

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF LONG BRANCH
NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2024

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 called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peters - President	Mrs. Youngblood Brown	Mr. Garlipp - absent
Mr. Ferraina - Vice President	Ms. Benosky	Mr. Torres
Mr. Zambrano	Mrs. Dangler	Mrs. Perez

A-1. STATEMENT OF THE MANNER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, 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 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.

A-2. OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE VALIDITY OF THE MEETING

Mr. Genovese stated that the objecting member must give supporting reasons.

B. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Peters, Board President, saluted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Peters made the following announcement: Often times 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.

C-1. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC (continued)

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.

C-2. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS

C-3. Comments from the Finance Committee Chair (APPENDIX C-1) - Mrs. Youngblood Brown

Mrs. Youngblood Brown briefed the Board on the Finance Committee discussions regarding the FY2025 budget and asked Mr. Rodriguez for a brief summary. She also asked Mr. Genovese to review with the Board where we are with regard to the budget and what the next steps will be.

Mr. Genovese gave the Board an overview of the FY2025 budget, incorporating the loss of \$10 million in State Aid and the additional increase of \$9 million which results in a budget gap of \$19 million.

Mr. Genovese – The administration has worked very hard to make cuts to the budget. We were able to reduce \$6 million from the budget which includes 10 positions that will not be filled as well as the Heath Center. Also, the \$4.5 million from the capital reserve fund for the potential purchase of the 2 facilities can now be used to reduce taxes. The increase in taxes would be approximately \$8.7 million which would represent a \$.02 tax increase. The tax increase would be approximately \$149 a year on an average home in Long Branch, meaning if your house was assessed at \$650,000 last year and maintained the same value this year the increase would be \$149. If your value this year goes up than your increase would go up as well.

Mrs. Perez asked Mr. Genovese if it was unusual to not take a consensus of the Board with regard to changes in the budget that were suggested at the last meeting.

Mr. Genovese explained that the budget was built based on the premise that children were not impacted and there would be minimal impact to staff and programs and that is what this budget represents.

Mr. Genovese explained the next steps stating that the administration is looking into health care and how we can reduce those costs. He stated that going forward, each year the increase in the budget would be approximately \$4.5 - \$5 million per year if there are no changes to staffing levels. Currently state health benefits are increasing 10% - 15% and we are looking to see if we can move into a medical health insurance fund where the increases have been in the past few years 3% - 5%. This would be a significant savings in the area of health care. Additionally, the administration is looking to reduce many positions over the next 2 years. The plan is to do this through attrition.

It was the request of the Board by the President to review the list of the 10 positions that would not be replaced.

Mr. Zambrano also requested the description of what was budgeted in capital outlay.

The Board recessed at 6:25 P.M.

The Board returned to the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peters - President

Mrs. Youngblood Brown

Mr. Garlipp - absent

Mr. Ferraina - Vice President

Ms. Benosky

Mr. Torres

Mr. Zambrano

Mrs. Dangler

Mrs. Perez

Mr. Genovese handed out the list of the 10 positions that would not be renewed as well as the capital outlay description for the items in the FY2025 budget.

Mr. Ferraina reiterated his concern that he had explained in the Finance Committee meeting that the administration had originally stated that we had a \$19 million budget gap and the tax rate was going to be \$.07 or \$.08 and now it is only going to be a \$.02 tax increase. He stated that he supports the cut in the health center due to the issue that certain Board members have visited the health center and have reported on the aging of some of the equipment and the fact that there are many options for our staff.

Mr. Genovese reviewed with the Board the 10 positions that would not be replaced.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that these are the positions we are not going to fill beginning July 1st.

Mr. Genovese reviewed with the Board the capital outlay expenses that had been discussed in the Operations Committee meeting.

Ms. Benosky asked for clarification on the capital outlay expenses, if they were coming from a separate fund.

Mr. Genovese – No, it is all part of the same fund supported through taxes.

Ms. Benosky asked for clarification on the other equipment that was being purchased.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that the equipment was being purchased through grants which is a special pot of money.

Mrs. Peters – If the budget passes tonight to send to the County Office would we still have the ability to make further adjustments at the public hearing?

Mr. Rodriguez – Yes.

Mrs. Perez – What was the reaction to the conversation that you had with the union president regarding the Health Center?

Mr. Genovese – In speaking with the union president, without making any definitive declarations, given a choice between the Health Center and having to lay staff members off, it was pretty clear that staff would be a priority.

