

## **Regular Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held in the Long Branch Middle School auditorium, 350 Indiana Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mrs. Peters, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **A. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Peters - President

Mrs. Youngblood Brown

Mr. Torres

Mrs. Dangler - Vice President

Mr. Ferraina

Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zambrano

Mr. Garlipp - absent

Mr. Sama

Attorney Present - Janice Arellano, Esq.

### **B. STATEMENT OF THE MANNER OF NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING**

Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary stated that adequate notice of the meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education has been provided by a Schedule of Public Meetings published in the Asbury Park Press. Mr. Genovese further stated that a Schedule of Public Meetings has been posted in the Board of Education Office and the Office of the City Clerk, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mr. Genovese made the following announcement: Fire exits are located in the direction indicated. In case of fire, you will be signaled by a bell and/or public address system. If so alerted to fire, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest smoke-free exit.

### **C. OBJECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE VALIDITY OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Genovese stated that the objecting member must give supporting reasons.

### **D. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Peters, Board President, saluted the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **E. STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Peters made the following announcement: Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate Board committee. The members of the Board committee work with the administration and Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. All agenda attachments are available for public review. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted up to five (5) minutes and one (1) opportunity to address the Board when recognized by the presiding officer. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer and shall give their names, addresses and the group, if any, that they represent. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. With the exception of those individuals whose names are on the agenda this evening, the Board will not respond to questions during the public participation portion of this meeting involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific, prospective or current employee.

### **F. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one addressed the Board.

## **2. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

That the Board approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting minutes June 18, 2025

Executive Session Meeting minutes of June 18, 2025

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Dominic Sama.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Nay: Joseph M Ferraina

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**B. MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

I, Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**C. BUDGET TRANSFER REPORTS – FY2025 MAY**

That the Board approve the following Budget Transfer Resolution contained herein:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 "Budgetary Controls and Over Expenditures of Funds" states a "district Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees shall implement controls over budgeted revenues and appropriations and shall not approve any obligation or payment in excess of the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education in the line item pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1".

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the attached line item transfers FY2025 May as listed be approved for the month ending May 30, 2025.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**D. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT - FY2025 MAY**

That the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending May 30, 2025 contained herein.

**E. REPORT OF THE TREASURER - FY2025 MAY**

That the Board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending May 30, 2025 contained herein.

**F. MONTHLY CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), we, the Members of the Board of Education, after a review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certify that to the best of our knowledge that as of May 30, 2025 no major account or fund have been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 2C - 2F.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**G. BILLS AND CLAIMS - APRIL 11, 2025, JUNE 13 - 30, 2025 AND JULY 1 - 23, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH AND INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS & CONSULTATION**

That the Board approve the bills and claims for April 11, 2025, June 13 - 30, 2025 and July 1 - 23, 2025 for the City of Long Branch and Integrated Care Concepts & Consultation contained herein.

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Theresa Dangler.

Yea: Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Violeta Peters, Theresa Dangler

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**H. BILLS AND CLAIMS - APRIL 11, 2025, JUNE 13 - 30, 2025 AND JULY 1 - 23, 2025 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH AND INTEGRATED CARE CONCEPTS & CONSULTATION**

That the Board approve the bills and claims for April 11, 2025, June 13 - 30, 2025 and July 1 - 23, 2025 excluding the City of Long Branch and Integrated Care Concept & Consultation.

**I. RECONCILIATION MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT - SODEXO - JUNE 30, 2025**

That the Board approve the monthly operating report for the Sodexo Corporation, Food Service Management Company for the Long Branch School district for June 30, 2025 contained herein.

**J. ATHLETIC FUND & ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FUNDS - JUNE 30, 2025**

I entertain a motion the Board approve the monthly reports for the Athletic Fund, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School Student Funds as of June 30, 2025 contained herein.

Motion by Armand Zambrano, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 2H - 2J..

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**ANN C. DEGNAN**, Assistant Business Administrator for Facilities, has been recognized as the Sustainability Hero for July, 2025 by Sustainable Jersey for Schools, for her leadership and skill in securing grant funding, empowering green teams and supporting a range of sustainability initiatives including energy efficient upgrades, food waste reduction programs, tree plantings, and large-scale composting efforts.

**B. STUDENT REGISTRATION - ATTACHMENT**

**4. GENERAL ITEMS - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

**A. APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CUBE CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2025**

That the Board approve Tasha Youngblood Brown and Joseph M. Ferraina to attend the National School Board Association CUBE Conference in Los Angeles, California from September 10 - 13, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$2,406.17 per person.

Motion by Armand Zambrano, second by Dominic Sama.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**B. APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CUBE CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2025**

That the Board approve Jon Zimmerman and Dominic Sama to attend the National School Board Association CUBE Conference in Los Angeles, California from September 10 - 13, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$2,406.17 per person.

Motion by Joseph M Ferraina, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo

Abstain: Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**C. APPROVAL TO RENEW THE SCHOOL BASED YOUTH SERVICES CONTRACT GRANT**

That the Board approve/ratify the renewal of the School Based Youth Services contract grant with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Child Protection and Permanency for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$377,661.

That the Board authorize Nikkia Blair, Supervisor for School Counseling Services, or her designee, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

And that Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

**D. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FY2026 IDEA CONSOLIDATION FORMULA GRANT**

That the Board approve the acceptance of the FY2026 IDEA Consolidated Formula Grant award. The allocation is as follows:

Basic	\$1,687,858
Pre-School	\$48,863

That the Board authorize JanetLynn Dudick, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

And that Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

**E. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FOCUS GRANT FY2025**

That the Board approve the acceptance of the FOCUS Grant FY2025 in the amount of \$13,970.

