

## **Regular Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2025**

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

Mrs. Peters 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

Board Attorney - Janice Arellano, Esq.

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

Peter E. Genovese III, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary stated adequate notice of the meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education has been provided by a Schedule of Public Meetings published in the Asbury Park Press. Mr. Genovese further stated a Schedule of Public Meetings has been posted in the Board of Education Office and the Office of the City Clerk, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mr. Genovese made the following announcement: Fire exits are located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by 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. THERESA DANGLER**

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

That the Board approve the following minutes:

Agenda Meeting minutes of March 18, 2025

Executive Session Meeting minutes of March 18, 2025

Regular Meeting minutes of March 19, 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.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**B. BUDGET TRANSFER REPORTS – FY2025 FEBRUARY**

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 Expenditures 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 February as listed be approved for the months ending February 28, 2025.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**C. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2025 FEBRUARY**

That the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending February 28, 2025 contained herein.

**D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2025 FEBRUARY**

That the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the months ending February 28, 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 February 28, 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.

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

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 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 - JANUARY 29, 2025, MARCH 7 - 30, 2025 and APRIL 1-30, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

That the Board approve the bills and claims for January 29, 2025, March 7 - 30, 2025 and April 1-30, 2025 for the City of Long Branch contained herein.

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

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

**G. BILLS AND CLAIMS - JANUARY 29, 2025, MARCH 7 - 30, 2025 and APRIL 1-30, 2025 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

That the Board approve the bills and claims for January 29, 2025, March 7 - 30, 2025 and April 1-30, 2025 excluding the City of Long Branch.

**H. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - MARCH 31, 2025**

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

**I. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS - MARCH 31, 2025**

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

Items 2G - 2I

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Armand Zambrano to approve items 2G - 2I.

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

**J. STUDENT REGISTRATION**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodriguez requested a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of Lt. Col. Avery Grant who had served on the Board of Education for many years.

**A. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**JANICE V. ARELLANO**, Long Branch Public Schools Board Attorney, has been named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers, only the top 5% of attorneys in the state are named Super Lawyers.

**WALTER J. O'NEILL, JR.**, Long Branch Public Schools School Safety Specialist and Security Manager, has been selected to be inducted into the Shore Regional High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on May 1, 2025

**MARKUS W. RODRIGUEZ**, Long Branch Public Schools Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, has been selected to receive the Global Citizen Project Award on behalf of Brookdale's Global Citizenship Project on April 28, 2025.

**ARMAND R. ZAMBRANO, JR.**, Long Branch Public Schools Board of Education Member has been selected to receive the 30 Years of Membership Award on behalf of New Jersey School Boards Association on May 6, 2025.

#### **LONG BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL**

The following Long Branch High School Symphonic Band Members, have been accepted into the 2025 All Shore Symphonic Band and will be featured in concert at The Michael T. Lake Performing Arts Center in Neptune. NJ.

Ayana Gonzalez  
Andres Herrera  
Oscar Lemuz Garrido  
Jacob Mendoza

#### **B. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following students have been selected as “Students of the Month” for April;

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>
Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Mayer Edry
Audrey W. Clark School	Antonio Luque
George L. Catrambone School	Elvin Medina
Gregory School	Jakyiah Thompson
High School	Nelson Delgado Salazar
Historic High School	Daniel- John Diala
Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC	Ryan Rodrigues Nascimento
Lenna W. Conrow School	Noah Munoz
Morris Avenue School	Angel Lopez Orellana
Middle School	Jazmin Burke

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

Mr. Rodriguez gave a presentation on the FY2026 budget stating that the Board had removed the Health Center from the budget resulting in an approximate \$2.5 million tax savings. Additionally, we had to reduce \$550,000 from the medical refund line and increase budgeted balance by \$790,000.

Mr. Ferraina stated that he is concerned about the increase to the tax rate and he believes it should be zero.

Mrs. Peters stated that she would like to have the tax rate at zero also however the main focus of the Board is on the children, programs, staff and the community.

Mr. Garlipp stated although he would like to see a zero tax rate increase, he is in agreement with Mrs. Peters and feels that the budget is a good compromise.

