

Regular Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, September 24, 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 - absent

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, SBO, 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.

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

That the Board approve the following minutes:

Agenda Meeting minutes of August 26, 2025
Executive Session Meeting minutes of August 26, 2025
Regular Meeting minutes of August 27, 2025

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

B. 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

C. 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 August 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

D. BILLS AND CLAIMS - AUGUST 20 - 28, 2025 AND SEPTEMBER 1 - 24, 2025

That the Board approve the bills and claims for August 20 - 28, 2025 and September 1 - 24, 2025 contained herein.

E. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - AUGUST 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 August 31, 2025 contained herein.

F. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS - AUGUST 31, 2025

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

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Tony Valdiviez to approve items 2C - 2F.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

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

SCHOOL

Amerigo A. Anastasia School

Audrey W. Clark School

George L. Catrambone School

Gregory School

High School

Historic High School

Joseph M. Ferraina ECLC

Lenna W. Conrow School

Morris Avenue School

Middle School

STUDENT

Aayden Romulus

Ivari Rice

Emily Stahle

Nicolly Oliveira

Maria Eduarda Mertens

Kevy Costa Lima

Dylan Lopez Lazaro

Daniel Ruiz

Kylee Amaral

Miles Wilson

B. DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The following staff have been selected as "District Employees of the Month" - September 2025

Long Branch Public Schools, Transportation Department

C. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

The **Morris Avenue Early Childhood Learning Center** and **George L. Catrambone School** have been awarded Gold Level Recognition the highest honor in the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program. The recognition will be presented at EZ Ride's Annual Recognition Event on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ. This award highlights the schools' outstanding commitment to student safety, mobility, and sustainability through the Safe Routes to School initiative.

Violeta Peters, Long Branch Board of Education President, has been selected to receive the Humanitarian Award from the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce. She will be recognized on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the 90th Annual Awards Dinner.

D. STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

As required by the State of New Jersey statute 18A:7C-6.6, each year school districts must provide parents/guardians with information regarding State and standardized assessments that will be administered to students during that school year.

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

A. COMMENTS FROM THE OPERATION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR - Mr. Zambrano

B. APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE SARA RODRIGUEZ-MADRID SCHOLARSHIP

That the Board approve the establishment of the Sara Rodriguez-Madrid Scholarship to be awarded annually to 2 students in the amount of \$500 each. The criteria includes awarding the scholarship to students who have

committed to attend a 2 or 4 year college in pursuit of any degree of their choosing, good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or better and participation as bilingual program/ELA students during their academic journey.

C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER

That the Board approve the contract with Monmouth Medical Center for the 2025 - 2026 school year in the amount of \$51,115. This agreement outlines the provisions of medical services which include a licensed physician, nurse practitioners, medical consultations, medical and nursing advice concerning certain policies and procedures of the Long Branch Board of Education, Long Branch Board of Health, NJDOE and NJDOH, medical physicals to students and serving as a resource to the administration and nursing staff employed by the Board of Education.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 4B - 4C.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

D. ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

That the Board approve Violeta Peters and Theresa Dangler to attend the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey from October 20 - 23, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$774.50 each.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Dominic Sama.

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

Abstain: Violeta Peters

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

E. ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

That the Board approve Tasha Youngblood Brown and Tony Torres to attend the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey from October 20 - 23, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$774.50 each.

Motion by Armand Zambrano, second by Rick Garlipp.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Tasha Youngblood Brown, Tony Valdiviezo

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

F. ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

That the Board approve Joseph M. Ferraina and Rick Garlipp to attend the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey from October 20 - 23, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$774.50 each.

Motion by Dominic Sama, second by Jon Zimmerman.

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

Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

G. ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

That the Board approve Jon Zimmerman and Dominic Sama to attend the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey from October 20 - 23, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$774.50 each.

Motion by Joseph M Ferraina, second by Rick Garlipp.

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

Abstain: Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman
Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler
Motion Carries

H. ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

That the Board approve Armand Zambrano to attend the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City, New Jersey from October 20 - 23, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$125.00.

Motion by Joseph M Ferraina, second by Dominic Sama.

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

Abstain: Armand Zambrano

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

I. APPROVAL OF NJDOE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES FY2026 WRAP AROUND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT GRANT

That the Board approve/ratify the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Division of Early Childhood Services FY2026 Wrap Around Service Enhancement grant to reduce family cost-sharing for before school, after school and summer wrap-around child care in the amount of \$65,302.00.

That the Board authorize **Alisa Aquino, Director of Grants & Innovative Programs**, of 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.

J. GIFTS TO SCHOOL

That the Board approve the Gifts to School as listed:

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 4I - 4J.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

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

A. RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

That the Board accept the retirement of the following individual:

PETER E. GENOVESE III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective January 1, 2026. Mr. Genovese has a total of 32 years of service.

B. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

That the Board accept the resignation of the following individuals:

VICTORIA ELIAS, Teacher, effective September 30, 2025.

GABRIELLE HERNANDEZ, Teacher, effective November 14, 2025.

HEIDI ROSS, Teacher, effective November 14, 2025.

C. APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF

That the Board approve/ratify the appointment of the following named individuals who constitute a careful selection and screening of applicants and is hereby recommended for an employment contract contingent upon the successful completion of their degree program, New Jersey Department of Education certification requirements, and

all other state and federal guidelines including but not limited to a criminal history clearance and successful clearance of S-141/A-3381 (P.L.2018, c.5). This initial appointment may change as district needs develop:

CAITLIN DICKINSON	Special Education Teacher Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC BA, Step 7 \$65,161 Certification - Teacher of Students with Disabilities - Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 Education: Felician University Replaces: Victoria Elias (Resignation) (Acct. #: 11-216-100-101-000-08-00)(UPC: 0715-08-SEPSD-TEACHR) Effective: October 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
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D. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

E. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

LOCATION	STIPEND TITLE	STAFF NAME	RATE
Middle School	Saturday Detention	Eric Peters	\$27/hr.
DISTRICT	Equipment Operator/Snow Removal	Eric Peters	\$25/hr.
DISTRICT	After School Academic Programs (ASAP) Teachers (STEAM)	Amy Zambrano	\$28/hr.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Dominic Sama.

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

Abstain: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

F. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - CURRICULUM WRITERS - 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following annual district stipend positions for curriculum writing for the 2025 -2026 school year.

Content Area	Name	Hours	Pay Rate
K - Science	Christina Marra, Tanisha Allbright	50 per writer	\$25.13
Grade 1 Science	Amanda MacDonald, Kelli Shaughnessy	50 per writer	\$25.13
Grade 2 Science	Gina Zinski, Michele Morey	50 per writer	\$25.13
Grade 3 Science	Christina Marra, Jamie Gough	50 per writer	\$25.13
Grade 4 Science	Gina Zinski	50	\$25.13
Grade 5 Science	Amanda MacDonald	50	\$25.13
Science ESL Appendix	Johanna Mozo	50	\$25.13
Grade 6 Science	Sandra Rahilly, Jill Careri	50 per writer	\$25.13

Content Area	Name	Hours	Pay Rate
Grade 7 Science	Kristie Madson, Emily Zonin-Mayer	50 per writer	\$25.13
Grade 8 Science	Samantha Covert-Pinca, Candice Bidner	50 per writer	\$25.13
AP Pre-Calculus	Staciann Sarno	50	\$25.13
AP Statistics	Sean Fitzgerald	50	\$25.13
Biology	Stacie Broderick, Dana Switay	50 per writer	\$25.13
Chemistry	Amanda Roa-Rosales	50	\$25.13
Physics	Nicholas Cartegna	50	\$25.13
Environmental Science	Vito Terranova, Jayce Maxwell	50 per writer	\$25.13
Comparative Anatomy	Alexis Corbett, Jayce Maxwell	50 per writer	\$25.13
Forensic Chemistry	Caitlin Walling, Sarah Hansen	50 per writer	\$25.13
Advanced Debate	Melissa Cooper	25	\$25.13
Economics	Lianne Kulik, Michael Green	25 per writer	\$25.13
Law & Equity	Lianne Kulik	50	\$25.13
Social Justice in Music & Art	Jonathan Barratt	50	\$25.13
French I	Pierre Joseph	50	\$25.13
Spanish I	Zaida Castano, Maria Stagich	25 per writer	\$25.13
Italian I	Zaida Castano, Maria Stagich	25 per writer	\$25.13

G. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - FALL 2025

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

LOCATION	POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT
High School	Coaching Paraprofessional Aide	Tabitha Clarke	\$16 hr. (not to exceed \$4,300)

H. COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

LOCATION	POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	AMOUNT
High School/Middle School	Athletic Event Worker (2025-2026 School Year)	Bruce Clay Gregory Goodell Scott Rothberg	Paid Per Athletic Event Fee Schedule

I. BILINGUAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT STIPEND - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	RATE
Bilingual Instructional Assistant	(MA): Ambar Capurro Rodriguez, Patricia Gavilanez, Victoria McCormick, Griselda Meneses, Sara Ortiz, Ruth Rodriguez (AAA): Yoselin Gomez, Ashley Nunez, Leovigilda Perez, Solange Simpson (MS): Sonia Mendez, Michelle Saner	\$550/each

J. SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEES 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year. *pending fingerprints

RETURNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Gitl Bornstein, Ryan Carey, Ruby Whitesell

SUBSTITUTE COORIDOR AIDE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

William Chasey, Bruce Clay

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT 2025- 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Guilherme Almeida*

SUBSTITUTE NURSE 2025- 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Morgan R. Cohen*, Jean McGuire Dugan*, Theresa O'Brien*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Janet McClaren*, Stephanie Malick, Patricia Skea*

Motion by Dominic Sama, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5F - 5J.

