

Agenda Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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.

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 President - 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

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

Agenda Meeting minutes of February 25, 2025

Executive Session Meeting minutes of February 25, 2025

Regular Meeting minutes of February 26, 2025

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. BILLS AND CLAIMS - FEBRUARY 20 - 28, 2025 AND MARCH 1 - 19, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

I entertain a motion the Board approve the bills and claims for February 20 - 28, and March 1 - 19, 2025 for the City of Long Branch contained herein.

C. BILLS AND CLAIMS - FEBRUARY 20 - 28, 2025 AND MARCH 1 - 19, 2025 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for February 20 - 28, 2025 and March 1- 19, 2025 excluding the City of Long Branch.

D. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

I entertain a motion the Board approve the monthly operating report for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School district for February 28, 2025 contained herein.

E. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

I entertain a motion the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of February 28, 2025 contained herein.

F. STUDENT REGISTRATION

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

FAIR HOUSING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The following students have been selected as winners of the 2025 Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster Contest. Winners will be honored at a luncheon on April 6, 2025.

FIRST PRIZE

Edwin Hernandez Mendoza

HONORABLE MENTION

Ashley Cartagena Orellana
 Jennifer Garcia
 Angel Mijangos Mendoza

LONG BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The Long Branch High School Marching Band, The Spirit of the Green Wave, has been invited to participate in the Salute to Independence 250th - USA Celebration Parade in Philadelphia, PA in July of 2026.

B. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

SCHOOL	STUDENT
Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Alexa Ariana Flores Orellana
Audrey W. Clark School	Jaden Manuel Caquias
George L. Catrambone School	Yasmyn Alves Macedo
Gregory School	Kylie Ann Sickler
High School	Ramirah Sheree Smith
Historic High School	Emily Rodriguez-Hernandez
Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC	Steve Garcia Pena
Lenna W. Conrow School	Amy Catalina Corea Hernandez
Morris Avenue School	Emma Grace Goodell
Middle School	Allayna Pitts

C. SCHOOL PRESENTATION**AMERIGO A. ANASTASIA SCHOOL**

Learning is an adventure that takes us on a journey of discovery, opening doors to new ideas and experiences. Each lesson is like a new trail, filled with unexpected twists and turns that challenge our thinking and ignite our curiosity. As the students at the Amerigo A. Anastasia school explore different subjects, they encounter diverse perspectives and cultures, enriching their understanding of the world. The thrill of uncovering a solution or mastering a new skill fuels our passion for knowledge, making each moment of learning an exciting quest. Ultimately, this adventure not only shapes our minds but also empowers us to navigate life with confidence and creativity. Come along with us as we share our Adventures in Learning!

D. DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**District Employees of the Month**

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

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Emily Bryk, Teacher, Audrey W. Clark School

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH

Lisa Johnson, Secretary, Historic High School

4. GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**A. APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

I recommend the Board approve the adjustment to the 2024-2025 school calendar by closing schools on April 21, 2025, May 23, 2025 and May 27, 2025 due to 3 unused inclement weather days. In the event of any need to close schools for inclement weather for the remainder of the year, days would be taken in the reverse order as listed above.

B. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026, 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 SCHOOL CALENDARS

I recommend the Board approve the attached 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school calendars.

Mr. Ferraina was concerned about the number of half days in the calendar and also asked why we are proposing to approve calendars for the next 3 years

Mr. Rodriguez stated that approving the school calendars for 3 years helps the staff and parents plan.

Mr. Garlipp asked if we have ever scheduled a Professional Development day on the last day of school.

Mr. Rodriguez - Yes.

Mr. Sama expressed his approval for the week off in November stating how disruptive it is to come in on a Monday, off on Tuesday, back on Wednesday and off the remainder of the week.

E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2025 - 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2025 - 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025 - 2026 school year using the 2025 - 2026 State Aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2025 - 2026 Total Expenditures	\$124,110,365	\$13,915,772	\$600,250	\$138,626,387
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$53,785,869	\$13,915,772	-0-	\$67,701,641
Taxes to be Raised	\$70,324,496	-0-	\$600,250	\$70,924,746

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education established \$118,050 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$53,428 as of this date; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$116,850 for the 2025 - 2026 year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Branch Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$94,320. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Branch Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$2,143,856. The additional funds will be used to pay for additional increases in health benefit premiums.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Branch Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$7,535,489. This additional amount of funds is due to a loss of State Aid in the amount of \$5.9 million and a reduction in federal support in the amount of \$624,452 and an increase in the budget of approximately \$3.1 million representing a 2.4% increase. This is required in order to maintain a thorough and efficient education in both regular and special education in the areas of salaries and other benefits, out of district tuition, transportation costs and utilities. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$775,583 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Long Branch Middle School located at 350 Indiana Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey on April 30, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

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

There was a lengthy discussion with regard to the budget and the items that had been removed based on the discussion held at the February meeting with the full Board.