#### **A. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX LEVY**

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Branch Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 19, 2025 and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 24, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Asbury Park Press on April 26, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the Middle School Auditorium in Long Branch, NJ, on April 30, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education has determined to reduce the budget in the amount of \$2,342,053 requiring the following budget adjustments:

BUDGET LINE	DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	CHANGE	EXPLANATION
71180	Health Care	\$7,958,354	\$5,616,301	-\$2,342,053	Closing Health Center
300	Medical Refund	\$550,000	\$0.00	-\$550,000	Closing Health Center
580	Budgeted Fund Balance	\$2,979,097	\$3,769,097	\$790,000	Balance Budget
100	Tax Levy	\$10,962,786	\$8,380,733	-\$2,582,053	Generate 1 cent tax rate

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in consideration of the above the Long Branch Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2025-2026:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2025 - 2026 Total Expenditures	\$121,768,312	\$13,915,772	\$600,250	\$136,284,334
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$54,025,869	\$13,915,772	-0-	\$67,941,641
Taxes to be Raised	\$67,742,443	-0-	\$600,250	\$68,342,693

**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 \$2,158,619. 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 \$4,938,673. This additional amount of funds is due in part 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 \$830,079 representing a .63% 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.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, 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

**B. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FY2026 PRE-SCHOOL BUDGET**

That the Board approve/ratify the submission of the FY2026 Pre-school budget.

**C. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE NJSIG SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION**

That the Board approve/ratify the submission of the grant application for the 2025 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's MOCSSIF Subfund for the purpose described in the application, in the amount of \$20,679 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**D. APPROVAL TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE NJ PATHWAYS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES GRANT - FY2025**

That the Board approve the application and acceptance of the NJ Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant FY2025 in the amount of up to \$3,000.

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.

**E. APPROVAL OF NON-PUBLIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

That the Board approve the Non-Public Technology Services Agreement with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC) to be in effect from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

## **F. GIFTS TO SCHOOL**

That the Board approve the Gifts to School as listed:

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 4B - 4F.

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. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve/ratify the re-instatement of suspended employee #7711 effective March 24, 2025.

### **B. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve/ratify the re-instatement of suspended employee #7320 effective March 24, 2025

Items 5A - 5B

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5A - 5B.

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

Motion Carries

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

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

#### **DISTRICT**

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

Adrienne Scognamiglio

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

Cesare Iengo

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

Caitlin Walling

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

(LWC): Jessica Gilman

(AAA): Marina Basile, Blair Kiss, Stephanie Pragosa, Lauren Sweet

(Substitute): Denise Manzi, Maria Otani

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

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

McKenna Caswell, Madyson Dombrowiecki, Brittany Hafner, Sydney Lasquinha, Hema Solanki, Ashley Zingara

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

Jessica Caruso, Graham Huggins-Filozof, Ashley Kelly, Nicole Marino, Danielle Schneider, Catarina Servidio, Gina Valentine

#### **ELEMENTARY/EARLY CHILDHOOD**

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

Michele Falco

### **D. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



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

**SUBSTITUTE BUS AID 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Denise Manzi

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

Kristen Horne, Christina Lynam, Emily Petillo\*, Annalise Salvador Llanos\*

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

Elliott Colella, Madison Connelly, Valeria Garcia, Kristen Horne, Christina Lynam, Emily Petillo\*, Qimmiq Rosa, Annalise Salvador Llanos\*, Robyn Silberstein

**E. CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

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

**PAIGE KUCHARSKI**, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

**F. APPOINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER**

That the Board approve the appointment of JENA VALDIVIEZO, Ed.D. as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.

**G. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

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

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Dominic Sama to approve items 5C, 5D, 5E and 5G.

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

Motion Carries

To approve item 5F.

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

Abstain: Tony Valdiviezo

Motion Carries

**H. 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 4207, effective March 17, 2025.

EMP ID 8010, effective April 7, 2025.

EMP ID 7662, effective March 31, 2025.

EMP ID 8635, effective April 3, 2025.

EMP ID 8166, effective March 26, 2025.

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

EMP ID 7375, from January 2, 2025 to January 10, 2025.

EMP ID 8668, from March 31, 2025 to May 9, 2025.

EMP ID 6286, from March 11, 2025 to June 11, 2025.

EMP ID 7837, from May 12, 2025 to June 18, 2025.

EMP ID 8872, from March 21, 2025 to April 11, 2025.

