

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
April 28, 2014

The Long Hill Township Board of Education held a Regular Meeting and the Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Annual Budget on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the Long Hill Township Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Board President Rita Barone at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Blocker, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carn, Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. LoCascio, Mrs. Moakley, Miss Nyquist, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Barone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Barone 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 7, 2014. 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 noted all of the email communications that the Board had received from residents regarding the Central School Open Space Funds Field Project. A copy of all of these letters has been provided to the Board of Education members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mr. LoCascio stated that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Esposito and Dr. Rovtar will be making a presentation on the 2014-15 budget this evening. He thanked residents for approving the March referendum, which authorizes the sale of bonds. The sale of these bonds will occur in June.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Blocker stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met this evening. He will be reporting to the Board on the open space field project in private session because it involves a contractual matter.

Policy Committee – Miss Nyquist reported that the Policy Committee is looking to review some minor changes to update several policies as recommended by the New Jersey School Boards Association. The revised policies will be proposed at the next Board meeting.

WHRHS Liaison – Mr. Stevens stated that he will be attending the WHRHS Board meeting tomorrow night. Mr. DiGiorgio stated that he had attended the previous meeting, which included the Board retreat. The Board reviewed the district goals at the retreat.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Rovtar reported on the following:

1. She attended the Township Committee meeting on April 9th, where Millington School and Gillette School were recognized as Township Historic Sites. She accepted plaques that have been mounted at the entrances to both schools.
2. She addressed the opinions submitted by residents on the proposed Central School Open Space Funds Field Project, emphasizing that the Board has only had a preliminary discussion about the project and no vote has been taken. The use of Open Space funds is a Township issue and questions on this topic should be directed to the Township Committee.
3. There are several changes to the agenda. Resolution #16 on the appointment of substitute teachers will be tabled until the May 19th meeting. Resolution #17 on the appointment of the administrators should reflect that Mr. Blinder's salary will also be determined at a later date. The resolution for the appointment of the Extended School Year staff should reflect that the salary for Emily Palla will be paid by the Harding Township School District as she will be working with a tuition student they will be sending to the district. In addition, the salary figured for Maureen Furlong should be corrected to read \$4,404.84.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

Dr. Rovtar and Mr. Esposito provided an overview of the 2014-15 budget. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the district website. The budget has been approved by the Morris County Executive Superintendent. Several Board Members made comments on the budget, praising Mr. Esposito and Dr. Rovtar for their work. Miss Nyquist talked about the importance of capital reserve and having a cushion for emergencies. Mr. Blocker commented that health insurance costs are still rising 10 percent annually.

Ms. Barone opened the floor to comments from the public on the 2014-2015 budget. There were no comments from the public.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET

It was moved by Mr. LoCascio and seconded by Mr. Blocker that

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, that the Long Hill Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

approves the 2014-2015 school district budget as follows:

General Fund	\$15,301,338.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 290,107.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 921,150.00
Total 2014-2015 Budget	\$16,512,595.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$14,206,695.00 and for the Debt Service Fund \$921,150.00 for the ensuing School Year (2014-2015); and

The 2.0% cap increase over the prior year, which totals \$282,113.00, results in a maximum district general fund tax levy of \$14,651,403.00

WHEREAS, the Board has approved that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy of \$14,206,695.00 for the ensuing school year (2014-2015).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Hill Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approved that the unused taxing authority of \$416,809.00 be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years. The district has a total banked cap of \$982,679.00 for use in 2015-2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Long Hill Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approved the following capital projects for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Assessment on prior referendum projects (State mandatory deduction): \$33,181.00

WHEREAS, school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a) et seq. provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2013-2014 school year was \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount \$12,800.00 as of March 1, 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Hill Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2014-2015 school year at the sum of \$30,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations:

Legal	\$ 30,000.00
Accounting	\$ 20,000.00
Other Admin Services	\$ 25,000.00
Repair Services	\$280,076.00
Extraordinary Services	\$ 98,400.00
Nonpublic Services	\$ 86,343.00
Professional Development	\$ 48,830.00
Transportation	\$848,432.00; and

WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notify the board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Hill Township School District Board of Education establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2013-2014 school year.

It is duly noted that this budget represents an increase of 1.26% in general fund current appropriations and a 0.72% increase in the general fund tax levy.

ROLL CALL VOTE on the 2014-2015 Budget:

YES: Mr. Blocker
Mr. Brown Mrs. Moakley
Mr. Carn Miss Nyquist
Mr. DiGiorgio Mr. Stevens
Mr. LoCascio Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolution carried 9-0.

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.