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

Abstain: Rick Garlipp - 5I only.

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

K. APPROVAL TO CHARGE SALARIES TO FEDERAL GRANTS FOR FY2026

That the Board approve/ratify the following individuals and their respective allocation of federal salaries to be charged to the federal ESEA grant for FY2026 as listed:

Name	Grant	Amount
Lois Alston	Title IIA	\$74,500.00
Alexander Isaacs	Title IIA	\$59,989.00
Emmanuel Itzol	Title III	\$31,973.00

L. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

That the Board approve/ratify the attendance of the following staff member at the training listed below.

Name	Cost	Position	Conference	Sponsored By	Dates	Location	Account #
Nora Cisek	\$25.24/hr for 32.5 hours for 5 hours. (Not to exceed 40 hours)	HS/History Teacher	Government and Politics - U.S. - The Novi AP Summer Institutes	College Board	August 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2025	Virtual/On Line	15-140-100-101-010-01-10

M. APPROVAL OF TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM

That the Board approve/ratify the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor annually for a 1 year term effective September 1, 2025.

LOCATION	TEACHER	MENTOR	RATE
Pupil Personnel Services	Essence Davis	Siobhan Homan	\$550*
Joseph M. Ferraina, ECLC	Jamie Dipersio	Kim Willis	\$1,000
Lenna E. Conrow School	Jessica Falconi	Ingrid Guzman	\$550*

Lenna E. Conrow School	Jessica Galgano	Tammy Genovese	\$550*
Joseph M. Ferraina, ECLC	Bella Messick***	Lauren Toffel	\$1,000
Lenna E. Conrow School	Cheryl Moskwa	Kaitlin Baiata	\$1,000
Amerigo A. Anastasia School	Adrienne Scognamiglio	John O'Neill	\$550**

*Provided by The Board of Education

**Balance of 24-25 Mentoring

***Pending certification approval

N. 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 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
Georgian Court University - Brittany Caruso	Lauren Lowenstein - AWC School	September '25 - May 2026
Georgian Court University - Carissa Littles	Jolanda Boyd - AWC School	September '25 - May 2026
Georgian Court University - Andrew Macchia	Andrew Demato - AWC School	October '25 - May 2026
Monmouth University - Samantha Gallo	Matthew Johnson - Morris Ave School	September '25 - May 2026
Monmouth University - Erin McGuire	Staci Pelman- LBHS	October '25 - May 2026
Stockton - Joseph Siciliano	Adrian Castro - LBHS	September '25 - May 2026

O. CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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

CARMEN FISHER-OLVERA, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

SAMANTHA GALLO, Teacher, moving from BA to BA + 30 on the teacher's salary guide.

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

SARAH HANSEN, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

P. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

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

Q. FAMILY MEDICAL/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS

EMP ID 6151, from September 2, 2025 to October 3, 2025.

EMP ID 8435, for September 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26, 2025 and October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2025.

EMP ID 6964, from September 2, 2025 to September 17, 2025.

EMP ID 6901, from September 23, 2025 to October 1, 2025.

EMP ID 6787, from September 2, 2025 to October 15, 2025.

EMP ID 5966, from October 10, 2025 to December 11, 2025.

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS

EMP ID 6901, from October 2, 2025 to January 30, 2026.

EMP ID 6787, from October 16, 2025 to December 15, 2025.

EMP ID 7339, from October 31, 2025 to February 6, 2025.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5K - 5Q..

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

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.

Reporting Period - August 18, 2025 - September 15, 2025

Summary: Total: Zero (0) investigations, zero (0) incidents confirmed as HIB

B. TERMINATION OF OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the following termination of out of district students for the 2025 - 2026 school year listed below:

CPC HIGH POINT

Student ID# 20291991

Tuition - \$119,076.30

Effective Date: August 30, 2025

EAST MOUNTAIN

Student ID# 20270484

Tuition - \$81,826.50

Effective Date: September 5, 2025

COLLIER SCHOOL

Student ID# 120800002

Tuition - \$68,250.00

Effective Date: September 5, 2025

C. PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve/ratify the placement of home instruction for the 2025 - 2026 school year for the students listed:

RESIDENTIAL

Learnwell

PHP: 30 days - \$70.05/hr. = \$2800.00 per month

ID#: 20271560

PHP: 30 days - \$70.05/hr. = \$2800.00 per month

ID#: 110850031

IN HOUSE

ID#: 20347186
 ID#: 20269899
 ID#: 110850268
 ID#: 110850089

D. APPROVAL OF STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM REPORTS

That the Board approve the Student Safety Data System Reports from January 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025.