EMP ID 5704, from March 2, 2025 to March 11, 2025.

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

EMP ID 7375, for January 13, 2025.

EMP ID 8427, for April 11, 2025.

EMP ID 8872, for March 18, 2025 and March 20, 2025.

EMP ID 5704, from March 12, 2025 to March 14, 2025.

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



EMP ID 8427, from April 14, 2025 to April 17, 2025.

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

EMP ID 8427, from April 22, 2025 to May 1, 2025.

EMP ID 5047, from April 7, 2025 to April 25, 2025.

EMP ID 8668, from May 12, 2025 to May 22, 2025.

EMP ID 8872, from April 22, 2025 to April 28, 2025.

EMP ID 5704, from March 17, 2025 to March 28, 2025.

EMP ID 5969, from May 29, 2025 to June 4, 2025.

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

EMP ID 7375, from January 14, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

EMP ID 8427, from May 2, 2025 to June 6, 2025.

EMP ID 5047, for April 24, 2025 and April 25, 2025.

EMP ID 8872, from April 29, 2025 to May 9, 2025.

EMP ID 5456, from May 28, 2025 to June 6, 2025.

EMP ID 5704, from March 31, 2025 to April 11, 2025.

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

EMP ID 5316, from March 3, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

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

EMP ID 7837, from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 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

Abstain: Rick Garlipp

Final Resolution: 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 - March 14, 2025- April 19, 2025

**Summary:**

Total: Ten (10) investigations, (8) eight incidents confirmed as HIB

**Amerigo A. Anastasia School**

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

**Audrey W. Clark School**

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

**George L. Catrambone School**

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

**Gregory School**

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

**High School**

Four (4) investigations, (3) three incidents confirmed as HIB

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

That the Board approve/ratify the termination of home instruction for the 2024-2025 school year for the student listed:

ID#: 20303233

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

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

**EAST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**

Belle Mead, N.J. Tuition: \$27,000.00

Trans:

Effective Dates: 3/34/25-6/18/25

ID#: 110850031, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

**D. 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#: 20270679

PHP: 40 hr. mth @ \$68.00/hr = \$2,720.00 mth

ID#: 20267545

PHP: 40 hr. mth @ \$68.00/hr = \$2,720.00 mth

ID#: 202810792

PHP: 40 hr. mth @ \$68.00/hr = \$2,720.00 mth

**Integrated School Base**

ID#: 20270204

PHP: 5 days a week @ \$1,400.00 per week = \$11,200.00

**Home Instruction (district)**

ID#: 20291858

ID#: 20274675

ID#: 110850268

ID#: 110850089

**E. FIELD TRIPS**

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

**7. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

**A. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

That the Board approve/ratify the following corrections/revision to minutes;

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 6A - 7A.

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

Motion Carries

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

Tiffani Monroe

LBHS Teacher

Ms. Monroe highlighted the wonderful activities taking place at the High School such as the Earth Day Celebration which was a collaboration with several of the district schools and a High School teacher and her students creating "Sewing for a Charity" which brightens the room of a patient in the hospital with a brightly colored pillow case. She stated the teacher is also making fabric bookmarks to give to the students to promote reading and a love of books.

Jennifer Long  
LWC Teacher

Ms. Long stated that the recent Snapology event at the LWC School was a great success. Parents and students explored STEM activities directed by the Snapology team. The event afforded students, staff and parents the opportunities that Lego's provide for young children and the connection it makes to developing exploration and diversity.

Cecelia Damayo  
Parent

Ms. Demayo stated that she has noticed some improvement in transparency at the elementary school level but has continued concerns regarding the High School. She would like to see a mentor program at the Middle School and High School level for neuro-typical students to partner with neuro-divergent students for those who have difficulty making friends and who may feel isolated.

Brenda Itzol

Ms. Itzol began to bring up issues with respect to administration, certain staff members and her son who is a current student in the district. She was cautioned by the Board attorney that items dealing with personnel and student matters would not be entertained in a public forum such as this. She continued stating that her son was not able to secure a position with Champions. She claimed that past students were able to work for Champions and positions had been posted on the High School Guidance Department website but it has since been taken down.

Mr. Rodriguez asked her to reach out to Champions to communicate with them as well.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT - 6:37 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

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