That the Board authorize Alisa Aquino, Director of Grants & Innovative Programs, or her designee, to serve as the district's contact person for the above actions.

And that, Francisco E. Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools, be designated the Board's representative to implement the above actions.

**F. APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE BID THRESHOLD**

That the Board approve/ratify the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Peter E. Genovese III, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

**WHEREAS**, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A., 18A:18A-3(b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$44,000 to \$53,000, effective July 1, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-3(a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the school district, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-3(a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

**FURTHERMORE**, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but 15% or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Armand Zambrano to approve items 4C - 4F.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**G. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO (2) CHEVROLET EXPRESS CARGO VANS**

That the Board approve the purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Express Cargo Vans through State Contract at a cost not to exceed \$80,178.42.

**H. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 29 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS**

That the Board approve the purchase of the following school bus through Model 1 Commercial Vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$124,526.18.

**I. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 20 PASSENGER WHEELCHAIR SCHOOL BUSES**

That the board approve the purchase of the following school busses through Model 1 Commercial Vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$270,107.96.

Motion by Violeta Peters, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 4G - 4I.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Rick Garlipp, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Nay: Joseph M Ferraina

Abstain: Dominic Sama - 4J only; Armand Zambrano

Motion Carries

Mr. Zambrano - At the Operation and Management Committee meeting on March 13th, we discussed the cargo vans, and we discussed going out to bid for the vans after further discussion at our next committee meeting which is this month. I am surprised to see it on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Rodriguez - You are correct. We did discuss this at our committee meeting. We did go out to repair the vehicles and as of right now the repairs are at a higher cost than the value of the vehicles. We are recommending the purchase on this agenda due to the fact that the beginning of school is only 6 weeks away and I feel it is imperative that we look to purchase these vehicles. We have locked in a lower cost pending approval by the Board and I am recommending the Board approve the purchase with the safety and security of our staff and students that utilize these vehicles in mind.

Mr. Ferraina - We read a statement at the beginning of our meetings that we have thoroughly reviewed items before referring them to the full Board. Mr. Zambrano is very diligent in doing his job on this committee so I concur that it should go to the committee for discussion.

Mr. Zambrano - We did go out for repairs to John's Auto Body in March. There were also repairs to the vehicles prior to that. In December or January I asked for a maintenance report of all repairs on our vehicles and so far I have not received it.

**J. AUTHORIZATION TO FILE RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF APPROVAL TO USE THE ALTERNATE METHOD OF COMPLIANCE BY PROVIDING TOILET FACILITIES OUTSIDE PRE-K/K CLASSROOMS**

I recommend the Board approve the following Resolution and authorize it to be filed for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3, the Long Branch Public Schools elect to use the alternate method of compliance by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside of the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, school children utilizing such toilet rooms will be accompanied by an instructional assistant to the toilet between the regular classroom and the toilet room adjacent to or outside of their regular classrooms at the following locations: Morris Avenue School and Lenna W. Conrow School.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**K. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve the following: As required by New Jersey Law A-3904 (P.L.2020, c.27, or "Chapter 27"), school districts are to annually submit a proposed program for emergency virtual or remote instruction (Plan) to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public health-related district closure by permitting LEAs to utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-Day requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

**L. APPROVAL FOR JBA ARCHITECTURE & CONSULTING TO SUBMIT PROJECTS TO THE NJDOE**

That the Board approve JBA Architecture & Consulting, LLC to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) various projects with respect to the SSB/Clean Energy grant.

**M. APPROVAL OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RWJ BARNABAS HEALTHLH**

That the Board approve/ratify the services agreement with RWJ Barnabas Health for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for the purpose of pre-employment physicals.

**N. APPROVAL OF SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH EXXON MOBIL**

That the Board approve the Site Access Agreement with Exxon Mobil as per the recommendation of David J. Miller, attorney for the Board, for the purpose of monitoring environmental concerns at 160 West End Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Violeta Peters to approve items 4J - 4N.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**5. PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

**A. RETIREMENT - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

That the Board accept the retirement of the following individuals:

**GAIL BECKER**, Teacher, effective March 1, 2026. Mrs. Becker has a total of 25 years of service.

**PATRICIA GRANT**, Instructional Assistant, effective November 1, 2025. Ms. Grant has a total of 12 years of service.



**ROBIN REINHOLD-CANNITO**, Teacher, effective December 1, 2025. Mrs. Reinhold-Cannito has a total of 26 years of service.

**MAGALY RODRIGUEZ**, Secretary, effective November 1, 2025. Mrs. Rodriguez has a total of 25 years of service.

**B. RESIGNATION - CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS**

That the Board accept the resignation of the following individuals:

**MCKENZIE DELAHANTY**, Teacher, effective July 10, 2025.

**MARGARET DOS SANTOS**, Teacher, effective July 2, 2025.

**EMILEIGH KAPP**, Teacher, effective July 16, 2025.

**HANNAH KURZMAN**, Teacher, effective August 30, 2025.

**MCKENNA MLOTKIEWICZ**, Instructional Assistant, effective June 30, 2025.

**ALISON MUNOZ**, Teacher, effective July 7, 2025.

**KAYLIE VEGA**, 10-Month Secretary, effective August 1, 2025.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF**

That the Board approve/ratify the appointment of the following named individuals who constitute a careful selection and screening of applicants and is hereby recommended for an employment contract contingent upon the successful completion of their degree program, New Jersey Department of Education certification requirements, and all other state and federal guidelines including but not limited to a criminal history clearance and successful clearance of S-141/A-3381 (P.L.2018, c.5). This initial appointment may change as district needs develop:

JACQUELINE AQUINO	ESL Teacher George L. Catrambone Elementary School MA, Step 1 \$64,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher of English as a Second Language</li><li>• Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li><li>• Teacher of Mathematics</li></ul> Education: American College of Education Replaces: Dara Sborea (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-120-100-101-000-09-00)(UPC: 1456-09-GRDE2-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
JORDYN BELL	Special Education Teacher Gregory Elementary School MA, Step 2 \$64,611 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li><li>• Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3</li></ul> Education: The College of New Jersey Replaces: Kaylee Apple (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-120-100-101-000-07-00)(UPC: 0668-07-GRDE1-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements

EMILY BESSINGER	<p>Science Teacher High School BA, Step 2 \$60,611 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Biological Science</li> </ul> <p>Education: The University of Tampa Replaces: Heather Gass (Leave Replacement) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 1392-01-SCNCE-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
ARIC BLOUNT	<p>History Teacher High School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Social Studies</li> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Education: Kean University Replaces: Gregory Macolino (Retirement) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0127-01-SOCST-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
LAURA BRIENZA	<p>ELA Teacher Middle School MA, Step 3 \$65,311 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of English</li> </ul> <p>Education: Montclair State University Replaces: Maureen Alexander (Retirement) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 1126-02-MSGR7-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
PAUL BRUNNER	<p>Social Studies Teacher Middle School BA, Step 3 \$61, 311 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Social Studies</li> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Education: Kean University Replaces: Aaron McCue (Reassignment) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0223-02-MSGR7-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
STEFANIE CAMARDO	<p>Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant (LDT-C) Pupil Personnel Services MA + 30, Step 7 \$70,661 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant</li> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>• Teacher of English as a Second Language</li> </ul> <p>Education: Touro College Replaces: Rosemary Dougherty (Retirement) (Acct. #: 11-000-219-104-000-11-00)(UPC: 0857-11-OFPPS-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>



BRITTANY CAPUTO	Physical Education Teacher High School BA, Step 4 \$62,061 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Health and Physical Education</li> <li>Teacher of Driver Education</li> </ul> Education: Montclair State University Replaces: Gina Vernon (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0091-01-PEHLT-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
NICOLE COCCO	ESL Teacher High School MA, Step 4 \$66,061 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of English as a Second Language</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> Education: Rutgers University Replaces: Robert Gilinsky (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-240-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0083-01-ESLAN-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
CHRISTIAN COVINGTON	Music Teacher Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School MA+30, Step 1 \$65,611 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Music</li> </ul> Education: Liberty University Replaces: Zachary Clements (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-120-100-101-000-03-00)(UPC: 0406-03-MUSIC-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
REBECCA CUSANELLI	Special Education Teacher Gregory Elementary School MA, Step 2 \$64,611 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3</li> </ul> Education: Ashford University Replaces: Gehan Kennedy (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-204-100-101-000-07-00)(UPC: 1433-07-SELDI-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
KASEY DARRAH	Science Teacher Middle School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Biological Science</li> </ul> Education: Coastal Carolina University Replaces: Margaret Dos Santos (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0277-02-MSGR7-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements

LUCILIA DA SILVA MONIZ	<p>World Language Teacher High School MA, Step 2 \$64,611 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Portuguese</li> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Education: Polytechnic Institute of Leiria Replaces: Antonio Caceres (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0971-01-WRDLG-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
ESSENCE DAVIS	<p>Preschool Community and Parent Involvement Specialist/Social Worker Pupil Personnel Services MA, Step 1 \$64,111 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Social Worker</li> </ul> <p>Education: Rutgers University Replaces: Karina McIntyre (Resignation) (Acct. #: 20-218-200-173-000-04-00)(UPC: 1662-04-PRESC-SOCWRK) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
KAREN DEGNAN	<p>Special Education Preschool Teacher Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC MA, Step 1 \$64,111 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>• Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3</li> </ul> <p>Education: American College of Education Replaces: Daniella Pianoforte (Resignation) (Acct. #: 11-216-100-101-000-08-00)(UPC: 0741-08-SEPSD-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
STEPHANIE DISPOTO	<p>Principal Gregory Elementary School \$110,000 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal</li> </ul> <p>Education: Rowan University Replaces: Retirement (Acct#: 15-000-240-103-000-07-00 )(UPC: 1393-07-ELMPR-VICEPR) Effective: July 23, 2025</p>
AUDREY EHRENSPERGER	<p>TV Studio Production Teacher Middle School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Audio and Visual Broadcast Production Technology</li> </ul> <p>Education: Stockton University Replaces: Kristen Frankoski (Reassignment) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0308-02-MEDIA-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>