Mrs. Youngblood Brown also mentioned that during negotiations the Health Center was not a major player in the discussions.

Mrs. Dangler – We look at the numbers each month and they do not support the need for that level of expenditure.

Mrs. Perez asked how the transition would take place.

Mr. Genovese – We would give the Health Center the required 90 day notice. There will be a lot of work from now until the closing of the Center with regard to patient records and equipment disposal. I will be working very closely with Doug Forrester during this process.

Mr. Ferraina also stated that he is hopeful the administration will bring a plan to the table to use some of the local urgent care facilities to assist our employees.

There being no further questions, the Board reviewed the remainder of the agenda.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

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

- Agenda Meeting minutes of February 20, 2024
- Executive Session Meeting minutes of February 20, 2024
- Regular Meeting minutes of February 21, 2024

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

1. **MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of the December 31, 2023 Board Secretary's Reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a).

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

2. **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2024 DECEMBER**

I recommend the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending December 2024 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-2** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

3. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2024 DECEMBER**

I recommend the Board approve the Report of the Treasurer for the months ending December 2024 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-3** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

E. **SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**
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4. **MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

I recommend 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, 2023 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

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Date: March 20, 2024

5. **BILLS AND CLAIMS - NOVEMBER 7, 2023, DECEMBER 13, 2023, JANUARY 9-18, 2024, FEBRUARY 2-29, 2024 AND MARCH 5-20, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for November 7, 2023, December 13, 2023, January 9-18, 2024, February 2-29, 2024 and March 5-20, 2024 for the City of Long Branch (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

6. **BILLS AND CLAIMS - NOVEMBER 7, 2023, DECEMBER 13, 2023, JANUARY 9-18, 2024, FEBRUARY 2-29, 2024 AND MARCH 5-20, 2024 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the bills and claims for November 7, 2023, December 13, 2023, January 9-18, 2024, February 2-29, 2024 and March 5-20, 2024 excluding City of Long Branch (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-4** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

7. **RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT – SODEXO – FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the monthly operating report for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School District for February 29, 2024 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-5** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

8. **ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

I entertain a motion that the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of February 29, 2024 (which will be labeled **APPENDIX E-6** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

LONG BRANCH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Long Branch, New Jersey

STUDENT REGISTRATION

(as of February 29, 2024)

	AAA	GLC	GRE	MA	JMFECLC	LWC	ELEM	MS	HS	TOTAL
PreK				170	194	192	556			556
Kdg		5		119	87	121	332			332
1st	102	129	98				329			329
2nd	113	135	108				356			356
3rd	104	147	105				356			356
4th	95	148	108				351			351
5th	100	147	104				351			351
6th							0	342		342
7th							0	377		377
8th							0	355		355
9th							0		360	360
10th							0		338	338
11th							0		379	379
12th							0		372	372
MCI	17						17	3	13	33
CI							0			0
BD							0	4	10	14
LD			2				2	44	56	102
SLD							0	3	2	5
SC-LLD	47		18				65			65
AUT	22		28				50	10	19	79
Auditory Impairments			1				1			1
PD						26	26			26
OOD	9		7		3	2	21	12	27	60
TOTAL	609	711	579	289	284	341	2813	1150	1576	5539
February 28, 2023										
School	AAA	GLC	GRE	MA	JMFECLC	LWC	Total Elem	MS	HS	Total
Totals	597	722	608	321	277	302	2827	1138	1584	5549

F. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

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

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

MARCH

Antonio Guzman Lopez
Kayla Barea
Cameron Devon Garvin
Bonji Kenyatta Salaam
Jearianna Isabel Martinez
Kristina White
Liam Gael Garcia Jimenez
Maria Victoria Ferreira Santos
Josue Felipe Diniz Ferreira
Maricarmen Martinez

2. **FAIR HOUSING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

The following students have been selected as winners of the Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster Contest. Winners will be honored at a luncheon on April 14, 2024.

GRAND PRIZE

Pamela DeJesus Hernandez 6th Grade

FIRST PRIZE

Ah'Mya Anthony Young 6th Grade
Ayleen Bautista Vazquez 6th Grade
Ryahna Cunningham 6th Grade
Ashley Garcia Guzman 6th Grade

HONORABLE MENTION

Bridget Gutierrez Montano 6th Grade
Johanny Orellana 6th Grade
Ethan Martinez Torres 6th Grade
Lilly Vafiadis 6th Grade
Joao Reis deMatos 6th Grade

3. **DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

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

a. **EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH**

Johanna Mozo, Teacher, George L. Catrambone School

b. **SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH**

Fiona Potter, Instructional Assistant, Audrey W. Clark School

4. **SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

One of the many traditions that have been established at Long Branch High School is the ideal of Green Wave Pride.

