

Regular Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held in the Long Branch Middle School auditorium, 350 Indiana Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

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

A. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peters - President

Mrs. Youngblood Brown

Mr. Garlipp

Mr. Ferraina - Vice President

Ms. Benosky - Absent

Mr. Torres

Mr. Zambrano

Mrs. Dangler

Mrs. Perez

Attorney Present - Bruce Padula, Esq.

B. STATEMENT OF THE MANNER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary stated that adequate notice of the meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education has been provided by a Schedule of Public Meetings published in the Asbury Park Press. Mr. Genovese further stated that 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Superintendent recommends the following:

That the Board approve the following minutes:

Agenda Meeting minutes of November 19, 2024

Regular Meeting minutes of November 20, 2024

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve the following item (G).
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo
Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky
Motion Carries

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent recommends the following:

A. MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

I, Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

B. BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT – FY2025 SEPTEMBER

That the Board approve the following Budget Transfer Resolution contained herein - ATTACHMENT 1:

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 FY2025 September as listed be approved for the month ending September 30, 2024.

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

C. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2025 SEPTEMBER

That the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending September 30, 2024 contained herein - ATTACHMENT 2.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2025 SEPTEMBER

That the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending September 30, 2024 contained herein- ATTACHMENT 3.

E. MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

That 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 September 30, 2024 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

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Rick Garlipp to approve the following items 2B - 2E.
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo
Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky
Motion Carries

F. BILLS AND CLAIMS - AUGUST 30, 2024, NOVEMBER 15 - 29, 2024 AND DECEMBER 1 - 11, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

That the Board approve the bills and claims for August 30, 2024, November 15 - 29, 2024 and December 1 - 11, 2024 for the City of Long Branch contained herein - ATTACHMENT 4.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve item 2F.
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Tony Valdiviezo
Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina, Theresa Dangler
Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky
Motion Carries

G. BILLS AND CLAIMS - AUGUST 30, 2024, NOVEMBER 15 - 28, 2024 AND DECEMBER 1 - 11, 2024 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

That the Board approve the bills and claims for August 30, 2024, November 15 - 29, 2024 and December 1 - 11, 2024 for the City of Long Branch contained herein.

H. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

That the Board approve the monthly operating reports for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School district for November 30, 2024 contained herein - ATTACHMENT 5.

I. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024

That the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of November 30, 2024 contained herein - ATTACHMENT 6.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5G - 5I.
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo
Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina
Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky
Motion Carries

J. STUDENT REGISTRATION - ATTACHMENT 7

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students have been selected as "Students of the Month" for December:

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
 Morris Avenue School
 Middle School

STUDENT

Jasiel Trujilo
 Remi Martinez Torres
 Bryan Souza Rodrigues
 Lithzy Gonzales
 Christopher Hidalgo
 Emily Garcia
 Julieth Lopez Nunez
 Sandra Reyes Olea
 Owen Silva Martinez
 Maria Estevam Amorim

B. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

BILL ROHR, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, has been named the Shore Sports Insider 2024 Boys Soccer Coach of the Year.

JAMIE LYNN HAYES, Athletic Counselor, has received the Excellence in Educational Leadership Award from Monmouth University.

4. GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**A. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE NJ LEARNING ACCELERATION - REISSUE HIGH IMPACT TUTORING COMPETITIVE GRANT**

That the Board approve the acceptance of the FY2025 New Jersey Learning Acceleration - Reissue High Impact Tutoring Competitive grant for an additional amount of \$31,202. totaling \$415,202. along with an extension date of June 30, 2025.

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

That the Board accept the retirement of the following individuals:

DONNA CLAY, Teacher, effective January 1, 2025. Mrs. Clay has a total of 50 years of service.

NANCY O'TOOLE, Teacher, effective February 1, 2025. Mrs. O'Toole has a total of 20 years of service.

KENDRA ROBINSON, Social Worker, effective April 1, 2025. Ms. Robinson has a total of 26 years of service.

B. FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That the Board approve/ratify medical leave of absences listed:

INTENTION TO RETURN FROM FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMP ID 8449, effective February 24, 2025.

EMP ID 8265, effective November 12, 2024.

EMP ID 8420, effective December 9, 2024.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS

EMP ID 8911, from March 24, 2025 to March 25, 2025.