Mr. Ferraina voiced his concern and stated that he would not vote for a budget that didn't have a 0% increase.

Mrs. Dangler reminded the Board that the administration did what they were asked to do with respect to adjustments to the tentative budget.

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Rick Garlipp.

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

Nay: Joseph M Ferraina

Motion Carries

F. APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE VIOLA BRENDA MAYO SCHOLARSHIP

I recommend the Board approve the establishment of the Viola Brenda Mayo Scholarship to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500.00 to a graduating senior who maintains a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher and will be pursuing a career in the Nursing or Healthcare field.

G. ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION 2025 CONFERENCE - APRIL 3 - 6, 2025

I recommend the Board approve Violeta Peters and Theresa Dangler to attend the National School Board Association 2025 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from April 3 - 6, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$2,335 pending County approval.

H. ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION 2025 CONFERENCE - APRIL 3 - 6, 2025

I recommend the Board approve Tasha Youngblood Brown and Joseph Ferraina to attend the National School Board Association 2025 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from April 3 - 6, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$2,335 pending County approval.

I. GIFTS TO SCHOOL

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

Long Branch Recreation
Long Branch High School
Long Sleeve T-shirts
Value (\$600.00)

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

A. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION

I recommend the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID# 4393), effective March 17, 2025.

B. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION

I recommend the Board approve the revision to the job description for the Preschool Intervention Referral Specialist.

C. RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

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

MARGARITA CAJAS, Secretary, effective July 1, 2025.

KRISTEN FERRARA, Academy Administrator, effective July 1, 2025.

DEBORAH KERR, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2025.

BONNIE MONTEFORTE, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2025.

MARY WHALEN, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2025.

LEONEL VALDES, Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2025.

D. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

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

MELISSA COMPTON-HEALY, Instructional Assistant, effective March 20, 2025.

ROGER DERRICK, Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

DARA SBOREA, Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

E. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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

Ambar Capurro Rodriguez (Family Literacy Series), Griselda Meneses (Family Literacy Series)

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

Jessica Rodriguez (Family Literacy Series)

Home Instruction - \$31/hr.

Sean Fitzgerald, Fiona McKeon

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

(AWC): Christina Bharda

(MS): Katherine Gooch Alcott, Ivette Sanabria Mendoza

Building Security- \$20/hr.

Gregory Goodell

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

Matthew Appleyard

F. 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

Patrick Johnson, Choyce Schwartz

G. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

*pending fingerprints

SUBSTITUTE BUS AID 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Maria Otani*

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Maria Otani*, Patricia Velasquez*

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Ashleigh Prince, Karen Schlefier

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL NURSE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Francis Brock*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Zachary Puopolo, Karen Schlefier, Edward Shamah

H. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

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

I. FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the medical leave of absences listed:

INTENTION TO RETURN FROM FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMP ID 4752, effective April 1, 2025.

EMP ID 4187, effective March 14, 2025.

EMP ID 8940, effective March 10, 2025.

EMP ID 5914, effective March 17, 2025.

EMP ID 8481, effective March 3, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS

EMP ID 7888, from October 28, 2024 to February 11, 2025; March 19, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

EMP ID 7662, from February 14, 2025 to March 28, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING URGENT BUSINESS DAYS

EMP ID 7888, from February 12, 2025 to February 14, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING MINUS SUB PAY DAYS

EMP ID 7888, from March 5, 2025 to March 18, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING VACATION DAYS

EMP ID 7888, from February 18, 2025 to February 26, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING EXCHANGE DAYS

EMP ID 7888, from February 27, 2025 to March 4, 2025.

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

EMP ID. 7892, from September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

6. STUDENT ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY HIB REPORT P.L. 2010. C. 122 (A-3466).**

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

Monthly HIB Report

Reporting Period - February 20, 2025 - March 13, 2025

Summary:

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

George L. Catrambone School

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

B. RECOMMENDATION FOR PLACEMENT OF OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

GARFIELD PARK ACADEMY

Willingboro, N.J.

Tuition: \$22,303.26

Trans:

Effective Dates: 3/10/25-6/15/25

ID#: 20281277, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

C. STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENT

I recommend the individual listed be authorized to conduct their student teaching in the Long Branch Public Schools as indicated during the 2025-2026 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
Fort Hays University - Francesca Fantini	Carol Emick - Anastasia School	August, 2025 - December 5, 2025

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

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

LearnWell

ID#: 20289358

40 hr. mth @ 68.00/hr = 2720.00 mth

ID#: 20270125

40 hr. mth @ 68.00/hr = 2720.00 mth

ID#: 202810792

40 hr. mth @ 68.00/hr = 2720.00 mth

ID#: 20270484

40 hr. mth @ 68.00/hr = 2720.00 mth

Home Instruction (district)

ID#20303493

ID#20303233

ID#100850440

ID#110850294

ID#20266432

E. FIELD TRIPS

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

7. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following corrections/revision to minutes;

February 26, 2025

Coaching/Athletic Stipend Position - Spring 2025

Varsity softball - Head Coach - \$5,000. This should have read \$8,000.