The following residents commented on the Open Space Field Development Project at Central School: Mr. Greg Aroneo, Mr. Keith DeMatteo, Mrs. Gloria Aroneo, Ms. Schnell, Mr. Anthony Bontomase, Mr. Tom Campbell, Mr. John Caffrey, Ms. Peggy Campbell, Ms. Ann Marie Hands, and Ms. Debbie Caffrey. These residents shared their concerns regarding the impact on the neighborhood, potential flooding problems that might occur as a result of disturbing the wetlands, and the traffic issues that

would occur with the increased volume of cars on Chestnut Street and North Avenue as these roads are narrow and do not have sidewalks. It was suggested that the Kurz property would be a better location because the access would be directly off Valley Road. These residents urged the Board to consider not selling the property behind Central School to the Township Committee for the purpose of developing a recreation field.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Carn 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

April 7, 2014 Worksession Meeting – Public and Private Sessions

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #1:

YES: Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Mr. Stevens
 Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolution #1 carried 8-0-1. Mr. Blocker abstained.

It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Carn that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10.

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 April 14 and 28, 2014 (as attached):

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills List 4/14/14	Amount
Fund 10	\$ -
Current Expense - Fund 11	\$ 169,084.99
Capital Outlay - Fund 12	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund - Fund 20	\$ -
Capital Projects - Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services - Fund 40	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 169,084.99

Bills List 4/28/14	Amount
Fund 10	\$ -

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Current Expense - Fund 11	\$ 295,009.97
Capital Outlay - Fund 12	\$ 14,750.00
Special Revenue Fund - Fund 20	\$ 15,589.72
Capital Projects - Fund 30	\$ -
Debt Services - Fund 40	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 325,349.69

3. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfers for February 28, 2014.

APPROVAL OF
FEBRUARY, 2014
TRANSFERS

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (E), certifies that as of February 28, 2014 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.

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL
CERTIFICATIONS
FEBRUARY, 2014

5. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending February 28, 2014.

APPROVAL OF BD. SEC
& TREAS. REPORT,
FEBRUARY, 2014

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfers for March 31, 2014.

APPROVAL OF
MARCH, 2014
TRANSFERS

7. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (E), certifies that as of March 31, 2014 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.

APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL
CERTIFICATIONS
MARCH, 2014

8. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending March 31, 2014.

APPROVAL OF BD. SEC
& TREAS. REPORT,
MARCH, 2014

9. 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 acceptance of the following tuition students from the Harding Township School District for the Extended School Year Program Summer 2014:

ACCEPTANCE OF
TUITION STUDENTS

<u>Student Identification Number</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Other</u>
4378501559	KIT	\$3,000	Speech & O.T. 1x per week*
4536293700	SKIP	\$3,000	Speech & O.T. 1x per week* Shared Teacher Assistant**
8369236889	SKIP	\$3,000	Speech & O.T. 1x per week* Shared Teacher Assistant**
5130193371	Kindergarten	\$3,000	Speech & O.T. 1x per week* One to One Teacher Assistant**

*Cost of Speech and Occupational Therapy to be billed to Harding Township School District at a cost of \$50.00 per hour

**Cost of shared and one to one teacher assistants assigned to these students to be billed to Harding Township based on actual salary costs

10. 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 resolutions #2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolutions #2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 carried 9-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Moakley and seconded by Miss Nyquist that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 11,12.

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.

11. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Director of Special Services rescind approval of payment of \$700.00 to Dr. Haley Cohen for a Psychiatric Evaluation

RESCIND APPROVAL
OF PAYMENT TO
DR. COHEN

for student #2150553825 to assist in determining special education category as the appointment has been cancelled and scheduled with another provider.

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 payment of \$550.00 to Dr. Mark Faber for a Psychiatric Evaluation for student #2150553825, on May 1, 2014, to assist in determining special education category.

APPROVAL OF
PAYMENT TO
DR. FABER

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions #11,12:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolution #11 carried 8-0-1. Miss Nyquist abstained.

Resolution #12 carried 9-0.

It was moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Miss Nyquist that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 13,14,15,17,18,19,20,21,22,23. #17 and #22 as amended. #16 has been tabled until the May 19, 2014 Board meeting.

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.

13. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept with regret the letter of resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from Jean Molendyke, Guidance Counselor at Central Middle School [PCR CMS0000028], effective July 1, 2014. The Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for Mrs. Molendyke's 15 years of service to the district.

J. MOLENDYKE
RETIREMENT

14. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve an extension to the maternity leave for Danielle Schepis, District ESL teacher [PCR CMS0000021], for the 2014-2015 school year.

MATERNITY LEAVE
EXTENSION FOR
D. SCHEPIS

15. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business

REVISION TO THE
INCREASE IN

Administrator, approve a revision to the resolution approved at the Board meeting of March 24, 2014 regarding an increase to the contract of Kathy Cunningham. Ms. Cunningham will be increased from a .35 Special Education Teacher at Gillette School [PCR# GES0000026] to .49 Special Education Teacher at Gillette School for the period March 25, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

K. CUNNINGHAM'S
CONTRACT

16. Tabled by the Board until the May 19, 2014 Meeting.

17. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of administrators for the 2014-2015 school year (as attached). The salaries for the Business Administrator and Technology Coordinator are to be determined.

APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATORS

18. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of tenured and nontenured teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

APPOINTMENT OF
TEACHERS

19. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of support staff – tenured and non-tenured - for the 2014-2015 school year (as attached).

APPOINTMENT OF
SUPPORT STAFF

20. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, approve the reappointment of the Board Office support staff for the 2014-2015 school year (as attached).

APPOINTMENT OF
BOARD OFFICE STAFF

21. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Special Services and the Business Administrator, approve the following summer 2014 hours for the Child Study Team and office staff to complete evaluation work and reports as needed.

APPROVAL OF
SUMMER HOURS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
Laura Novak, LDTC	not to exceed 5 days	\$454.00 per diem
Catherine Tedesco, LDTC	not to exceed 5 days	\$440.00 per diem
Sarah Romeo, Social Worker	not to exceed 5 days	\$275.57 per diem
Brittany Hudock, School Psych.	not to exceed 8 days	\$260.25 per diem
Colleen Pepe, secretary*	*secretary time not	\$259.49
Debra J. Tremarco, secretary*	to exceed 12 days Combined	\$259.49

22. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Special Services and the Business Administrator, approve the following staff members and salaries for the Long Hill Township

APPROVAL OF
SUMMER STAFF

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School District Jump Start Extended School Year Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>salary not to exceed</u>
Jacqueline Lorenzo	SKIP Teacher	\$2,268.83
Laurraine Lemond	SKIP Teacher Assistant	\$1,605.32
Karen Riggi	SKIP Teacher Assistant	\$1,605.32
Michelle Motyczka	SKIP Teacher Assistant	\$1,539.38
Denise Buyea	SKIP Teacher Assistant	\$1,540.64*
Kristie Haag	KIT Teacher	\$3,499.07
Jennifer Hampson	KIT Teacher Assistant	\$2,382.02
Pamela Kmetz	Kindergarten Teacher	\$5,531.11
Suzanne Aiello	SKIP Teacher Assistant	\$2,407.98
Donna Schmitz	Grade 1 Teacher	\$5,548.34
Michele Pisciotti	Grade 1 Teacher	\$3,877.28
Emily Palla	Grade 1 Teacher Assistant	\$2,332.56*
Noemi Velazquez	Grade 1 Teacher Assistant	\$2,407.98
Martha Newcomb	Grade 2 Teacher	\$5,548.34
Kathryn Murdoch	Grade 3 Teacher	\$5,913.31
Maureen Furlong	Grade 4 Teacher	\$4,404.84
Katie Castro	Grade 4 Teacher Assistant	\$2,382.02
Dena Wells	Grade 4 Teacher Assistant	\$2,407.98
Cynthia Coster	Grade 5 Teacher	\$5,896.07
Lynn Kaplan	Grade 6/7 Teacher	\$5,730.83
Deborah Reiss	Grade 6/7 Teacher Assistant	\$2,333.80
Julie Hersh	Speech and Language	\$3,277.24
Jessica Alaan	Occupational Therapist	\$2,767.45
Aviva Gans	Physical Therapist	\$2,002.76
Karen Freeman	Nurse/Admin Asst.	\$5,730.83
Anne Elmowitz	Reading Consultant	\$1,680.00
Michelle Lawton	Behavioral Consultant	\$2,500.00

*Salary to be paid by the Harding Township School District

23. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Technology Coordinator, approve the appointment of the following personnel to serve as Technology Assistants on as needed basis as indicated below:

APPOINTMENT OF
TECH. STAFF

Michael Yates \$22.00 per hour effective from 05/15/2014 to 06/30/2014
Michael Cortese \$20.00 per hour effective from 05/07/2014 to 06/30/2014

Start date is contingent upon successful completion of the Criminal History Review process. Total payment for both Technology Assistants shall not exceed \$ 4,500.00

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ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions #13,14,15,17,18,19,20,21,22,23:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolutions #13,14,15,17,18,19,20,21,22,23 carried 9-0.

It was moved by Miss Nyquist and seconded by Mr. Stevens that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendation of the Superintendent numbered 24.

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.

24. 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 8, 2014 Tennis Consortium Newark Academy
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Livingston, NJ
\$10.00 per student* 4 students, 1 teachers
*parent paid

May 12, 2014 STAR Class Trip Jaeger Lumber
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Stirling, NJ
Transportation cost only
4 students, 1 teacher, 1 Teacher Assistant
District Paid

May 21, 2014 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Trip Strike & Spare Bowling
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Green Brook, NJ
D.A.R.E. Program Paid
81 students, 7 teachers, DARE Officers

June 2, 2014 STAR Class Trip Millington Post Office
8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Millington Savings Bank
\$8.00 per student plus bus Millington Café
District Paid Millington, NJ
4 students, 1 teacher, 1 Teacher Assistant

June 10, 2014 1st and 5th Grade School Visits 1st grade to Millington
9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 5th grade to Central

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Transportation cost only - \$300.00
District Paid

68 first grade students,
4 teachers
92 fifth grade students,
5 teachers

June 19, 2014
8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
\$10.00 per student plus bus
District Paid

STAR Class Trip

Seeing Eye
Morristown, NJ
4 students, 1 teacher,
1 Teacher Assistant

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #24:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolution #24 carried 9-0.

It was moved by Mr. Blocker and seconded by Mr. DiGiorgio that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 25,27,28.

#26 to be tabled until the May 19, 2014 Board meeting.

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.

25. 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 as presented to the Board of Education in private session on April 7, 2014.

ACCEPTANCE OF
HIB REPORT

Mr. Stevens requested that Resolution #26 be tabled until the next meeting so that the calendar can be voted on after the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education will have adopted their calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

26. It was moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Carn that approval of the 2015-2016 school calendar be tabled until the May 19, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL TO
TABLE CALENDAR
ADOPTION

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #26:

YES: Mr. Blocker Mr. DiGiorgio Miss Nyquist
 Mr. Brown Mr. LoCascio Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Carn Mrs. Moakley Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolution #26 carried 9-0.

27. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the donation of a ping pong table from the Brown family to be used in the Central Middle School physical education program.

ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATION

28. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following resolution endorsed by the New Jersey School Boards Association:

REMOVAL OF
SUPERINTENDENT
SALARY CAP

WHEREAS, In February 2011, the Commissioner of Education adopted regulations imposing a cap on the salaries of chief school administrators based on the enrollment of the district in which the administrator serves; and

WHEREAS, The cap on superintendent salaries is unnecessary since the 2 percent property tax levy cap, the statutory limitation on administrative spending growth, regulations adopted pursuant to the School District Accountability Act, and Executive County Superintendent review of employment contracts protect the public's and taxpayers' interests by providing sufficient controls on superintendent compensation; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important responsibilities of a board of education is the hiring of a highly-qualified chief school administrator, who is critical in implementing the educational goals, vision and direction of the community; and

WHEREAS, The salary cap has a negative impact on the quality, stability and continuity of public education in school districts due to high turnover rates, increased use of interim superintendents, and a decline in the experience level of candidates for superintendent positions; and

WHEREAS, For many educators, becoming a superintendent represents the pinnacle of a lifelong ascent up the career ladder, yet the salary cap – which applies to no other positions – has created a disincentive for school leaders to strive toward that goal, which will have long-term negative consequences on educational quality in this State; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2930, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, and Senate Bill No. 1987, sponsored by Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, would prohibit the Department of Education from regulating the maximum salary a school district may pay its superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education supports and urges the passage of Assembly Bill No. 2930 and Senate Bill No. 1987; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to each member of the 21st legislative district delegation, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the President of the State Senate, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Education Committees, and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions #25,27:

YES:	Mr. Blocker	Mr. DiGiorgio	Miss Nyquist
	Mr. Brown	Mr. LoCascio	Mr. Stevens
	Mr. Carn	Mrs. Moakley	Ms. Barone

NO: None.

Resolutions #25,27 carried 9-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolution #28:

YES:	Mr. DiGiorgio	Miss Nyquist	
	Mr. Brown	Mr. LoCascio	Mr. Stevens
	Mr. Carn	Mrs. Moakley	Ms. Barone

NO: Mr. Blocker

Resolution #28 carried 8-1.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Miss Nyquist commented that Michael Parsons, a Long Hill Township graduate, has been accepted to the Julliard School. Mr. Birkhead's efforts in working with Michael while he was a student in the district were acknowledged.

The Board noted Ms. Molendyke's retirement and stated that her service to the district has been appreciated. She will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Carn expressed his appreciation for Ms. Doyle's efforts during her years of employment in the District.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

It was moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Blocker that the Board enter into private session for the purpose of discussing several issues:

PRIVATE SESSION

The Superintendent will present a report to the Board on the investigation of one incident of harassment, intimidation and bullying; Discussion of a contractual matter involving board property; Staffing recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year; Discussion of the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation.

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It is anticipated that the private session will last no more than one hour. Action is anticipated on the staffing recommendations following the private session.

Into private session at 9:08 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mrs. Moakley that the Board return to public session. Motion carried 9-0. Into public session at 10:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mrs. Moakley that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 19, 2014 – Worksession/Regular Meeting– 7:30 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

June 9, 2014 – Worksession Meeting– 7:30 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

June 23, 2014 – Regular Meeting– 7:30 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted,

John Esposito
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