Board Retreat Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 23, 2025

The Retreat Meeting of the Long Branch Board of Education was held in the Long Branch Public Library, 328 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Mrs. Peters, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peters - President Mrs. Youngblood Brown - absent Mr. Torres - 9:41 A.M. Mrs. Dangler - Vice President Mr. Ferraina - 9:36 A.M. Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zambrano - 9:45 A.M. Mr. Garlipp Mr. Sama

Administrators Present

Mr. Rodriguez	Mr. Genovese
Dr. Dudick	Dr. Valdiviezo

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. **BREAKFAST**

3. PRESENTATIONS

Institutional Abuse

The Board reviewed the presentation from Institutional Abuse presented by Susan Ianada and Susan Monteiro.

Mrs. Dangler left the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

Ethics

The Ethics Presentation was an overview presented by Dr. Timothy Teehan, NJSBA Field Service Representative and Kathryn Whalen, Esq., Legal Counsel for NJSBA.

The presentations were extremely informative and generated several questions from the Board members.

Mrs. Peters asked Mr. Genovese to forward a copy of the Ethics Presentation which had been provided by Dr. Teehan to all of the Board members

ADJOURNMENT - 12: 35 P.M.

Motion by Violeta Peters, second by Dominic Sama.

Yea: Violeta Peters, Armand Zambrano, Joseph M Ferraina, Rick Garlipp, Tony Valdiviezo, Dominic Sama, Jon Zimmerman

Not Present at Vote: Tasha Youngblood Brown, Theresa Dangler

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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