

**LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSESSION MEETING
Long Hill Township Administration Building
October 11, 2010
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

- Annual Report on Violence and Vandalism

ADMINISTRATORS AND TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR'S UPDATES

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:

September 27, 2010 – Regular Meeting – Public Session

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Financials

2. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (E), certifies that as of July 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 _____

3. 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 July 31, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

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

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 August 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.

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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 August 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 August 31, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

8. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the 2010-2011 joint Transportation Agreement with the Warren Township School District for regular education student transportation for four Central School Math students attending class at Watchung Hills Regional High School for route #W-137 at a total cost of \$1,200.00.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

9. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve transportation routes with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for out of district special education students in 2010-11:

SCHOOL	Program	BUS	AIDE	ADMIN	Per Diem	ANNUAL
Center for Life Long Learning	Regular Year	\$112.00	\$41.00	\$9.18	\$162.18	\$29,192.40
Crossroads	Regular Year	\$201.51	\$0.00	\$12.09	\$213.60	\$38,448.11
Newmark	Regular Year	\$122.28	\$39.88	\$9.73	\$171.89	\$30,940.13
Rock Brook	Regular Year	\$234.98	\$0.00	\$14.10	\$249.08	\$44,834.18
Center for Life Long Learning	Summer ESY			\$0.00		\$4,703.22
Crossroads	Summer ESY			\$0.00		\$4,699.21
				TOTAL		\$152,817.25

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

10. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, express its gratitude to the Long Hill Township PTO for their generous donation to underwrite the cost of the Central Middle School Student Newspaper, Tiger Talk, for the 2010-2011 school year.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

11. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, express its gratitude to the Long Hill Township PTO for their generous donation of \$3,364.60 to purchase a StarBoard for Mrs. Vachon's 5th grade mathematics class.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

12. 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

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 Aviva Gans to provide physical therapy consultation services to student #2476632418 in accordance with the student's I.E.P. The student will receive 1 hour a month therapy at \$58.34 an hour, at the student's out of district placement beginning in September 2010 through November 2010. Ms. Gans, physical therapist, will also receive 1 hour travel time, round trip. Total cost not to exceed \$350.04.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

14. 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 Cambridge Behavioral Health, LLC to provide services to student #4316075761 in accordance with the student's I.E.P. The student will receive 10 hours a week of ABA Therapy at \$65.00 an hour, at student's home, with home/school coordination September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. Total cost not to exceed \$23,400.00.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

15. 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 contracts for Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf services through the Summit Speech School for the period September, 2010 – June 2011. The services are provided at the rate of \$145.00 per hour. Services are requested for the following students, as per their IEP's:

#9264906891	1 X 60 minute session per week
#7700417730	1 X 60 minute session per week
#9068278023	1 X 60 minute session per week
#8410365288	1 X 90 minute session per week
#2473524162	1 X 90 minute session per week
#8359943629	3 X 60 minute sessions per week

Cost of services not to exceed \$52,200.00.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

16. 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 a tuition adjustment in the amount of \$2,192.00 to ECLC of New Jersey. The adjustment is required based on the New Jersey Department of Education's Certified Tuition Rates for the 2008-2009 school year. Student #9581966316 attended ECLC for the 2008-2009 school year.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

17. 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 continuation of bedside instruction for student #8487305914. Bedside instruction will be provided by Education Incorporated, for 1 hour per day, 5 hours per week, at the cost of \$46.00 per hour, at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, NJ. Bedside instruction by Education Incorporated will continue until the student is discharged from the hospital. Approximate duration is an additional 2 weeks.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

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 payment of \$1,350.00 to New Jersey's Specialized Child Study Team for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children to conduct a psychological, educational and speech/language evaluation will be completed for Student # 8359943629. These evaluations are necessary to determine the proper educational placement for this student.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Personnel

19. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of Deborah Lamer to the position of part time teacher of Language Arts and Reading at Central Middle School at the .28 BA Step 3 salary of \$13,066.20 to be prorated for the period for the period October 4, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

20. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the following maternity (child care) leave of absence for Noelle Milito, fourth grade teacher at Millington School:

- Use of accumulated sick days from January 3, 2011 through May 13, 2011
- Unpaid family leave of absence beginning May 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
- Anticipated return date is September 1, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

21. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Principals, approve the following professional internship placements for the 2010-2011 school year:

Andrew Gillespie Administrative Internship Central School 2010-2011

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

22. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator approve the appointment of the following people to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year:

Lorraine Kimsey

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Curriculum

23. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Building Principal, approve the field trips listed below:

May 26, 2011 \$36.00 approx. cost* *To be paid through fundraising/parent payment	Fourth Grade Students Bronx Zoo	Bronx, NY 5 teachers 1 nurse 2 teacher assts. 20 parents
June 3, 2011 TBD approx. cost* *To be paid through fundraising/parent payment	Third Grade Students American Museum of Natural History	New York, NY 6 teachers 1 nurse 1 nurse 20 parents

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Policy

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

6161.1 Guidelines for Evaluation and Selection of
Instructional Materials

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

25. 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:

6142.9	Arts
6162.5	Research
9313	Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Other

26. WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2228 and Assembly Bill A1691 have been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, and
 WHEREAS, these bills both would prohibit local school districts from charging a student, or the student’s parent or legal guardian, a fee to participate in extracurricular activities, and
 WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township School District has operated a pay-to-play program for interscholastic sports since September 2007 and a pay-to-participate program for student activities since September 2008, and
 WHEREAS, the creation of this alternate source of revenue to support these programs has allowed these programs to be provided for the students of Long Hill Township without additional cost to the taxpayers and without diverting budget funds from the instructional program; and
 WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Board of Education feels strongly that in the wake of significant reductions to or total elimination of state aid to local school districts, combined with increasing standards for student achievement, in accordance with the provisions of No Child Left Behind, it is essential that local school districts have the flexibility to make decisions regarding activity fees and pay-to-play or pay-to-participate programs based on local circumstances and local situations, and
 WHEREAS, local school districts will have to prepare budgets that limit the growth of the local tax levy to 2% beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, while still having to provide adequate resources for a Thorough and Efficient Education; and
 WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township School District, along with many other local school districts in the State of New Jersey, would be faced with significant curtailment or elimination of these extracurricular opportunities for our students if local school districts were prohibited from charging any participation fees,
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education hereby requests that S2228 and A1691 not be supported or enacted by the members of the New Jersey State Legislature.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Development of parameters for 2011-2012 Annual Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 25, 2010 – Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Township Administration Building
November 8, 2010 – Worksession Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Township Administration Building
November 22, 2010 – Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Township Administration Building