Baseball - Head Coach - Step 4. This should have read Step 3.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence

EMP# 8449 - This should have read use of unpaid days from January 2, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

January 15, 2025

Field Trips

Long Branch High School - 2/14/2025 - 2/18/2025. This should have read Matthew Appleyard not Susana Abreu.

December 11, 2024

Family/Medical Leave of Absence

EMP# 8092 - This should have read using sick days from January 21, 2025 to January 24, 2025 and

unpaid days from January 27, 2025 to May 2, 2025.

EMP# 9905 - This should have read using paid days January 2, 2025 - March 14, 2025.

November 20, 2025

Appointment of Academy Secretary

Kimberly King; Replaces: Isabel Correa (Reassignment) (Acct. #15-000-240-105-000-01-00) (UPC: 0934-01-HSACP-SECY12). This should have read: Replaces: Samantha Rebimbas (Resignation) (Acct. #15-000-218-105-000-01-00) (UPC: 0200-01-HSACP-SEC123).

Annual Stipend Positions - 2024 - 2025 School Year

Kimberly King, After School Academic Programs (ASAP), Safe School (STEAM). This should have read After School Academic Programs (ASAP), Substitute Site Coordinator (STEAM).

Family/Medical Leave of Absence

EMP# 8805, George L. Catrambone School, Instructional Assistant. This should have read use of paid days December 17, 2024 to December 20, 2024.

Coaching/Athletic Stipend Position - Winter 2024

Boys Basketball - Head Coach - This should have read William Sanborn at Step 1, at \$4,100 effective December 1, 2024.

October 16, 2024

Family/Medical Leave of Absence

EMP# 8940, Pupil Personnel Services Social Worker. This should have read use of sick days from November 25, 2024 to December 3, 2024; use of unpaid days from December 4, 2024 to March 10, 2025.

8. APPROVAL TO INVOKE THE DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY - ATTACHMENT 1

That the Board approve to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity as amended.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Armand Zambrano

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

Motion Carries

8. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:29 P.M.

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) allows for the exclusion from discussion at the public portion of a meeting of certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights, and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education wishes to discuss **personnel matters and vendor contract renewal** with the resulting action being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Long Branch Board of Education will hold a closed Executive Session in the Conference Room, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 30 minutes. Action may be taken in the public portion of the meeting upon recessing of this Executive Session back into the open public meeting.

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

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

The Board returned to open session at 8:26 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

9. CONTINUATION OF SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITHOUT PAY

That the Board approve the suspension without pay of employee ID#6967, effective April 1, 2025.

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown.

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

Nay: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

10. TERMINATION OF INTEGRITY HEALTH LEASE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT SERVICES

That the Board approve the termination of both the lease agreement and contract services with Integrity Health to provide the Health Center effective July 1, 2025 and further direct the School Business Administrator to send notice of termination on or before April 1, 2025.

Motion by Theresa Dangler, 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

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

Mrs. Peters spoke about the Board Retreat this summer and suggested that we have it out of the building.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he will review possible locations.

One location that was discussed was the Long Branch Public Library.

12. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 P.M.

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

**RESOLUTION INVOKING THE DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY TO DISCUSS
SERVICES AND CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators, to provide specific ethical standards to guide the conduct of school officials, and to establish a disciplinary mechanism to ensure the uniform maintenance of these ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission had clarified its previous guidance regarding invocation of the Doctrine of Necessity by a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees when a quorum of its members has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission recommends that a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees should consult with its counsel to determine when it is appropriate to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-22(a), the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees invokes the Doctrine of Necessity; and


WHEREAS, the Long Branch Board of Education has seven (7) of nine (9) members who have relatives and/or immediate family members employed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in order to discuss services and the lease agreement between the Long Branch Board of Education and Integrity Health which provides health services to staff members and their families; and as required by law and contract, the Board desires to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, in accordance with the procedures established by the School Ethics Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Long Branch of Education, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Board hereby invokes the Doctrine of Necessity in order to allow the full body of the Board to discuss and vote on the lease agreement with Integrity Health;
2. That this resolution shall be read in its entirety prior to its adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and shall be posted on the Board's website for at least thirty (30) days.

3. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the School Ethics Commission.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Genovese III", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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

Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Date: March 18, 2025