy and the universe.	Barbra Costello, Maria Maisto Dawn Mangan, Laura Tracey Johanna Mozo, Betsy Kaeli Kalliopi Papayiannis, Christine Zergabel

**JOSEPH M. FERRAINA, ECLC**

Date	City	Destination	# of Students	Cost	Description	Chaperones
11/04/2024	Long Branch	Jackson woods	120	\$0.00	The students will be observing the characteristics of fall which correlates to the science curriculum.	Alex Casares, Linda Bennett, Shavon Foresman, Sean Kelly, Lynne Casale, Leah Roberts, Julia Santos, Tyra Priester, Charletta Friday, Myong Dellera, Caitlyn Cannito

**C. PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION - 2024- 2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



I recommend the Board approve/ratify the placement on home instruction for the 2024 - 2025 school year for the students listed:

**UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL**

ID#: 20270484

PHP 30 days - 74.00 hr. = \$2960.00 month

**BROOKFIELD**

ID#: 20281213

PHP 30 days - 31.00 hr. = \$1240.00 month

**LEARNWELL**

ID#: 110850212

PHP 30 days - 68.00 hr. = \$2720.00 month

ID#: 20273095

PHP 30 days - 68.00 hr. = \$2720.00 month

ID#: 20326245

PHP 30 days - 68.00 hr. = \$2720.00 month

ID#: 20305852

PHP 30 days - 68.00 hr. = \$2720.00 month

ID#: 20270158

PHP 30 days - 68.00 hr. = \$2720.00 month

**D. RECOMMENDATION FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following placement of out of district general education students for the 2024-2025 school year:

HAWKSWOOD SCHOOL

Eatontown, NJ Tuition: \$66,323.20

Transportation:

Effective Dates: 10/3/24-6/18/25

ID#: 20303180, Classified for Special Education & related services

**E. PLACEMENT/TERMINATION OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the placement/termination of home instruction for the 2024-2025 school year for the student listed below:

ID#: 110850212

**F. APPROVAL OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the High School students to attend the Monmouth County Vocational School District for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

ID#: 90850219

ID#: 90850174

ID#: 20256930

ID#: 90850011

ID#: 110850206

ID#: 20260950

ID#: 90100020

ID#: 20271330

ID#: 20270650

ID#: 202610375

ID#: 100850231

ID#: 100850389

ID#: 100850390

ID#: 20261933

ID#: 101200049

ID#: 111200078

ID#: 20263642

In the amount of \$6554.00 per student.

**7. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

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

September 25, 2024

Leave of Absences

Sandra Oliveira, should have read use of sick days from September 24, 2024 to October 14, 2024; use of urgent business days for October 15, 2024 and October 16, 2024; unpaid begins October 17, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

August 28, 2024

Appointment of Certified Staff

Krystal Castelluccio, (UPC: 20-218-100-101-000-08-00). This should have read (UPC: 0715-08-SEPSD-TEACHR).

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

Mrs. Perez mentioned that Jason Corley was on Facebook receiving a jersey?

Mr. Rodriguez - This particular person may have been cleaning things out and possibly gave it to him.

Mr. Ferraina - It should have been designated as a gift to schools.

**9. ADJOURNMENT - 7:05 P.M.**

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Violeta Peters.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Lucille M Perez, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Teresa Benosky, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo

Absent: Rick Garlipp

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary