

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

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held was held in the 3rd floor conference room of the administration 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
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 three (3) 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**

No one addressed the Board.

Motion was made by Mrs. Youngblood Brown, seconded by Mrs. Perez and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (C-3).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

C-3. **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:12 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 the **FY2025 Budget** 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 immediately in the Conference Room of the Administrative Building, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 2 hours. Action will not 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: 9
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Date: March 12, 2024

The Board returned to open session at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Mrs. Peters inquired about the presentation for Mr. Grant and asked for an update regarding obtaining resolutions.

Mr. Rodriguez – We have the plaque from the Board and a resolution from Senator Vin Gopal. We are waiting for 2 more proclamations from Mayor John Pallone and Congressman Frank Pallone.

The Board inquired which venue would be used for the Zoom meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez – We are going to host the meeting in the Middle School.

It was suggested that we invite community members and church members that know Mr. Grant to be in attendance.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 P.M.

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Youngblood Brown, seconded by Mrs. Perez and carried by roll call vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

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