CARMEN FISHER-OLVERA	<p>Special Education Teacher  Gregory Elementary School  BA, Step 4  \$62,061  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> </ul> <p>Education: State University of New York at Geneseo  Replaces: Jessica Halleran (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-214-100-101-000-07-00)(UPC: 0691-07-SEAUT-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
EAMONN FLYNN	<p>Business Teacher  High School  BA, Step 1  \$60,111  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Business: Comprehensive Business</li> </ul> <p>Education: University of Pittsburgh  Replaces: Carissa Hurst (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0070-01-BUSNS-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
DEANDRA FOTI	<p>ESL Teacher  High School  MA, Step 1  \$64,111  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of English as a Second Language</li> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Education: Georgian Court University  Replaces: Ximena Sanchez-Rodriguez (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-240-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 1566-01-ESLAN-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
JODI GREGG	<p>Art Teacher  High School  MA, Step 1  \$64,111  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Art</li> </ul> <p>Education: Simon Fraser University  Replaces: Roger Derrick (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0401-01-ARTCL-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
HEATHER GRIEB	<p>ESL Teacher  Joseph M. Ferraina, ECLC  MA, Step 3  \$65,311  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> <li>Teacher of English as a Second Language</li> </ul> <p>Education: Eastern Connecticut State University  Replaces: Tyra Priester (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-213-100-101-000-04-00)(UPC: 0496-04-SERSR-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>

KAITLYN HODGES	Art Teacher High School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Art</li> </ul> Education: Montclair State University Replaces: Francis Mainieri (Retirement) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0040-01-ARTCL-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
JENNA KARABIN	Physical Education Teacher High School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Health and Physical Education</li> </ul> Education: Kean University Replaces: Samantha Soto (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0161-01-PEHLT-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
STEPHANIE MALICK	Special Education Preschool Teacher Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>• Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3</li> </ul> Education: Auburn University Replaces: Bonnie Tedeschi (Retirement) (Acct. #: 15-213-100-101-000-08-00)(UPC: 1404-08-SERSR-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
JULIA MANDARINO	Chemistry Teacher High School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of Biological Science</li> <li>• Teacher of Chemistry</li> </ul> Education: Monmouth University Replaces: Adam Reagan (Leave Replacement) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0099-01-SCNCE-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
ERIN MCBRIDE	ELA Teacher High School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher of English</li> <li>• Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> Education: Monmouth University Replaces: Danielle Schneider (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-140-100-101-000-01-00)(UPC: 0051-01-ENGLS-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements

GABRIELLA MONTOYA	<p>Special Education Teacher  Gregory Elementary School  MA, Step 2  \$64,611  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> </ul> <p>Education: Monmouth University  Replaces: McKenzie Delahanty (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 15-213-100-101-000-07-00)(UPC: 0629-07-SERSR-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
NUHA OTHMAN	<p>Special Education Preschool Teacher  Lenna W. Conrow, ECLC  MA+30, Step 10  \$75,661  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3</li> </ul> <p>Education: Monmouth University  Replaces: Jasmin Samol (Resignation)  (Acct. #: 11-216-100-101-000-08-00)(UPC: 0679-08-SELDI-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
ANNA PELLIS	<p>Special Education ELA Teacher  Middle School  MA, Step 3  \$65,311  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Teacher of Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization: English Language Arts in Grades 5 - 8</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> <li>Teacher of Middle School with Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5 - 8</li> </ul> <p>Education: Stockton University  Replaces: Christina Bronowich (Reassignment)  (Acct. #: 15-213-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0295-02-SERSR-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
ASHLEIGH PRINCE	<p>Special Education Teacher  Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School  MA, Step 3  \$65,311  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> </ul> <p>Education: Walden University  Replaces: Victoria Elias (Reassignment)  (Acct. #: 15-214-100-101-000-03-00)(UPC: 0798-03-SEAUT-TEACHR)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
AMY QUINONES	<p>School Nurse  Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School  MA, Step 10  \$74, 161  Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Nurse</li> <li>School Counselor</li> </ul> <p>Education: New Jersey City University  Replaces: Bonnie Monteforte (Retirement)  (Acct. #: 15-000-213-100-000-03-00)(UPC: 0423-03-OFPPS-SCNURS)  Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>

JUSTIN ROSS	<p>ELA Teacher Middle School BA, Step 10 \$70,161 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of English</li> </ul> <p>Education: Fairleigh Dickinson University Replaces: Nancy O'Toole (Retirement) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0283-02-MSGR7-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
JESSICA SARGENT	<p>Principal George L. Catrambone \$110,000 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal</li> </ul> <p>Education: Monmouth University Replaces: Resignation (Acct#: 15-000-240-103-000-09-00)(UPC: 1180-09-ELMPR-VICEPR) Effective: July 23, 2025</p>
GEORGE SAIVES	<p>School Social Worker Audrey W. Clark School MA, Step 7 \$69,161 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Social Worker</li> </ul> <p>Education: Fordham University Replaces: Catarina Cordeiro (Reassignment) (Acct. #: 15-209-100-101-000-06-00)(UPC: 0862-11-OFPPS-SOCWK) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
JENNIFER SCHEID	<p>Special Education Math Teacher Middle School MA, Step 8 \$70,461 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of Students with Disabilities</li> <li>Teacher of Mathematics</li> <li>Elementary School Teacher in Grades K - 6</li> <li>Teacher of Music</li> </ul> <p>Education: Rutgers University Replaces: Amanda Griffin (Resignation) (Acct. #: 15-213-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0289-02-SELDI-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>
MADISON SUAREZ	<p>ESL Teacher Gregory Elementary School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of English as a Second Language</li> </ul> <p>Education: Montclair State University Replaces: Emma Falk (Leave Replacement) (Acct. #: 15-120-100-101-000-07-00)(UPC: 0974-07-GRDE-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements</p>

