

Regular Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2025

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. Torres
Mrs. Dangler - Vice President	Mr. Ferraina	Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Zambrano	Mr. Garlipp	Mr. Sama

Attorney Present - Janice Arellano, 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. COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR - Mrs. Dangler**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

That the Board approve the following minutes:

Re-organization Meeting minutes of January 8, 2025

Executive Session Meeting minutes of January 8, 2025

Agenda Meeting minutes of January 14, 2025

Regular Meeting minutes of January 15, 2025

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools 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, RSBO, QPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

B. BUDGET TRANSFER REPORTS – FY2025 DECEMBER AND FY2025 JANUARY - ATTACHMENT 1

That the Board approve the following Budget Transfer Resolution contained herein:

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 December and FY2025 January as listed be approved for the months ending December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025.

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

C. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2025 DECEMBER AND FY2025 JANUARY - ATTACHMENT 2

That the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025 contained herein.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2025 DECEMBER AND FY2025 JANUARY - ATTACHMENT 3

That the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the months ending December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025 contained herein.

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 December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025 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 Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve 2B - 2E.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

F. BILLS AND CLAIMS - JULY 18, 2024, DECEMBER 5 - 20, 2024, JANUARY 8 - 31, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 1 - 26, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH AND INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS AND CONSULTATION - ATTACHMENT 4

That the Board approve the bills and claims for July 18, 2024, December 5 - 20, 2024, January 8 - 31, 2025 and February 1 - 26, 2025 for the City of Long Branch and Integrated Care Concepts and Consultation contained herein.

Motion by Armand Zambrano, second by Rick Garlipp.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama

Abstain: Theresa Dangler, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

G. BILLS AND CLAIMS - JULY 18, 2024, DECEMBER 5 - 20, 2024, JANUARY 8 - 31, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 1 - 26, 2025 FOR JON ZIMMERMAN AND SUSAN ZAMBRANO - ATTACHMENT 4

That the Board approve the bills and claims for July 18, 2024, December 5 - 20, 2024, January 8 - 31, 2025 and February 1 - 26, 2025 for Jon Zimmerman and Susan Zambrano contained herein.

Motion by Joseph M Ferraina, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Violeta Peters, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama

Abstain: Armand Zambrano, Jon Zimmerman

H. BILLS AND CLAIMS - JULY 18, 2024, DECEMBER 5 - 20, 2024, JANUARY 8 - 31, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 1 - 26, 2025 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS AND CONSULTATION, JON ZIMMERMAN AND SUSAN ZAMBRANO - ATTACHMENT 4

That the Board approve the bills and claims for July 18, 2024, December 5 - 20, 2024, January 8 - 31, 2025 and February 1 - 26, 2025 excluding the City of Long Branch, Integrated Care Concepts and Consultation, Jon Zimmerman and Susan Zambrano.

I. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - JANUARY 31, 2025 - ATTACHMENT 5

That the Board approve the monthly operating report for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School district for January 31, 2025 contained herein.

J. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS JANUARY 31, 2025 - ATTACHMENT 6

That the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of January 31, 2025 contained herein.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 2H - 2J.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
Motion Carries

K. STUDENT REGISTRATION - ATTACHMENT 7

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

FRANCISCO E. RODRIGUEZ, Superintendent of Schools, has been selected to receive the 2025 Superintendent of the Year Award from the New Jersey Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents in recognition of outstanding leadership and impact in Latino education.

JASON CORLEY, Athletic Administrator, in celebration of Black History Month, has been recognized by Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Margie Donlon and Assemblywoman Luanne Peterpaul as an exceptional community leader in Monmouth County.

WILLIAM GEORGE, High School wrestling coach, has been selected as the 2025 District Coach of the Year by the New Jersey Wrestling Coaches Association and the NJSIAA.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Congratulations to the High School Wrestling Team for winning the 2024 - 2025 NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 4 Sectionals on February 12, 2025.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY CONTEST

Leighlah J. McCullers, Middle School student, was selected as the winner of the Central Jersey Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC, Inc.), Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration's essay contest for the 7 - 8 grade category. Leighlah received a ceremonial proclamation from the New Jersey Department of the State and an awards certificate.

B. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

SCHOOL	STUDENT
Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Devin Munoz
Audrey W. Clark School	Michael Villafuerte
George L. Catrambone School	Yerik Cantarero Monterroso
Gregory School	Itzae Torres
High School	Hailey Marsella
Historic High School	Giana Anechiarico
Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC	Clare Cunha
Lenna W. Conrow School	Esperanza Cano Monzon
Morris Avenue School	Allison Ramirez Olivares
Middle School	Jennifer Moreira

C. SPELLING BEE WINNERS 2024-25

The following named students are the 2024-2025 Spelldown winners -

Amerigo A. Anastasia School		
Payshence Tasker	1st place	Grade 4
Bryce Goetz	2nd place	Grade 5
Emily Sapien	3rd place	Grade 5
George L. Catrambone School		
Timothy Dos Santos	1st place	Grade 3
Ryan Mendez Alfaro	2nd place	Grade 3
Miguel Ferreira De Souza	3rd place	Grade 5
Gregory School		
Melvin Rodriguez	1st place	Grade 5
Sophia Pitts	2nd place	Grade 4
Gabrielle Silva DeJesus	3rd place	Grade 4
Middle School		
Peyton Johnson	1st place	Grade 6
Meade Cashaw	2nd place	Grade 8
Ma'Ayan Mendoza	3rd place	Grade 6

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

This year at Gregory Elementary School has been filled with exciting experiences, and five of our students are here to share their favorite moments! From Language Arts and Literacy instruction, hands on math exploration and enrichment activities through our Wave 3 program, each student presents a unique perspective on how and why their experience has impacted them. Our staff is committed to ensuring the needs of all learners are met and inspired on a daily basis, while developing meaningful connections and cultivating a positive environment where each student has the opportunity to grow academically and emotionally. Each of these students has had a unique and special experience this year at Gregory Elementary, making memories that will last a lifetime!

E. DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

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

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Ingrid Guzman, Teacher, Lenna W. Conrow ECLC

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH

Miguel Batista, Custodian, Long Branch Middle School

4. GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**A. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FY2024 AUDIT**

That the Board accept the FY2024 audit as presented by Scott Clelland of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLC.

B. APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE WRAP AROUND SERVICES ENHANCEMENT GRANT - FY2025

That the Board approve the application and acceptance of the Wrap Around Services Enhancement Grant FY2025 in the amount of up to \$67,956.

That 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.

And that, **Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools**, be designated the Board's

representative to implement the above actions.

C. AUTHORIZATION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TEAM TO CONDUCT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN - RESOLUTION

That the Board authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct a Needs Assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City of Long Branch, in the County of Monmouth ("Board of Education"), based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the Affirmative Action Team (AAT) to conduct a needs assessment and to develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:7 - Managing for Equality and Equity in Education.

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

D. GIFTS TO SCHOOL

That the Board approve the Gifts to School as listed:

Children's Specialized Hospital Jenna DeNicolo	Long Branch High School Cleaning Supplies Value (\$100.00)
dfree Financial Freedom Movement Robert Finley	Long Branch School District Monetary Awards Value (\$500.00)
dfree Financial Freedom Movement Robert Finley	Long Branch School District Monetary Awards Value (\$2,000.00)

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 4A - 4D..
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
Motion Carries

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

A. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 8

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID#4328), effective February 3, 2025.

B. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 9

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID# 7320), effective February 11, 2025.

C. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 10

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID# 7711), effective February 11, 2025.

D. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 11

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID#8276), effective February 14, 2025.

E. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION - ATTACHMENT 12

That the Board re-instate suspended employee #4328 effective February 27, 2025.

F. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

That the Board accept the resignation of the following individuals:

SHAVON FORESMAN, Instructional Assistant, effective February 14, 2025.

AMANDA GRIFFIN, Teacher, effective April 18, 2025.

G. RESIGNATION - STIPEND POSITIONS

That the Board accept the stipend resignation of the following individuals:

SHARYN BENETSKY, Mentor, effective December 1, 2024.