The Green Wave Pride mantra is symbolic of the student's strong commitment to establishing their own legacy while upholding the high standards of excellence associated with the Green Wave name. The students live that mindset in everything they do and it serves as a driving force of inspiration to better themselves and become the model for those around them.

Throughout this school year, the administration, teachers, and staff have been deeply committed to helping our students connect with their version of Green Wave Pride. In building that pride, we are educating the next generation of leaders. We are cultivating the academic and life skills that will prepare our students to impact the world around them.

Our performance will focus on the guiding principles present in our Green Wave "PRIDE" motto, all of the highlights will showcase the extensive variety of curricular and extra curricular offerings that our Long Branch High School students are involved in as part of their overall educational experience.

Long Branch High School proudly presents: "Cultivating A Culture of Green Wave PRIDE"

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Peters, seconded by Mrs. Youngblood Brown and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (G1).

Ayes (4), Nays (3) Ms. Benosky, Mr. Ferraina and Mrs. Perez, Abstain (1) Mr. Zambrano, Absent (1) Mr. Garlipp

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2024- 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE**

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2024-2025:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2024-2025 school year using the 2024-2025 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
2024- 2025 Total Expenditures	\$119, 052,491	\$16,799,745	\$599,500	\$136,451,736
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$56,134,733	\$16,799,745	-0-	\$72,934,478
Taxes to be Raised	\$62,917,758	-0-	\$599,500	\$63,517,258

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 \$92,350 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$77,008 as of this date; now

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE 2024- 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE (continued)**

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 \$118,050 for the 2024-2025 school year.

WHEREAS that the Long Branch Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$845,753. 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, as an SDA District, an adjustment in the amount of \$6,826,725 as permitted to increase the local share of the proposed levy.

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$594,143 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 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2024-2025 school year,

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

Ayes: 4
Nays: 3 (Ms. Benosky, Mr. Ferraina, Mrs. Perez)
Abstain: 1 (Mr. Zambrano)
Absent: 1 (Mr. Garlipp)
Date: March 19, 2024

2. **APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL NORMAN CECIL MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP**

I recommend the Board approve the establishment of the Right Worshipful Norman Cecil Mooney Scholarship to two students in the amount of \$500 each to be awarded. The criteria includes awarding the scholarship to graduating Long Branch High School students who maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and planning to attend college in the fall of 2024 as a full-time student.

3. **APPROVAL TO MODIFY THE LAKELAND CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP**

I recommend the Board approve the modification of the Lakeland Charities scholarship by reducing the award amount from \$2,000 to \$1, 500.

G. **GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

4. **APPROVAL TO GO OUT TO BID FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS**

I recommend the Board approve going out to bid for the replacement of emergency generators at the Audrey W Clark School and the Morris Avenue School and a new emergency generator at the Lenna W. Conrow School.

5. **APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASES**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the cooperative purchases that exceed the bid threshold as listed on **APPENDIX G-1**.

6. **GIFTS TO SCHOOLS**

I recommend the Board accept the gifts to schools indicated - **APPENDIX G-2**.

Comments from the Operations & Management Committee Chair - APPENDIX G-3

Mr. Zambrano briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Operations & Management Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under **APPENDIX G-3**.

Comments from the Communications/Security Committee Chair - APPENDIX G-4

Mr. Zambrano briefed the Board regarding discussions held by members of the Communications/Security Committee. Those items are contained in the agenda under **APPENDIX G-4**.

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

1. **REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

I recommend the Board reinstate suspended employee Freddy Moreno (ID# 7021), effective March 21, 2024. **APPENDIX H-1**.

2. **REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

I recommend the Board reinstate suspended employee Noguera Nery (ID# 8697), effective March 21, 2024. **APPENDIX H-2**.

3. **REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

I recommend the Board reinstate suspended employee Priscilla Vera (ID#8507), effective March 21, 2024. **APPENDIX H-3**.

4. **RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

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

JEANINE FASANO, Lenna W. Conrow School teacher, effective July 1, 2024. Mrs. Fasano has a total of 25 years of service.