NOAH WESTPY	ELA Teacher Middle School BA, Step 1 \$60,111 Certification: • Teacher of English Education: Montclair State University Replaces: Philip Mammano (Reassignment) (Acct. #: 15-130-100-101-000-02-00)(UPC: 0237-02-ENGLS-TEACHR) Effective: September 1, 2025 *pending pre-employment requirements
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#### **D. APPOINTMENT OF PLUMBER AND HVAC MECHANIC**

That the Board approve the following named individuals for appointment of Plumber and HVAC Mechanic:

**CRAIG CAWTHON**, Plumber, Step 8 at \$66,385, effective July 1, 2025.  
 (Acct. #: 11-000-262-100-000-12-01)(UPC: 1666-12-TEMP-UPC)

**ROBERT WITT**, HVAC Mechanic, \$72,380, effective July 1, 2025.  
 (Acct. #: 11-000-262-100-000-12-01)(UPC: 0901-12-OFB&G-HVACME)

#### **E. EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve the transfer of the following individuals:

**LAURA BLAND**, from George L. Catrambone to JMF Early Childhood Learning Center Principal

**CHRISTINA BRONOWICH**, from Middle School to Pupil Personnel Services Teacher.

**NICOLE CARROLL**, from JMF Early Childhood Learning Center to George L. Catrambone Principal

**CATARINA CORDEIRO**, from Audrey W. Clark School to Pupil Personnel Services School Social Worker.

**KRISTEN FRANKOSKI**, from Middle School to High School Teacher.

**KIM HYDE**, from Middle School to High School Principal

**PAIGE KUCHARSKI**, from Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School to Gregory Elementary School Special Education Teacher.

**JEREMY MARTIN**, from Historic High School to Middle School Principal

**AARON MCCUE**, from Middle School to High School Teacher.

**TWANA RICHARDSON**, from Gregory Elementary School to Historic High School Principal

**MICHELLE SANER**, from High School to Middle School Instructional Assistant.

**CHERYL SCUORZO**, from High School to Middle School Special Education Teacher.

**CAROLEE WAGNER**, from Gregory Elementary School to Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School Special Education Teacher.

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5A - 5E.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Nay: Joseph M Ferraina

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

#### **F. ANNUAL STIPEND POSITIONS - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the following annual district stipend positions listed below:



LOCATION	STIPEND TITLE	STAFF NAME	RATE
District	City of Long Branch (Fiber)	Christopher Dringus	\$15,000
District	City of Long Branch (Fiber)	Charles Pfeister	\$10,000
District	Housing - Technology (Fiber)	David Booth, Charles Pfeister	\$5,000
District	Early AM Technical Support	David Booth	\$25/hr.
District	Virtual Server Support	Charles Pfeister	\$25.hr.
District	Building Security	Anissa Berry, Veronica Billy, Wendy-Nicole Bland,Dactilia Booth, David Booth, Dorothy Bowles, Tereke Bowles, Ja'Londa Boyd, Marjorie Chulsky, Charles Condone, Jason Corley, Jr., Tygeria Covin, Joseph DeFillipo, Ralph DeFillipo, Tariq Durant, Francesca Fantini, Felicia Gadson, Eliana Garcia, Jasmine Gomez, Zayra Gonzalez, James Ianicelli, Lisa Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Kimberly Jones, Nancy Jones, Terrence King, Joseph Lebron, Fermin Luna Hernandez, Miguel Maldonado,Vito Marra, Rosa Melo, Stephane Moise, Nijah Pizzaro,Stephanie Pragosa, Megan Renzo-Mazza,Maribel Rodriguez, Denise Rosa, Manuel Rosario, Scott Rothberg, Roszita Tatum, Juliette Trombetta, Kelly Treshock, Angel Whaley, Charles Widdis, Joseph Winter	\$20/hr.
District	Building Site Supervisor	Wendy-Nicole Bland, Marjorie Chulsky, Charles Condone, Jason Corley, Jr., Ralph DeFillipo, Felicia Gadson, Margaret Johnson, Kimberly Jones, Miguel Maldonado, Vito Marra, Rosa Melo, Stephanie Pragosa, Jessica Rodriguez, Manuel Rosario, Scott Rothberg, Angel Whaley, Charles Widdis	\$30/hr.

#### G. **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2025**

That the Board approve/ratify the following extended school year stipend positions listed below:

STIPEND TITLE	STAFF MEMBER	RATE
ESY Counselors - Related Services	Heather Montalvo	\$64/hr.
ESY Preschool & Kindergarten Special Education Teacher	Jessica Gilman	\$35/hr.
ESY Substitute Instructional Assistant	Trevor Genovese, Gricelda, Martinez, Genea McFarlane, Alyssa Vincent, Kaitlyn White	\$20/hr.
ESY Substitute Teachers	Alexis Corbett, Shavon Foresman, Marissa Gomez, Madison Grayson, Theresa Henderson, Travis Kelleher, Stephanie Kircher, Tiffani Monroe, Mariana Moreno, Michelle Saner, Ashleigh Prince	\$35/hr.

