

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 21, 2012

The Long Hill Township Board of Education held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 in the Long Hill Township Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lisa Scanlon at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Barone, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Carbone, Mr. LoCascio,
Mr. Meringolo, Miss Nyquist, Mr. Russo, Mrs. Scanlon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Rae.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rovtar, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
2 township residents

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Scanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Long Hill Township Board of Education was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Notice was sent to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel and the Daily Record on February 28, 2012. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the first floor entrance hall of the School District Administration Building, Gillette, New Jersey. Notices were filed with the Township Clerk; and notices were mailed to all persons who have requested individual notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Scanlon received an e-mail from a parent regarding the 4th grade field trip to Trenton.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Blocker reported the committee reviewed the bills and all is in order for payment.

Negotiations – Mr. Meringolo reported that we have a tentative agreement with the LHEA on a three year contract. Details will be worked out and salary guides will be created, hopefully by June 30.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Rovtar reported on the following:

- The Central School Spring Concert is May 23.
- The PTO-sponsored mural at Millington is underway and the students are working on it in their art classes.
- Dr. Rovtar noted there is a resolution on the agenda to accept the resignation of Mrs. Barbara, who will be retiring after 43 years in the district. Dr. Rovtar commended Mrs. Barbara on her years of dedication to the students and wished her well in her retirement.

BOARD SECRETARY’S UPDATE

Mr. Esposito noted that he is a trustee on the Morris Union Jointure Commission Transportation Steering Committee. He reported on the transportation services provided by MUJC, saying MUJC does 11 routes for our district each year – 10 regular education and the SKIP route.

Facts about MUJC:

- There are 24 districts that participate in the MUJC for shared services.
- MUJC currently operates 90 combined bus routes, or 151 routes of individual districts.
- They transport 326 classified students each day.
- They own twenty-four 54 passenger buses, thirty-five 24 passenger buses, twelve 9 passenger vans, thirty-eight Mini-vans and 16 wheelchair-equipped vehicles.
- MUJC employs 153 people in its transportation area: 95 drivers, 49 aides, 2 mechanics, 3 dispatchers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

At this point, the Board of Education welcomes comments from any member of the public. Please note that as per Board Policy #1120, a total of fifteen (15) minutes is allocated for public comments at any single Board meeting. In order to provide residents the opportunity to comment, individual speakers are limited to three minutes each at any particular Board meeting. The Board may extend these time limits at its discretion.

MR. SANDOW thanked the district for its support of the Arts and Crafts Festival sponsored by the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the following minutes of the Long Hill Township Board of Education be accepted as presented and made part of the public record:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 14, 2012 – Worksession – Public and Private Sessions

YES: Ms. Barone Mr. LoCascio
Mr. Blocker Mr. Meringolo Mr. Russo
Mr. Carbone Miss Nyquist Mrs. Scanlon

NO: None.
Resolution #1 carried 8-0.



It was moved by Mr. Blocker and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 2,3,4,5.

Any Board Member who takes exception to any of the following actions may reserve the right to object now, and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

2. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the List of Bills for May 2, 3 and 21, 2012, and the List of Payrolls for April 13 and 30, 2012 for payment as follows (as attached):

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Payroll for April 13, 2012

Fund 10	\$ 22,854.86
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$391,501.83
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Rev. Fund-Fund 20	\$ -0-
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services-Fund 40	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$414,356.69

Payroll for April 30, 2012

Fund 10	\$ 22,693.97
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$374,215.55
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Rev. Fund-Fund 20	\$ -0-
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services-Fund 40	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$396,909.52

Bills for May 2, 2012

Fund 10	\$ -0-
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$134,938.31
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Rev. Fund-Fund 20	\$ -0-
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services-Fund 40	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$134,938.31

Bills for May 3, 2012

Fund 10	\$ -0-
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 527.97
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Rev. fund-Fund 20	\$ -0-
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services-Fund 40	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$ 527.97