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 - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**A. CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

That the Board approve/ratify the corrections/revisions to minutes listed:

August 27, 2025

Appointment of Certified Staff

Jessica Borrera-Vega, effective September 1, 2025 pending pre-employment requirements. This should have read effective September 22, 2025.

Open House/Back to School Nights

Amerigo A. Anastasia School Back to School night listed as September 23, 2025. This should have read September 15, 2025.

Appointment of Instructional Assistants

Kylie King, Audrey W. Clark School, Step 1 at \$26,750 + \$250 stipend for BA, Replaces - Essence Davis, effective September 1, 2025 pending pre-employment requirements. This should have read December 1, 2025.

Michael Yurcisin, Audrey W. Clark School, Step 1 at \$26,750. This should have read Step 1 at \$26,750 + \$250 stipend for BA.

Teacher/Mentor Program

Paul Brunner; rate \$550. The rate should have read \$550*.

Gabriella Montoya; rate \$550. The rate should have read \$550*.

Anna Pells mentor read Angela Napoli. This should have read Meghan Campbell.

Conferences

Timothy Smith, Middle School Science Teacher, to attend Project Lead The Way Medical Devices sponsored by PLTW from September 8, 2025 to October 8, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. The dates should have read October 7, 2025 to November 6, 2025.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Sick Days

Employee ID# 8888; Should have read September 10, 2025 to October 7, 2025.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Urgent Business Days

Employee ID# 8888; Should have read October 8, 2025 to October 10, 2025.

Employee ID# 8187; Should have read October 31, 2025.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Vacation Days

Employee ID# 8888; Should have read October 11, 2025 to November 6, 2025.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Unpaid Days

Employee ID# 8888; Should have read November 7, 2025 to March 20, 2026.

Employee ID# 8187; Should have read November 10, 2025 to February 26, 2026.

July 22, 2025

Annual Stipend Positions - 2025 - 2026 School Year

District Building Security - Jeremy Rosa should not have been listed.

Coaching/Athletic Stipend Positions - 2025 - 2026 School Year

District Athletic Event Workers - Jeremy Rosa should not have been listed.

Student Teacher/Intern

Kaitlyn Budniak; Monmouth University; to be moved from William Hampton at Audrey W. Clark School to Eva Palma at Audrey W. Clark School.

Summer District Stipends

Bus Drivers should have been listed effective through August 31, 2025.

Recommendation for Placement of out of district students for the 2025 - 2026 school year

Student ID# 20291649; Hawkswood School; \$90,098.40. This should have read \$25,742.40. Student is attending 2 days per week.

Student ID# 20335519; Hawkswood School: \$90,098.40. This should have read \$37,808.40. Extraordinary aide has been terminated.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Sick Days

Employee ID# 8800; Should have read September 2, 2025 to September 16, 2025.

Family/Medical Leave of Absence using Urgent Business Days

Employee ID# 8800; Should have read September 17, 2025 to September 19, 2025.

June 18, 2025

Summer District Stipends

Bus Drivers should have been listed effective through August 31, 2025.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 6A - 7.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

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

Diane Wartman

Teacher at the AAA School

Mrs. Wartman spoke to the Board regarding Mrs. Clemente, a special education teacher at the Anastasia School. She teaches a multiple disabilities class. She has pioneered and is the author of what she calls a sensory bulletin board. The sensory bulletin boards are located on the first floor of the school so students can touch and feel them as they walk down the hall. The students have been told for years not to touch the bulletin boards but they are now being encouraged to do so which is both powerful and positive for them. All of the students in the building enjoy going down to the first floor on their way to recess to touch the boards. Mrs. Clemente would like to take the concept a step further where all teachers in the building would have the bulletin boards on a smaller scale outside of their classrooms in order to make the building cohesive.

Isabella Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez addressed the Board stating that she attended the Long Branch Public Schools from Pre-K through her freshman year and is currently a student at St. John Vianney. Through her interactions with students from Long Branch and other districts in Monmouth County, she has become aware of the fear and anxiety students harbor towards gun violence. She stated that with their fear comes hope for a change. She is working with students around Monmouth County to organize peaceful County walk outs. She is hoping Long Branch will serve as the "spark" which she feels will demonstrate how the district cares about the concerns of their students as well as giving students a lesson in civil rights and first amendment rights.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that for those who have known him, safety and security are his #1 priority. He requested her information and stated that he would be reaching out to her.

Mr. Garlipp - I would like to acknowledge the end of an era with the retirement of Mr. Genovese. They are big shoes to fill. Through all of your years of service I have had the opportunity to be a student, a parent and now a Board member so thank you very much for all that you have done.

Mr. Sama - I second that.

9. ADJOURNMENT - 6:27 P.M.

Motion by Rick Garlipp, second by Dominic Sama.

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

Not Present at Vote: Theresa Dangler

Motion Carries

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