#### H. **SUMMER STIPEND POSITIONS - SUMMER 2025**

That the Board approve/ratify the following summer stipend positions listed below:

LOCATION	STIPEND TITLE	STAFF MEMBER	RATE
District	Bus Aides	Rebecca Fackenthal, Jessica Gilman, Kim Kiernan, Romina Lujan, Gricelda Martinez, Genea McFarlane, Ivette Sanabria Mendoza	\$18/session

District	Bus Drivers	Paul Arlotta, Orlando Castillo, Cassundra Hart-Smith	\$29.65/hr.
High School	NJGPA Summer Examiners	Amanda MacDonald, Jayce Maxwell, Erika Tornquist	\$35/hr.
High School	Substitute Teachers	Alexis Corbett, Tiffani Monroe, Meagan Ruland	\$35/hr.
High School	AP Environmental Science Teacher	Jayce Maxwell	\$35/hr.
Middle School	Enrichment Teacher	Jasmine Gomez	\$35/hr.
Elementary/ECLC	STEAM Instructional Assistant	Trevor Genovese, Alyssa Vincent	\$20/hr.
Elementary/ECLC	STEAM Teachers	( <b>Substitute</b> ): Natasha Blueford-Middleton, Lauren Flynn, Shavon Foresman, Veronica Grimm, Marilyn Reed	\$35/hr.
Elementary/ECLC	STEAM Safe School	Brett Brabham	\$20/hr.

#### **I. WALTONAPSI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

That the Board approve/ratify the attendance of the following staff member at the training listed below.

Name	Cost	Position	Conference	Sponsored By	Dates	Location	Account #
Staciann Sarno	\$25.24/hr 7.5 hours each day for 4 days (Not to exceed 50 hours)	AP Pre-Calculus Teacher	AP Precalculus APSI Training	WaltonAPSI	June 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2025	Virtual	15-000-223-500-168-01-44

#### **J. SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - AUGUST 19, 2025 & AUGUST 21, 2025**

That the Board approve/ratify the following summer professional development position listed below:

POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	RATE
I-Ready Literacy Screener (FOCUS Grant Funded)	Linda Bennett, Stefania Britt, Noelle Brown, Emily Bryk, Lee Carey, Lyndsey Capitanello, Alexandra Casares, Carrie Cho, Marjorie Chulsky, Barbra Costello, Stefania DeSouza-Favereto, Stephanie Dispoto, Stephanie Dixon, Carol Emick, Michele Falco, Fabianne Flores Tirado, Elizabeth Gannon, Cari Greenwood, Nikita Grinnel, Jane Hough, Nicole Howell, Ami Kass, Lupe Kiy, Suraya Kornegay, Karyn Kukushev, Ebone Lawrence-Smith, Lucy Lemaszewski, Jussara Lins, William Lisa, Amanda MacDonald, Dawn Mangan, Katie Marx, Michele Morey, Johanna Mozo, Ryan Munson, Elisa Perez, Brittany Ramsey, Elizabeth Reid, Angela Robertson, Sandra Rosa, Kelli Shaughnessy, Erica Soto, Dahemia Stewart, Kelley Stiles, Erika Tornquist, Laura Tracey, Samantha Vieira, Marlana Vitale, Gina Zinski	\$25.13/hr. (not to exceed 3 hours)

#### **K. SUBSTITUTES 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year: \* pending fingerprints

#### **RETURNING SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Anthony Gizzi, Denise Manzi, Elyse Williams, Kim Kiernan, Maria Otani, Romina Lujan

#### **RETURNING SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Orlando Castillo, Patricia Velasquez

#### **RETURNING SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Basean Fraser, Brett Brabham, Brian Newman, Bryan O'Connor, Bryce Gordon, Cierra Clark, Diego Volpe, Edward Balina, Jeremy Rosa, Ka'Von Williams, Kennedy Mayo, Kobe Brown, Stephen Hagerman, Terry Johnson, Vito Marra,

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE IA 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Alexis Capobianco, Christina Lynam, Emily Petillo, John Terracciano, Ka'Von Williams, Karen Schleifer, Keisla Rodriguez, Keschla Rodriguez, Kristen Horne, Lisa Cicenía, Mariami Ramirez, Marilyn Reid, Morgan Reevey-Glenn

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Alexa Kopzynski, Alexandra Muscillo, Amanda Tracey, Anthony Giordano, Anton DeLuca, Arleen Mavorah, Arminda Rodrigues, Ashley Nunez, Ava George, Brandon Tracey, Brianne Brown, Burak Ates, Caitlin Clarke, Carly Torsiello, Catherine Johnson, Celeste Maniero, Charles Booth, Choyce Schwartz, Clara Lenis, Damon Colbert, Daniel Tracey, Devyn Blount, Diego Volpe, Edward Moskall, Elliott Coletta, Fouzia Fida, Gary Linnington, Gia LaRocca, Grace Matier, Hailee Kissane, Hoylee Mozee, Ingrid Geraldo, Isaac Sultan, Isabel Pena, Jackelyn Kafkias, Janai Freer, Jared Tracey, Jason LaViola, Jessica Edouard, Jessica Matty, Jill Blake, Joann Rohrman, Karen Schleifer, Kelly Wolff, Kerry Williams, Kobe Brown, Kristen Horne, Kylie King, Larissa Leone, Laura Schaffer, Lisa Bonforte, Luke Yates, Madison Grayson, Maria Acosta, Marilyn Reid, Martha Cardelfe, Mary Jensen, Matthew Dorony, Matti Tenhunen, Mackenzie Carey, Meredith Weinstien, Natasha Blueford-Middleton, Qimmiq Rosa, Rachel Damstra, Rebecca DeJesus, Robert Kohler, Robin Silberstien, Romina Lujan, Ryan McGlennon, Samantha Myers, Sgt. William Wilson, Shania Bland-Turner, Sonia Cohen, Sorin Davidovici, Stephen Hagerman, Steve Olson, Tatiana Corbett, Thomas Cianflone, Travis Kelleher, Vonica Grimm, Xavier Jenkins, Zachary Puopolo, Danielle Apel-Shenko, Samantha Rocha,