5. **RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

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

MARTHA TOWLER, 12-month custodian, effective February 23, 2024

JENNIFER THROCKMORTON, Instructional Assistant. effective March 15, 2024

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**
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6. **RESIGNATION - STIPEND POSITIONS**

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

ALEXA BOOTH, Green Team leader, effective April 1, 2024.

MICHAEL GREEN, HS Baseball Varsity Asst. Coach, effective Feb 21, 2024.

MAUREEN HAGUE, Team Leader at AWC, effective March 22, 2024.

7. **EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:**

I recommend the Board approve the transfer of the following individual for the 2023-2024 school year:

MELINDA D'AMELIO, Instructional Assistant, Amerigo A. Anastasia to Morris Ave Early Childhood Learning Center.

8. **REMUNERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT STIPEND 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve the remuneration of instructional assistant as listed, effective March 20, 2024:

Jason Corley, Jr.	\$250.00
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9. **ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

DISTRICT

<u>Team Leader - Alternative Program (Effective 3/25/2024)</u>	\$7,000
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Lindsay Stefan

<u>After School Academic Programs (ASAP) Sub Teachers (STEAM)</u>	\$28.00/hr.
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Richard Ricigliano

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Academic Lab Instructors - Homework Club</u>	\$27.00/hr.
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Tara Cooper

MIDDLE SCHOOL

<u>Zero Period</u>	\$27.00/hr.
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Vadewattie Hanlon

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ECLC

Before/After School Extended Learning Program Teachers (Grant Funded Title I)

(JMF): Alexandra Casares	\$27.00/hr.
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H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**
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10. **COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - SPRING 2024**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following coaching/athletic stipend positions for Spring 2024:

HIGH SCHOOL

CATEGORY 2

Varsity Baseball Asst. Coach

Brandon Tracey	Step 1	\$4,000
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CATEGORY 3

Freshman Boys Volleyball Coach

Sydney Lasquinha	Step 2	\$2,500
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Boys Volleyball Coach (Volunteer)

Miguel Ocasio

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CATEGORY 2

Asst. Baseball Coach

Michael Green	Step 3	\$2,900
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11. **STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENT**

I recommend the individuals listed be authorized to conduct their student teaching in the Long Branch Public Schools as indicated during the 2023-2024 school year. Long Branch Public School employees must complete their student teaching and/or internship outside of their contractual hours:

Brookdale Community College

Jamie Dipersio

Morris Avenue School

March 28 - April 30, 2024

Samantha Gallo

12. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM**

I recommend the Board approve the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor provided by the Board of Education at a rate of \$550 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

Lenna W. Conrow School
High School

TEACHER:

Jessica Gilman
Lana Inacio

MENTOR:

Tamara Genovese
Melissa Cooper

13. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM**

I recommend the Board approve the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor provided at a rate of \$550 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

Gregory School
High School

TEACHER:

Hailee Kissanne
Nicolas Reisig

MENTOR:

Rene Yanella
Sean Fitzgerald

H. **PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**
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14. **TEACHER/MENTOR PROGRAM**

I recommend the Board approve the following individuals to assume the position of Mentor provided at a rate of \$1000 annually for a 1 year term:

LOCATION:

Audrey W. Clark School
High School
Morris Avenue School

TEACHER:

Anthony Curran
Heather Gass
Julyana Goncalves

MENTOR:

Thomas Boyce
Nicholas Cartegna
Jennifer Rettino

15. **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:
*Pending Fingerprints

SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

Veronica Grimm*, Ashley Nunez*, Marilyn Reid*

SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE/SAFE SCHOOL

Ronald Cattelona, Kennedy Mayo, Ka'Von Williams*

SUBSTITUTE NURSE

Karla Maldonado*

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Edrick Alleyne*, Jill Blake, Mackenzie Carey*, Ryan Carey*, Veronica Grimm*, Tyrone Hastings Jr., Lauren Lyden*, Ashley Nunez*, Laura Schaffer*, Craig Steel*

16. **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

I recommend the Board approve the attendance of the staff members at the conferences listed - **APPENDIX H-4.**

17. **FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the family/medical leaves of absence as listed on **APPENDIX H-5.**

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

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

I recommend the Board approve the monthly report as required by statute - **APPENDIX I-1.**

2. **FIELD TRIP APPROVALS**

I recommend the Board approve the Field Trips indicated (which will be labeled **APPENDIX I-2** and made part of the permanent minutes upon Board approval).

