

**LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Long Hill Township Administration Building
February 28, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Ms. Barone
Mr. Blocker
Mr. Carbone, Sr.

Mr. Meringolo
Mrs. Nyquist
Dr. Rae

Mr. Russo
Dr. Verlezza
Mrs. Scanlon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING NOTICE

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 April 27, 2010. 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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

BOARD SECRETARY'S UPDATE

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.

RESOLUTIONS

Minutes

1. RESOLVED that the following minutes of the Long Hill Township Board of Education be accepted as presented and made part of the public record:

February 7, 2011 – Worksession – Public and Private Sessions

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Financials

2. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, authorize the submission of the tentative 2011-2012 Annual School District Budget to the Morris Executive County Superintendent as set forth below:

General Fund	\$14, 498,442
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 334,021
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,179,668
Total Budget	\$ 16,012,131

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these figures result in the following amounts to be raised by tax levy:

General Fund	\$13,873,821
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,179,668
Total Tax Levy	\$15,053,489

It is duly noted that this budget represents an increase of 1.76% in the general fund appropriations, a 1.96% increase in the General Fund Tax Levy and a net tax decrease over the 2010-2011 budget for the residents of Long Hill Township.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

3. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve a contract with The Substitute Service, LLC for the provision of substitute calling services for the 2011-2012 school year at an annual cost of \$4,856.68.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the Payrolls for January 14 and 28, 2011 and the List of Bills for February 1, 7, 18 and 28, 2011 (as attached):

Payroll for January 14, 2011

Fund 10	\$ 22,256.64
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 364,163.74
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 386,420.38

Payroll for January 28, 2011

Fund 10	\$ 22,291.57
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 354,670.93
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 376,962.50

Bill List for February 1, 2011

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ -
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ 454,693.75
Total	\$ 454,693.75

Bill List for February 7, 2011

Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 121,798.23
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ -
Total	\$ 121,798.23

Bill List for February 18, 2011

Fund 10	\$	-
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$	30,000.00
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$	-
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$	-
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$	-
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$	-
Total	\$	30,000.00

Bill List for February 28, 2011

Fund 10	\$	-
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$	353,679.90
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$	-
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$	30,956.45
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$	-
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$	-
Total	\$	384,636.35

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

5. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (E), certifies that as of December 31, 2010 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(B), and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending December 31, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

7. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfers for December 31, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

8. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (E), certifies that as of January 31, 2011 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(B), and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

9. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending January 31, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

10. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfers for January 31, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

11. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the Travel/Conference registration for the staff indicated for professional improvement or development as per the attached listing.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Special Education

12. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services approve home instruction for a student who attends St. Vincent de Paul School. The student has undergone surgery and needs to recuperate at home, as per doctor's note. Home instruction will be provided by Dena Mahoney, a teacher at St. Vincent's, for 2 hours per day, 10 hours per week, beginning February 23, 2011 at the rate of \$35.30 per hour, as per the LHEA contract. Services will be provided in the student's home. Services will continue until the student is able to return to school.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

13. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services approve the payment of \$650.00 to Dr. Emanuel Elfenbein for a Psychiatric Evaluation for student #3477929241 to assist in determining possible change in classification category.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Personnel

14. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, at the direction of the Morris Executive County Superintendent of Schools, hereby rescinds the employment contract for René Rovtar, Superintendent of Schools, for the period January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, as originally approved on December 13, 2010. The pre-existing employment contract between René Rovtar and the Long Hill Township Board of Education for the term of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 with an annual salary of \$155,000. for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent on June 12, 2009, thereby remains in effect.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

15. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, hereby ratifies the Agreement Between the Long Hill Township Board of Education and the Long Hill Association of School Administrators for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

16. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Central Middle School Principal approve the appointment of the Kimberly Celeste to the position of milk aide at Central School at the hourly rate of \$9.75 effective March 1, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

17. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Business Administrator, and the Technology Coordinator, approve Gregory S. Jusinski to serve as technology assistant effective March 1, 2011 to April 29, 2011 at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Total payment shall not exceed \$ 1,200.00

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Curriculum

18. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services, approve the curriculum for the STAR Program (Skills, Technology, Academics, Readiness) Program at Central Middle School for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Policy

19. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, adopt the following policies on a second reading:

3541	Transportation Routes and Services
4112.2	Certification
4121R	Substitute Teachers – Administrative Regulations

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

20. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, approve the following revised policies on a first reading:

4112.4	Employee Health Examinations
4119.23	Employee Substance Abuse

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Other

21. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the following resolution stating opposition to Senate Bill 1872 and Assembly Bill 2810 – the Opportunity Scholarship Act.

Whereas, the Opportunity Scholarship Act would grant corporations tax credits for contributing to a program that issues education vouchers to certain students for use at any public or non-public school of their choice; and

Whereas, during a five-year pilot program, any child residing in one of 13 targeted districts, which operate one or more persistently underperforming schools, may apply for the vouchers, even if the student currently attends a school that is performing satisfactorily; and

Whereas, one-quarter of the funds would be reserved for students who already attend private schools; and

Whereas, public school districts have experienced reduced state funding and are operating under state-imposed restrictions on local tax levy growth; and

Whereas, the five-year pilot program would divert from \$360 million to \$1 billion in public funds to private schools; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey is currently experiencing a fiscal emergency during which its revenues are insufficient to provide adequate funding for public education through the School Funding Reform Act, and

Whereas, the Long Hill Township Board of Education opposes any government policy that would divert funds from the State's revenue stream to private schools when sufficient revenue is not available for New Jersey's public school finance law; and

Whereas, the Long Hill Township Board of Education believes in school choice within the public education sector upon the mutual agreement of the school boards involved; and

Whereas, the Long Hill Township Board of Education believes that public funds should not be used to support private schools; and

Whereas, the Opportunity Scholarship Act would fail to address the needs of those students in targeted districts who do not participate in the program; and

Whereas, the Long Hill Township Board of Education believes that the State should target improvement efforts within the public school system, ensuring that they reach all students. Now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Long Hill Township Board of Education petitions the New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly to reject the Opportunity Scholarship Act (S-1872 and A-2810); and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver, and the Long Hill Township Legislative District's representatives in the State Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Acting Commissioner of Education Christopher D. Cerf, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Morris County School Boards Association.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

March 14, 2011 – Worksession Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Township Administration Building – **Revised Horizon Program Recommendations to be presented to the Board of Education for Discussion**

March 28, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting and **Public Hearing on the Budget** – 7:30 p.m. Township Administration Building – **Possible Board of Education action on Revised Horizon Program Recommendations**