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE NURSE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Patritica Decker-Bonniello, Adora Dalupan, Flavia Robey, Francis Brock, Karla Maldonado, Noreen Schifano, Roxanna Santiago, Theresa Carreri

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE MEDICAL SECRETARY 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Laura Moniz Oliveira

**SUBSTITUTE CORRIDOR AIDE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Trevor Genovese, Shania Bland-Turner

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Joanna Napolitano, Elizabeth Levano

**SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Kayla Cornavaca-Mendez, Trevor Genovese, Akyssa Vincent

**SUBSTITUTE NURSE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Maureen Pacis\*, Melissa Gartner\*

**SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Donna Cianflone

Mr. Ferraina - I am looking at the stipend position for Chris Dringus, a full time employee with a salary of \$155,400 plus health insurance benefits and days off, and now we are looking to give him a \$15,000 increase at a time where we were just told we lost \$6 million plus another \$6 million. I will vote no on that issue. I have no problem with the other stipend recommendations but I do not feel comfortable that we continue to give stipends to full time staff members.

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 5F - 5K.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Nay: Joseph M Ferraina

Abstain: Dominic Sama - 5F only; Armand Zambrano

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**L. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:\* pending fingerprints

**RETURNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS - 2025-2026 SCHOOLYEAR**

Aaliyah Brown, Therse Zambrano

Motion by Theresa Dangler, second by Dominic Sama.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Joseph M Ferraina, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Armand Zambrano, Tasha Youngblood Brown

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

**M. CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVEL - 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the change in training level for the following individual effective July 1, 2025:

**QUINN BATCHO**, School Social Worker, moving from MA to MA+30 on the teacher's salary guide.

**ALEXANDRA CASARES**, Teacher, moving from BA to MA on the teacher's salary guide.

**JOSEPH SICILIANO**, Teacher, moving from BA to BA+30 on the teacher's salary guide.

**N. STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENT**

That the individual listed be authorized to conduct their student teaching in the Long Branch Public Schools as indicated during the 2025-2026 school year. Long Branch Public School employees must complete their student teaching and/or internship outside of their contractual hours:

Attending School/Student	Pairing / Location	Attending Dates
Dana Sabatini Indrala - Capella University	Sydney Lasquinha - LBHS	September 2025 - May 2026
Kelli Tuttle - Georgian Court University	Kimberly Willis - JMF	September 2025 - May 2026
MaryKate Donaway - Monmouth University	Robert Clark - LBHS	September 2025 - December 2025
Cristina Fico - Monmouth University	Kelli Shaughnessy - GLC	September 2025 - December 2025
Nicole Clark - Monmouth University	Jennifer Glover - AWC	September 2025 - May 2026
Jenna B. Arnone - Monmouth University	Nicholette Ballard	September 2025 - May 2026
Kaitlyn Budniak - Monmouth University	William Potter - AWC	September 2025 - May 2026
Matti Tenhunen - Monmouth University	Timothy Farrell - LBHS	September 2025 - May 2026
Christina Martinez - Rutgers	Sean Mallon - LBMS	September 2025 - December 2025
Caitlin Donegan - Rutgers	Madysen Dombrowiecki & Jamie Hayes	September 2025 - May 2026
Erin Tyler - Seton Hall	Dr. Virginia Carrera - LBHS	September 2025 - December 2025
Kelly Gorman - TCNJ	Abigail Rios & Amy Rock - LBMS	September 2025 - May 2026

**O. FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

That the Board approve/ratify the medical leave of absences listed:

**INTENTION TO RETURN FROM FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

EMP ID 6464, effective July 1, 2025.

EMP ID 5849, effective July 11, 2025.

EMP ID 6286, effective June 12, 2025.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING SICK DAYS**

EMP ID 8800, from September 2, 2025 to September 19, 2025.

EMP ID 5819, from September 2, 2025 to November 26, 2025.

**FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE USING UNPAID DAYS**

EMP ID 8800, from September 22, 2025 to December 23, 2025.

**P. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

That the Board approve the attendance of staff members at the conferences listed.

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 5M - 5P.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Abstain: Joseph M Ferraina

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp  
Motion Carries

**6. STUDENT ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY HIB REPORT P.L. 2010. C. 122 (A-3466)**

That the Board approve the monthly report as required by statute.

Reporting Period- June 7, 2025 - July 14, 2025

**Summary:**

Total: One (1) investigation, (1) one incident confirmed as HIB

**Audrey W. Clark School**

One (1) investigation, (1) one incident confirmed as HIB

**B. TERMINATION OF STUDENTS ON HOME INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the termination of Home Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year for the following:

ID#: 2030314

**C. CONSULTANTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve the following consultants for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Insight Evaluations**

Comprehensive Social Evaluation	\$500.00
Bilingual Comprehensive Social	\$550.00
Social Evaluation Amendment	\$375.00
Bilingual Social Evaluation Amendment	\$415.00

**D. RECOMMENDATION FOR PLACEMENT OF OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

That the Board approve/ratify the following placement of an out of district student for the 2025-2026 school year:

**EAST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**

Belle Mead, N.J.