3. **PLACEMENT/TERMINATION OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION - 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

I recommend the Board approve/ratify the placement/termination of home instruction for the 2023 - 2024 school year for the students listed on **APPENDIX I-3.**

I. **STUDENT ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following (continued):**

4. **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSULTANTS - 2023-2024**

I recommend the Board approve the Pupil Personnel Services Consultants for the 2023-2024 school year as listed:

Healthy Minds Center, LLC., Mariam Bekhit, MD.

\$600.00/eval

5. **CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES**

I recommend the Board approve the following corrections/revisions to the minutes

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

FIELD TRIPS:

Long Branch High School: Should have also read Long Branch, NJ - Approximately 50 students from Long Branch High School to George L. Catrambone, Gregory and Amerigo A. Anastasia Schools, Bucky James Center (Senior Center) on February 16 and 28, 2024 at no cost to the district. Students will perform VPA material in celebration of Black History Month. Students will be chaperoned by Mr. Clark, Ms. Ruland and Ms. Estrada.

January 31, 2024

RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS

DEBORAH STOCKLAS, Teacher, effective March 1, 2024. This should have read effective March 8, 2024.

FIELD TRIPS:

Long Branch High School: Boston, MA - Should have read chaperoned by Mr. DeLuca. Ms. Abreu should not have been listed.

February 21, 2024

COACHING/ATHLETIC STIPEND POSITIONS - Spring 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY 2 (continued)

TRACK AND FIELD GIRLS

Samantha Gallo. Name should not have been listed.

A.M. & P.M Weight Room Supervisor

The stipend should have a monetary value of \$1,400.

SUMMER POSITIONS - SUMMER 2024

High School Summer Program Social Studies Teacher

Anton Deluca. This name should not have been listed.

STEAM Summer Program Teachers

Veronica Billy, Dalwasia Jones. Names should not have been listed.

STEAM Summer Program Phys. Ed. Teachers

Patrick Tracey. Name should not have been listed.

I. **STUDENT ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**
(continued)

5. **CORRECTIONS/REVISION TO MINUTES (continued)**

FIELD TRIPS:

Long Branch High School: Should have also read Newark, NJ - Approximately 18 students from Long Branch High School to the Source of Knowledge Book Store on March 1, 2024 at no cost to the district. Students will learn history revolving art, literature and community for Black History Month. Students will be chaperoned by Ms. Jones and Mr. Callaway

FIELD TRIPS:

Long Branch High School: Should have also read Union, NJ - Approximately 20 students from Long Branch High School African American Culture Club to Kean University on February 29, 2024 at no cost to the district. Students will learn about stories and experiences of African American female legislators. Students will be chaperoned by Ms. Jones and Mr. M. Rodriguez

DISCUSSION

Mr. Rodriguez asked the Board to consider restoring the one day that was not needed for inclement weather to give the staff the day off on May 24, 2024.

Motion was made by Mrs. Youngblood Brown, seconded by Mrs. Peters and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (6).

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Garlipp

6. **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:07 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 **employee and student matters** 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

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Mr. Garlipp)
Date: March 19, 2024

The Board returned to open session at 7:13 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peters - President	Mrs. Youngblood Brown	Mr. Garlipp - absent
Mr. Ferraina - Vice President	Ms. Benosky	Mr. Torres
Mr. Zambrano	Mrs. Dangler	Mrs. Perez

Mrs. Peters inquired about the student representative to the Board and if they will be coming back to the table.

Mr. Rodriguez – Yes, we are looking to have that process return in May.

Mr. Ferraina – Are we all set to celebrate Mr. Grant at the April Board meeting?

Mr. Rodriguez – We are still trying to get clarification from the family that Mr. Grant will be able to participate.

Mr. Ferraina – I will reach out to the family.

Mr. Zambrano – Is there any more information regarding ROTC?

Mr. Rodriguez – At this point in time the military is not interested in having a ROTC program in Long Branch but we still have a group of students involved with a program with MSgt. Wilson.

Mrs. Perez – Is he considered an employee?

Mr. Rodriguez – He is acting as a substitute.

Some members of the Board felt that we need to put more emphasis on this program to motivate the students.

K. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
No one addressed the Board.

L. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:21 P.M.**
There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Perez, seconded by Mr. Zambrano and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M.
Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Garlipp

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