

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSESSION MEETING
October 28, 2013

The Long Hill Township Board of Education held a Worksession Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013 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. Brown, Mr. LoCascio, Ms. Nyquist (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), Mr. Russo, Mrs. Scanlon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Stevens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rovtar, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Esposito, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Five Applicants for the Board Seat Vacancy
Mrs. Franklin, LHEA President
One Reporter for the Echoes-Sentinel

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 January 3, 2013. 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: Dr. Rovtar stated that five residents applied for the Board of Education seat vacated by Bruce Meringolo.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD MEMBER VACANCY: Mrs. Scanlon read a statement regarding the interview process for the open Board seat. Each candidate would be asked the same questions. She noted that the open term is for one year, with two other three-year terms open in the next election.

The Board interviewed five candidates for the vacant seat on the Board of Education: Robert Biswanger, David Carn, Matthew DiGiorgio, Marlene Gebauer, and Marta Moakley. Each candidate responded to the Board members' questions.

APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO BOARD SEAT

Following the interview process, the Board members nominated the candidates.

V1. It was moved by Ms. Nyquist and seconded by Mr. LoCascio that Mr. Biswanger be nominated and appointed to the vacant Board seat:

ROLL CALL VOTE on motion #V1:

YES: Ms. Barone Ms. Nyquist
 Mr. LoCascio

NO: None.
Mr. Blocker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Russo and Mrs. Scanlon abstained.
Motion #V1 carried 3-0-4.

V2. It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Mr. Blocker that Mr. Carn be nominated and appointed to the vacant Board seat:

ROLL CALL VOTE on motion #V2:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. Russo
 Mr. Brown Ms. Barone
 Mrs. Scanlon

NO: None.
Mr. LoCascio and Ms. Nyquist abstained.
Motion #V2 carried 5-0-2.

V3. It was moved by Ms. Nyquist and seconded by Mr. Russo that Mr. DiGiorgio be nominated and appointed to the vacant Board seat:

ROLL CALL VOTE on motion #V3:

YES: Mr. Brown Mr. Blocker
 Ms. Nyquist

NO: None.
Ms. Barone, Mr. LoCascio, Mr. Russo, and Mrs. Scanlon abstained.
Motion #V3 carried 3-0-4.

V4. It was moved by Ms. Nyquist and seconded by Ms. Barone that Ms. Gebauer be nominated and appointed to the vacant Board seat:

ROLL CALL VOTE on motion #V4:

YES: Mr. LoCascio Ms. Barone
 Ms. Nyquist

NO: None.
Mr. Blocker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Russo and Mrs. Scanlon abstained.
Motion #V4 carried 3-0-4.

V5. It was moved by Ms. Nyquist and seconded by Ms. Barone that Ms. Moakley be nominated and appointed to the vacant Board seat:

ROLL CALL VOTE on motion #V5:

YES: Ms. Nyquist Mr. Brown
 Ms. Barone

NO: None.
Mr. Blocker, Mr. LoCascio, Mr. Russo and Mrs. Scanlon abstained.
Motion #V5 carried 3-0-4.

Mr. Carn was elected with five yes votes and two abstentions. Mr. Esposito administered the oath of office to Mr. Carn who took his seat on the board.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds- Mr. Russo updated the Board on the Central School roof project, which is almost complete. He stated that the Nurse’s Office at Central School will be renovated over the summer, and the library will be reconfigured to provide for a separate computer lab area that would be more conducive to testing. The architect continues to work on the proposed referendum; the Board will know more after ROD grants are announced in early December.

NJSBA-Ms. Nyquist reported that she had attended the fall workshop and attended a session on community relations. She will be meeting with Dr. Rovtar to review some of the suggestions given.

Policy – Ms. Barone reported that there are a number of policies that are recommended for readoption this evening.