Tuition: \$81,826.50

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/7/25-6/19/26

ID#: 110850031, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

**CPC HIGH POINT**

Morganville, NJ

Tuition: \$119,076.30

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/7/25-6/18/26

ID#: 20326871, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

**GARFIELD PARK**

Willingboro, NJ

Tuition: \$77,670.96

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/7/25-6/18/26

ID#: 20281277, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

ID#: 20288438, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

### **HAWKSWOOD SCHOOL**

Eatontown, NJ

Tuition: \$90,098.40

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/7/25-6/11/26

ID#: 20314811, classified as Eligible for Special Education & Related Services

### **SCHROTH SCHOOL**

Wanamassa, NJ

Tuition: \$86,176.12

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/1/25-6/18/26

ID#: 20389496, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 90850239, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 20346573, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 20313995, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 111200023, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 20266185, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 20367873, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

ID#: 20357714, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

Tuition: \$86,176.12

Extraordinary Aid: \$61,688.49

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/1/25-6/18/26

ID#: 269018998, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

Tuition: \$86,176.12

Extraordinary Aid: \$35,898.54

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/1/25-6/18/26

ID#: 20346285, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

### **ARCHWAY PROGRAM**

Atco, NJ

Tuition: \$79,682.40

Trans:

Effective Dates: 7/7/25-6/18/26

ID#: 20281392, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

### **RUMSON SCHOOL**

Rumson, NJ

Tuition: \$77,836.00

Services: \$16,400.00

Trans:

ID#: 20279511, classified as Eligible for Special Education & related services

**SUMMIT SPEECH SCHOOL - ESY**

New Providence, NJ

ID#: 203910481	\$1,125.00
ID#: 20368385	\$1,125.00
ID#: 20368384	\$1,125.00

Motion by Joseph M Ferraina, second by Tasha Youngblood Brown to approve items 6A - 6D.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman  
Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp  
Motion Carries

**7. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No one addressed the Board.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:28 P.M.**

That the Board approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) allows for the exclusion from discussion at the public portion of a meeting of certain matters which might endanger the public interest or risk the deprivation of individual rights, and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Branch Board of Education wishes to discuss **personnel matters** with the resulting action being made public when a proper conclusion has been reached and there is no longer a need for confidentiality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Long Branch Board of Education will hold a closed Executive Session in the Conference Room, 540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the closed session will not last longer than 30 minutes. Action may be taken in the public portion of the meeting upon recessing of this Executive Session back into the open public meeting.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Theresa Dangler.  
Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman  
Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp  
Motion Carries

The Board returned to open session at 6:44 P.M.

Mrs. Peters - President	Mrs. Youngblood Brown	Mr. Torres
Mrs. Dangler - Vice President	Mr. Ferraina	Mr. Zimmerman
Mr. Zambrano	Mr. Garlipp - absent	Mr. Sama

**9. PERSONNEL ACTION - The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following:**

**A. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID #4092), effective July 9, 2025.



**B. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID #8861), effective July 15, 2025.

**C. SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the suspension with pay of employee (ID# 8854), effective July 15, 2025.

**D. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the re-instatement of suspended employee (ID #4092), effective July 23, 2025.

**E. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the re-instatement of suspended employee (ID #8861), effective July 23, 2025.

**F. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the re-instatement of suspended employee (ID #8854), effective July 23, 2025.

**G. RE-INSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SUSPENDED WITH PAY - RESOLUTION**

That the Board approve the re-instatement of suspended employee (ID #8180), effective July 23, 2025.

Motion by Tasha Youngblood Brown, second by Theresa Dangler to approve items 9A - 9G.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Nay: Jon Zimmerman - 9E and 9F only

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

Mr. Ferraina - I have not been contacted by anyone in the last 2 months in reference to Finance or the Superintendent's evaluation. Everything comes at the last minute, including today. I went to a committee meeting and someone else was on the committee. I think the Board, in the area of transparency and preparedness, should look seriously at how we work and the fact that we have some conflicted Board members who are left out of the loop. I have asked that everything be taped and documented.

Mr. Genovese gave the Board an update of the items discussed in the Finance Committee meeting, including the Health Center and the surplus bid.

Mr. Zimmerman - In an effort for transparency, I was appointed to the Finance Committee by Mrs. Dangler. I was conflicted before. My daughter substituted approximately 5 times in the district and in order for me to serve, she decided to resign and not work in Long Branch next school year. I reached out and expressed an interest in serving the Board more.

Mrs. Peters - I was not aware that you were appointed to the Finance Committee. I was notified that you were no longer conflicted due to your daughter's resignation but I was not aware that you were going to be serving on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Zimmerman - I would serve on as many committees as I can and use my expertise as an educator to help the students in Long Branch.

Mrs. Dangler - Thank you Mr. Zimmerman. I do appreciate your agreeing to serve on the Finance Committee. Madam President, it was not an oversight or a slight on your behalf. You were not contacted because you are conflicted and as such could not participate in the selection.

Mrs. Peters - After it was done someone should have contacted me.

Mrs. Dangler - Based on the advice from our legal counsel, you were not to be part of the selection. In the spirit of total transparency, it was not a slight or an oversight.

Ms. Arellano, Board attorney, clarified that Mrs. Dangler As Vice President and non-conflicted, can appoint members to those committees.

**10. ADJOURNMENT - 6:57 P.M.**

Motion by Dominic Sama, second by Jon Zimmerman.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Rick Garlipp

Motion Carries

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