SHAVON FORESMAN, Before/After School Activities Advisor/Tutor (Title I - Grant Funded), effective February 14, 2025.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5A - 5G.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

H. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - CURRICULUM WRITING - 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following annual district stipend positions for curriculum writing for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

Content Area	Name	Hours	Pay Rate
K-5 VPJA	Sarah Kaplan	50	\$25.13
6-8 VPJA	Alyssa Morgan	50	\$25.13
6-8 World Language	Zaida Castano	25	\$25.13
6-8 World Language	Pierre Joseph	25	\$25.13
9-12 Entrepreneurship	Marc Hyndsman	50	\$25.13
9-12 Intro to Debate	Lianne Kulik	50	\$25.13
9-12 Intro to Social Justice	Nora Cisek	50	\$25.13
9-12 Race, Gender, & Ethnicity	Kenneth Morrison	50	\$25.13
9-12 AP World History, Modern	Jonathan Barratt	50	\$25.13
9-12 VPJA	Ian Moore	50	\$25.13
9-12 Portuguese IV	Pierre Joseph	50	\$25.13
9-12 ESL Level IV	Ximena Sanchez Rodriguez	50	\$25.13

I. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

DISTRICT**Black Seal Boiler - \$600**

Gregory Fletcher

Brookdale Math/Science Technology Facilitator - \$3,700

Stacie Broderick

Green Team School Leaders - \$500

(JMF): Natalie Borrero

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

Rocio Tenhunen

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

James Ianicelli

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

Lisa Kean

Building Security - \$20/hr.

Lizbeth Flores Lucero, Karla Mendez

Home Instruction - \$31/hr.

Amanda Roa-Rosales, Vincent Vallese

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

(LWC): Felicia Clark, Gricelda Martinez, Socorro P. Sanchez-Sartorio

(GLC): Margaret Kelly

(MA): Griselda Meneses

HIGH SCHOOL

6th Period - \$5,500

Stacie Broderick

Language Club Advisor - French - \$800

Pierre Joseph

Yearbook Advisor - \$3,700

Meghan Cook

Title I Tutors (Grant Funded) - \$40/session

Daniel Buhler, Meghan Cook, Austin Krywinski, Emily Malool, Jonathan Peralta, Nicolas Reisig, Gina Valentine

Lunchroom Monitor - \$23/session

Amanda Roa-Rosales

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Zero Period - \$27/hr.

Jill Careri, Yessika Moreno, Amanda Olsen

Breakfast Monitor - \$15/session

Diamond Vega

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD

Before/After School Activities Advisor/Tutor (Title I - Grant Funded) - \$27/hr.

(AAA): Adrienne Scognamiglio

(JMF): Lauren Flynn, Altemise Toon

Title I Tutors (Grant Funded - *SIA) - \$40/session

(GLC): Noelle Brown, Bruna Cale, Sarah Choi, Kristin Ciccone, Jennifer Gonzalez, Catarina Lopes, Maria Maisto, Dawn Mangan, Jose Melendez, Michele Morey, Tarik Morrison, Johanna Mozo, Michelle Newberry, Kalliopi Papayiannis, Meghann Southwood
(GRE): Stephanie Dispoto, Nicole Howell, Melissa Joyce, Ebone Lawrence-Smith, Amanda MacDonald, Christina Marra, Edna Newman, Megan Renzo-Mazza

Title I Tutors (Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School - Grant Funded) - \$40/session

(AAA): Shamika Blue, Jamie Gough, Diane Wartmann

J. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - SPRING 2025

That the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend positions:

HIGH SCHOOL**Athletic Site Supervisor**

Scott Rothberg - \$2,500

Weight Room Supervisor (a.m.)

Terrence King - \$1,400

Weight Room Supervisor (p.m.)

Shawn Brown - \$1,400

Ruby Nazon - \$1,400

Coaching Paraprofessional Aide

Jillian Olsen - \$16/hr. - not to exceed \$4,300

Assistant Equipment Manager

Jamie Hayes - \$4,700

CATEGORY 2**Varsity Baseball - Head Coach**

Benjamin Woolley - Step 3 - \$8,000

Varsity Baseball - Assistant Coaches

Daniel Bachner - Step 1 - \$4,000

Aaron McCue - Step 4 - \$5,500

Varsity Softball - Head Coach

Shawn O'Neill - Step 3 - \$5,500

Varsity Softball - Assistant Coach

Samantha Rocha - Step 2 - \$4,500

Staciann Sarno - Step 4 - \$5,500

Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Head Coach

Gareth Grayson - Step 3 - \$8,000

Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Assistant Coach

John Begen - Step 2 - \$4,500

William Rohr - Step 2 - \$4,500

Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Head Coach

Amanda Olsen Step 3, \$8,000

Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Assistant Coaches

Alexis Corbett, Meghan Schneck - Step 4 - \$5,500

Boys Varsity Track - Head Coach

Terrence King - Step 3 - \$8,000

Boys Varsity Track - Assistant Coaches

Graham Huggins-Filozof - Step 4 - \$5,500

Pierre Joseph - Step 4 - \$5,500

Girls Varsity Track - Head Coach

Jayce Maxwell - Step 3 - \$8,000

Girls Varsity Track - Assistant Coaches

Suraya Kornegay - Step 4 - \$5,500

Samantha Soto - Step 2 - \$4,500

CATEGORY 3

Varsity Golf - Head Coach

Andrew Critelli - Step 3 - \$6,000

Varsity Tennis - Head Coach

William Potter - Step 3 - \$6,000

Boys Varsity Volleyball - Head Coach

Nemeil Navarro - Step 3 - \$6,000

Boys Varsity Volleyball - Assistant Coach

Darnell Tyler - Step 4 - \$4,000

Boys Freshman Volleyball - Head Coach

Sydney Lasquinha - Step 3 - \$3,500

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CATEGORY 2

Baseball - Head Coach

Juan Martinez - Step 4 - \$3,800

Baseball - Assistant Coaches

Gary Beddoe - Step 4 - \$3,200

Michael Green - Step 4 - \$3,200

Softball - Head Coach

Rosalie Guzzi - Step 3 - \$3,800

Softball - Assistant Coaches

Dawasia Jones - Step 3 - \$2,900

Kimberly Koller - Step 4 - \$3,200

Boys & Girls Track - Head Coach

Cole Dispoto - Step 1 - \$3,200

Boys & Girls Track - Assistant Coach

Michael Paolazzi - Step 1 - \$2,300

Ashley Stewart - Step 4 - \$3,200

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 5H - 5J.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

K. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - SPRING 2025

That the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend position:

MIDDLE SCHOOL**Athletic Site Supervisor**

Eric Peters - \$2,500

Motion by Armand Zambrano, second by Rick Garlipp.

Yea: Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Violeta Peters

Motion Carries

L. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend position:

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

Latrell Bennett, Gareth Grayson, Tarik Simpson

M. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

RETURNING SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Patrick Tracey

RETURNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Heather Greib

SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Alec Booth*, Jeremy Rosa*

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Liseth Herrera*

SUBSTITUTE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Gerard Longo*

SUBSTITUTE NURSE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Theresa Carreri

SUBSTITUTE MEDICAL SECRETARY 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Laura Moniz Oliveira*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Caitlin Clarke, Sonia Cohen, Eamonn Flynn*, Robert Kohler, Lucas Kirchberger*, Celeste Maneiro, Ashley Prince, Justin Ross

N. CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the change in training level for the following individuals effective January 1, 2025:

SHAMIKA BLUE, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.
CRISTINA MEDLIN, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.
KIMBERLY WILLIS, Teacher, moving from BA to BA+30 on the teacher's salary guide.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5L - 5N.
 Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
 Motion Carries

O. CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the change in training level for the following individual effective January 1, 2025:

MARIANNE CARR, Teacher, moving from BA+30 to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Rick Garlipp.
 Yea: Violeta Peters, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
 Abstain: Armand Zambrano
 Motion Carries

P. TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM

That the Board approve the following individual to assume the position of Mentor for a 1-year term effective January 1, 2025.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Middle School	Emily Feldman	Matthew Bufano	\$550*

*Provided by The Board of Education.

Q. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS - ATTACHMENT 13

That the Board Approve the attendance of staff members at the conferences listed.

R. FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

INTENTION TO RETURN FROM FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMP ID 7394, effective January 6, 2025.
 EMP ID 8558, effective February 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8215, effective February 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 6528, effective February 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8160, effective February 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8663, effective March 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 5316, effective March 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8037, effective March 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8449, effective September 1, 2025.
 EMP ID 7818, effective February 3, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS

EMP ID 8160, from January 6, 2025 to January 10, 2025.
 EMP ID. 4139, from March 4, 2025 to March 28, 2025.

EMP ID. 8821, from January 21, 2025 to January 28, 2025.
 EMP ID 7844, from January 22, 2025 to January 31, 2025.
 EMP ID 8911, from March 24, 2025 to March 28, 2025.
 EMP ID 7029, from March 31, 2025 to April 29, 2025.
 EMP ID 8215, from January 3, 2025 to January 31, 2025.
 EMP ID 6528, from December 17, 2024 to January 31, 2025.
 EMP ID 7148, from February 25, 2025 to April 8, 2025.
 EMP ID 8523, from January 27, 2025 to February 2, 2025.
 EMP ID 8635, from February 20, 2025 to March 18, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING URGENT BUSINESS DAYS

EMP ID. 8821, from January 29, 2025 to January 31, 2025.
 EMP ID 7029, from April 30, 2025 to May 1, 2025.
 EMP ID 8523, for February 3, 2025.
 EMP ID 8160, from January 13, 2025 to January 14, 2025.
 EMP ID 8635, from March 19, 2025 to March 21, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING MINUS SUB PAY DAYS

EMP ID 5151, from March 3, 2025 to March 12, 2025.
 EMP ID 8160, from January 15, 2025 to January 22, 2025.
 EMP ID 7914, from January 21, 2025 to January 27, 2025.
 EMP ID 8635, from March 24, 2025 to April 2, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS

EMP ID 8911, from March 31, 2025 to June 20, 2025.
 EMP ID 7029, from May 2, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
 EMP ID 5151, from March 13, 2025 to May 2, 2025.
 EMP ID 8523, from February 4, 2025 to March 10, 2025.
 EMP ID 8160, from January 23, 2025 to February 2, 2025.
 EMP ID 7914, from January 28, 2025 to April 7, 2025.

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

EMP ID. 5914, from February 21, 2025 to March 14, 2025.
 EMP ID. 4207, from March 1, 2025 to March 11, 2025.
 EMP ID 6223, from December 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

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

EMP ID. 8612, from January 6, 2025 to May 1, 2025.
 EMP ID 8449, from January 2, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
 EMP ID 6901, from February 4, 2025 to April 21, 2025.
 EMP ID 8010, from March 17, 2025 to April 7, 2025.
 EMP ID 8052, from January 2, 2025 to April 21, 2025.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Armand Zambrano to approve items 5P - 5R.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
 Motion Carries

6. STUDENT ACTION

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 - January 11, 2025 - February 20, 2025

Summary:

Total: Seven (7) HIB investigations, six (6) incidents confirmed

Audrey W. Clark School

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

Amerigo A. Anastasia School

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

George L. Catrambone School

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

High School

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

Middle School

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

B. APPROVAL OF STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM REPORTS - ATTACHMENT 14

That the Board approve the Student Safety Data System Reports from September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR PLACEMENT OF 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:

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Tuition: \$8,322.00

ID#: 20326044

RUTGERS

Piscataway, NJ

Tuition: \$99,720.00

Trans:

Effective Dates: 1/22/25-6/30/25

ID#: 100850440, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

D. PLACEMENT OF TUITION-IN STUDENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following placement of a tuition-in student for the 2024-2025 school year:

MATAWAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ID#: 202910862

Placement: Audrey W. Clark School

Tuition: \$64,414.96

Effective Date: 1/22/25

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

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

LearnWell

ID#: 20270158

PHP: 1/8/25-2/8/25 - \$68.00/hr. = \$2,720.00/month

ID#: 20291881

PHP: 2/4/25-3/4/25 - \$68.00/hr. = \$2,720.00/month

Home Instruction (district)

ID#20270360

ID#20252970

F. STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENT

That the individual 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
Monmouth University/Jessica Sargent	Frank Riley/District Office	January, 2025 - May, 2025