EMP ID 5839, from December 2, 2024 to December 13, 2024.
EMP ID 8265, from September 30, 2024 to November 11, 2024.
EMP ID 8092, from January 13, 2025 to January 17, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS

EMP ID 8911, from March 24, 2024 to March 31, 202 to June 20, 2025
EMP ID 8092, from January 21, 2025 to May 2, 2025.
EMP ID 7339, from January 2, 2025 to February 3, 2025.

REQUEST TO EXTEND FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING PAID DAYS

EMP ID 5316, from December 1, 2024 to March 2, 2025.
EMP ID 8805, from January 2, 2025 to January 24, 2025.

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

EMP ID 8449, from December 3, 2024 to February 23, 2025.
EMP ID 8052, from January 2, 2025 to April 21, 2025.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Lucille M Perez to approve items 4A - 5B.
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown,
Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo
Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina
Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky
Motion Carries

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

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

That the Board approve the monthly report as required by statute:

Monthly HIB Report

Reporting Period - November 12, 2024 - December 10, 2024

Summary:

Total: Five (5) HIB investigations, three (3) incidents confirmed

Gregory School

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

High School

Two (2) investigations, (1) one incident confirmed

Audrey W. Clark School

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

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

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

St. Claire Hospital

ID#: 110850031

PHP: 30 days - 11/5/2024 -12/5/2024 - \$55.00/hr. = \$2,200.00 month

LearnWell

ID#: 20305852

PHP: 30 days - 11/16/2024 -12/16/2024 - \$68.00/hr. = \$2,720.00 month

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

That the Board approve/ratify the following placement of out of district students for the 2024-2025 school year:

PINE HILL SCHOOL

Pine Hill, NJ

Tuition: \$34,960.00
Trans:
Effective Dates: 11/11/2024 - 6/30/2025

ID#: 20260668, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

EAST MT. SCHOOL

Belle Mead, NJ

Tuition: \$65,500.00
Trans:
Effective Dates: 11/19/2024 - 6/19/2025

ID#: 110850212, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

D. **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSULTANT - 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve the following Pupil Personnel Services Consultant for the 2024-2025 school year.

HORIZONS AAC SPECIALISTS

Augmentative & Alternative Communication (Evaluation)	\$1,200.00
Augmentative & Alternative Communication (Eval. Ins. Fee)	\$400.00
Augmentative & Alternative Communication Consulting	\$200/hr.
Professional Development Training Course	\$300.00

E. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ATYPICAL DISPLACED TUITION-IN STUDENTS FOR THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve the following placement of displaced tuition-in students for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

EATONTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student ID: 203110781
Placement: Middle School
Tuition Amount: \$16,488.80
Effective Date: 10/31/2024

OCEAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student ID: 20335902
Placement: Amerigo A. Anastasia School
Tuition Amount: \$14,771.22
Effective Date: 12/9/2024

F. **FIELD TRIP**

That the Board approve the Field Trip indicated below:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE	CITY	DESTINATION	# OF STUDENTS	COST	DESCRIPTION	CHAPERONES

12/12/2024	Long Branch	Complete Care of Monmouth	25 - 30	\$0.00	8th Grade Chorus will be singing holiday songs to the building residents	Alyssa Morgan
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Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 6A - 6F.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Lucille M Perez, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo

Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina

Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky

Motion Carries

7. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES

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

Mr. Rodriguez - I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to 2 of our Board members, Mrs. Luci Perez and Ms. Teresa Benosky, for their outstanding service and dedication to the Long Branch Board of Education. Your unwavering commitment to the success and well being of our students, staff and community has been greatly appreciated. Through your hard work, thoughtful decision making and tireless advocacy you have left a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit generations to come. On behalf of the Long Branch Board of Education and our entire community, thank you for your passion, leadership and your invaluable contributions. Thank you both.

Mr. Ferraina - I would like to echo the fact that I go way back with Luci and her amazing service to the community and her love for the children and staff is unwavering. Your presence will be sorely missed. I always appreciate your honesty and your candor and your love for this district.

Mrs. Peters - I would like to add that Luci and I have been on the Board off and on for many years. I want to thank her for her dedication and her commitment to our students as well as the Long Branch community. We will miss you but hopefully you will come to a meeting and sit in the audience once and while. Ms. Benosky is out of state. We will provide her with a token of our appreciation as well.

9. ADJOURNMENT - 6:13 P.M.

Motion by Lucille M Perez, second by Rick Garlipp to approve item 9.

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

Not Present at Vote: Teresa Benosky

Motion Carries