Bills for May 21, 2012

Fund 10	\$ -0-
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$282,459.25
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Rev. Fund-Fund 20	\$ 17,706.10
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services-Fund 40	\$ -0-
TOTAL	\$300,165.35

3. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve a Non-public Services agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County to provide administration of the following programs for the 2012-2013 school year; and authorize the Business Administrator to sign and submit the agreement to the ESCMC on behalf of the district:

APPROVAL OF
NON PUBLIC
AGREEMENT

- Chapter 192
- Chapter 193
- Non-public Technology
- Non-public Textbooks
- Non-public Nursing

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve a Transportation agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County to provide special education bus routes for out of district student placements for the 2012-2013 school year; and authorize the Business Administrator to sign and submit the agreement to the ESCMC on behalf of the district. (This does not obligate the Long Hill School District to place students on Commission routes – it simply permits Long Hill to utilize them on an as-needed basis if cost savings can be achieved by sharing routes with other districts.)

APPROVAL OF
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT
WITH MCEC

5. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Special Services Consultant, approve the following out of district special education student placements and tuition for the 2012-13 regular year:

APPROVAL OF
SP. ED. TUITION

<u>School</u>	<u>Student ID</u>	<u>Reg.Yr.Tuition</u>
Crossroads School	9438898703	\$66,607.80
Early Childhood Learn Center – 1	9581966316	\$41,988.60
Early Childhood Learn Center – 2	5287851547	\$41,988.60
Midland School	2839236123	\$44,726.40
Montgomery Academy	2476632418	\$53,692.20
MUJC DLC	4316075761	\$84,489.30
P.G. Chambers School	7844587013	\$61,165.80

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions 2,3,4,5:

YES: Ms. Barone Mr. LoCascio
 Mr. Blocker Mr. Meringolo Mr. Russo
 Mr. Carbone Miss Nyquist Mrs. Scanlon

NO: None.

Resolutions 2,3,4,5 carried 8-0.

It was moved by Mr. Meringolo and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 6, 7 and 8.

Any Board Member who takes exception to any of the following actions may reserve the right to object now, and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the resignation of Joanne Barbara, with regret, effective July 1, 2012 after 43 years of service to the Long Hill Township School District.

J. BARBARA
RESIGNATION

7. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Consultant for Special Services and the Business Administrator, approve the rescission of the appointment of Yailin Sima as a teacher assistant for the 2012 Extended School Year Program due to a decrease in students attending the program.

APPOINTMENT
RESCINDED

8. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of the following persons to the Substitute list for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years:

APPOINTMENT
TO SUB. LIST

Tracy Barragan

Suzanne Quense

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions 6, 7 and 8:

YES:	Ms. Barone	Mr. LoCascio	
	Mr. Blocker	Mr. Meringolo	Mr. Russo
	Mr. Carbone	Miss Nyquist	Mrs. Scanlon

NO: None.

Resolutions 6, 7 and 8 carried 8-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Scanlon reminded Board Members to complete the Board Self-Evaluation online.

Ms. Barone asked if there had been any changes in the implementation of the Anti-bullying policies as a result of the decision regarding state mandate/state pay. Dr. Rovtar responded.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

It was moved by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Russo that the Board enter into private session for the purpose of discussing ongoing negotiations with the LHEA and compensation for non-unit employees.

PRIVATE
SESSION

Disclosure of the above will be permitted following formal action by the Board at an open public meeting. Motion carried 8-0. Into private session at 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Barone that the Board return to public session. Motion carried 8-0. Into public session at 8:45 p.m.

PUBLIC

It was moved by Ms. Barone and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- June 11, 2012 – Worksession Meeting – Township Administration Building – 7:30 p.m.
- June 18, 2012 – Special Meeting for Board Self-Evaluation and Goal Setting – 7:30 p.m.
- Board Conference Room, Gillette School**
- June 25, 2012 – Regular Meeting – Township Administration Building – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

René Rovtar, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