G. FIELD TRIPS - ATTACHMENT 15

That the Board approve the Field Trips indicated below and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 6A - 6G.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries

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

Alex Smiga

LBSEA Representative

Mr. Smiga recognized Purvis White, a High School senior who will be attending Tufts University in the fall on a full scholarship. He also thanked Mr. Hanks, Media Specialist at the Middle School and High School, who was able to regain unlimited online access to the New York Times for the students from the time period of their freshman year to December 31, 2024. Mr. Smiga stated that he is a world history teacher where students learn about government, politics, economics and every shade of social issues from the modern period to today. It is a very challenging subject to teach objectively, stating that he teaches in a way to examine all sides. He believes that history is something we have to learn from and then act on. He stated that while his subject is history, he doesn't teach history, he teaches students. They are the right now and the future and it is for that reason that he is hesitant to remain neutral. He thanked the Board, the administration and staff for supporting our students in very uncertain times. He recognized the members of the community and the school district who are standing up against the message that attempts to deny "personhood" to those of our students who are non-gender conforming. He also recognized the staff who support our recent immigrant and ML population and members of the community who meet impossible situations head on.

Nykeirah Jones

Youth Development Specialist with the SBYS Department

African American Culture Club Advisor

Ms. Jones that this years Black History Month performance was a tremendous success. She thanked Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Youngblood Brown and Mr. Genovese and the 540 staff member for attending the show and supporting the students. She stated that as an advisor, she is very proud of the students. They spent countless hours during school. after school and on weekends rehearsing their dances, poems and songs and the students truly appreciated the support they received.

Paulette Sanchez

Class of 2026

Ms. Sanchez addressed the Board regarding her concerns on the following issues:

1. Inconsistencies in policies relating to parent involvement in activities
2. Parent/teacher conferences
3. Dress code enforcement
4. Holiday party inconsistencies between district schools
5. Snack policy enforcement inconsistencies

Mr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Sanchez to give him her number after the meeting and he will contact her to discuss her concerns further.

Carol Sama

Past PTO/A Council President

Mrs. Sama addressed the Board regarding the digital sign at the Anastasia School which is not working and now she has noticed that the Gregory School sign does not work either. She stated that the Middle School has a beautiful sign and feels that the Anastasia School and Gregory School should have them as well. She is aware the budget has been cut and that there are more important issues for the Board to focus on, especially the students. She stated there are very wealthy builders and developers coming into the City. The City recently got a beautiful pool facility. She asked whether there was any legal way that a contractor can fund the repairs/replacement.

Mr. Rodriguez - We have evaluated all of the signs in the district and we will continue to do so. We appreciate your input and suggestions.

Ms. Rice

Ms. Rice stated she had come to the Board meeting tonight to discuss DEI. She stated that she had a difficult time finding the entrance to the meeting since there weren't any signs. She had attended the grand opening of the new Long Branch library, spoke to various Board members and was told by them to come to the meeting tonight to express her concerns. She stated that since that conversation her concerns had heightened. She grew up in Woodrow Wilson, had Mr. Ferraina as a principal and grew up with Mr. Rodriguez. She stated that growing up in 1984 there was affirmative action in education, school bussing, the end of neighborhood schools and desegregation. She stated she had to fight to get services under IDEA and PRIDE for her autistic son. Her question tonight is how is the district supporting queer and transgender students. She does not agree with the district chipping away at DEI to comply with ICE agents coming to the schools. She also questioned why the district only employs retired police officers as security. Mr. Ferraina told me that parents must show up at meetings and fight for their students.

Mr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Rice to give him her telephone number before leaving the meeting so he can contact her to address her concerns.

Mr. Garlipp - I'm speaking for myself but we take DEI very seriously and I am proud to be part of a Board that is not trying to remove State mandated policies like other districts. Also, Mr. Smiga, what you said impacted me. It has been a very scary few weeks and months and I am glad that you are part of this incredible staff that is developing our children to hopefully be better than our adults because there is a lot of room for improvement. Thank you for all that you do.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 6:46 P.M.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Dominic Sama.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Motion Carries