SPORT – Mr. LoCascio stated that he was unable to attend the meeting last week. He will obtain the minutes from the meeting and report any important information to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Rovtar stated that she is very excited that Halloween will be celebrated in the district this year! She noted that parent teacher conferences will take place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and she encouraged parents to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with the teachers. She also indicated that a new link has been posted on the district website which she encouraged parents to review, as it provides sample items from the PARCC tests in English language arts and mathematics that will be administered to students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S UPDATE

None.

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 #1130, 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.

There were no comments from the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. It was moved by Ms. Nyquist and seconded by Ms. Barone that the following minutes of the Long Hill Township Board of Education be accepted as presented and made part of the public record:
October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting – Public and Private Sessions

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #1:

YES: Ms. Barone Mr. LoCascio
 Mr. Blocker Ms. Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. Russo
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Scanlon

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

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

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Director of Special Services approve Dr. Hayley Cohen to conduct Psychiatric Evaluations for our school district when necessary. The cost of an evaluation is \$700.00.

APPROVAL OF
DR. COHEN TO
PROVIDE
PSYCHIATRIC
EVALUATIONS

3. 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 payment of \$750.00 to Dr. Vanna Amorapanth for a Neuro-Developmental Evaluation for student #3740711264 to assist in determining special education category.

PAYMENT TO
DR. VANNA
AMORAPANTH

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the addition of the following persons to the Substitute List for the 2013-2014 school year:

APPOINTMENT OF
SUBSTITUTES

Adrianna Giralda

Sharon Buckle

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #2,3,4:

YES:

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| Mr. Blocker | Ms. Nyquist |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Russo |
| Mr. Carn | Ms. Barone |
| Mr. LoCascio | Mrs. Scanlon |

NO: None.

Resolution #2,3,4 carried 8-0.

It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Barone that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 5,6,7.

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.

5. 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:

APPROVAL OF
FIELD TRIPS

May 14, 2014 Grade 1 Field Trip Jenkinson’s Aquarium
9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
\$6.00 admission plus bus cost
Parent paid
75 students, 4 teachers, 2 Teacher Assistants,
1 Nurse, 12 parents

May 30, 2014 Grade 3 Field Trip Liberty Science Center
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jersey City, NJ
\$35.10 per student Parent paid
70 students, 4 teachers,
2 Teacher Assistants, 1 Nurse, 16 parents

June 5-6, 2014 Grade 8 Field Trip Washington, D.C.
6:00 a.m. (6/5) to 9:00 p.m. (6/6)
118 students, 13 teachers, 1 nurse
\$360.00 per student Parent paid

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, readopt the following policies which have been reviewed by the Policy Committee.

READOPTION OF
POLICIES

- 2220 Representative and Deliberative Groups
- 2232 School Sponsored Publications
- 9010 Role of the Member
- 9311 Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies
- 9312 Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws
- 9314 Suspension, Deletion and/or Waivers of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations
- 9323 Agenda Preparation/Advance Delivery of Meeting Material
- 9340 Membership in Associations

7. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying report and affirm the Superintendent’s decision for the period ending October 14, 2013.

ACCEPTANCE OF
HIB REPORT

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #5,6,7:

YES:

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| Mr. Brown | Mr. Russo |
| Mr. Carn | Ms. Barone |
| Mr. LoCascio | Mr. Blocker |
| Ms. Nyquist | Mrs. Scanlon |

NO: None.

Resolution #5,6,7 carried 8-0.

It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Barone that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 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.

8. 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.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #8:

YES:

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| Mr. LoCascio | Ms. Barone |
| Ms. Nyquist | Mr. Blocker |
| Mr. Russo | Mr. Brown |
| | Mrs. Scanlon |

NO: None.

Mr. Carn abstained.

Resolution #8 carried 7-0-1.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Barone asked about the concept of “flipped learning” and Dr. Rovtar responded. Mr. Blocker asked that Mrs. Yavelberg come and present at a Board meeting in January or February.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

It was moved by Mr. Russo and seconded by Ms. Barone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 11, 2013 – Worksession Meeting– 7:30 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

November 25, 2013 – Regular Meeting– 7:30 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted,

John Esposito
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

René Rovtar, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools