

**LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2009**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mr. Blocker
Mr. Butterworth
Mr. Carbone, Sr.

Mr. Dreyer
Mr. McCarthy
Mr. Meringolo

Mrs. Nyquist
Mrs. Scanlon
Ms. Becker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING NOTICE

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Long Hill Township Board of Education was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Notice was sent to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel or the Daily Record on April 28, 2008. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the first floor entrance hall of the School District Administration Building, Gillette, New Jersey. Notices were filed with the Township Clerk; and notices were mailed to all persons who have requested individual notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

BOARD SECRETARY'S UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

At this point, the Board of Education welcomes comments from any member of the public. Please note that as per Board Policy #1120, a total of fifteen (15) minutes is allocated for public comments at any single Board meeting. In order to provide residents the opportunity to comment, individual speakers are limited to three minutes each at any particular Board meeting. The Board may extend these time limits at its discretion.

RESOLUTIONS

Minutes

1. RESOLVED that the following minutes of the Long Hill Township Board of Education be accepted as presented and made part of the public record:

January 12, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Public Session (attached)

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Financials

2. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the List of Bills for January 15 - 26, 2009 for payment as follows (as attached):

Bill List for January 15 – 26, 2009	
Fund 10	\$
Current Expense-Fund 11	\$ 359,424.14
Capital Outlay-Fund 12	\$ -0-
Special Revenue Fund-Fund 20	\$ 20,598.72
Capital Projects-Fund 30	\$ -0-
Debt Services – Fund 40	\$ 923,140.63
Total	\$1,303,163.49

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

3. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(E), certifies that as of October 31, 2008 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 NJAC 6:20-2.13(B), and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year. (Available at the meeting)

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending October 31, 2008. (Available at the meeting)

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

5. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfers for October, 2008. (Available at the meeting)

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, in conjunction with the Watchung Hills Regional High School District, will conduct the Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at which times the polls will be open from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education set the date and time for the drawing for position on the ballot for the voting machine in connection with the 2009 Annual School Election for 3:00 p.m. on March 11, 2009.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

7. **WHEREAS**, a number of Boards of Education in Morris and Essex Counties have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective February 10, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Pool contains elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Long Hill Township has determined that membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Long Hill Township does hereby agree to renew membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Pool's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

8. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, Authorize the Superintendent to apply for the following Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation grant:

<u>Purpose of Grant</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Acquisition of VersaTrans Bus Routing Software	\$11,460.00

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

9. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2009 NCLB funds: RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the funds for the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Fiscal Year 2009 as follows:

Title II Part A	\$23,120
Title IV	\$ 1,733

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

10. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Special Services and the Business Administrator, cancel the district's transportation contract with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for student #999903 effective January 23, 2009. The student will not longer need transportation to the previous placement.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Special Education

12. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services, approve the payment of \$2,600.00 to Dr. Vanna Amorapanth for four neuro-developmental evaluations (\$650.00 each) for students #7140608289, #9668020560, #124 and #125.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

13. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services, cancel the district's tuition contract with The Phoenix Center

effective January 23, 2009. Student #999903 has been discharged from this school placement as per the school's request.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

14. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Business Administrator and the Director of Special Services, approve the payment of \$800.00 to Dr. K. Feingold for a psychiatric evaluation for student #77002.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Curriculum

15. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the field trip as listed below:

February 26, 2009	Newark Museum	All Fifth Grade students (120)
Funded through a grant from F.O.R.C.E.	Newark, NJ	12 teachers, 6 parents

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

Policy

16. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, approve the second reading of the following policies:

4131/4131.1	Staff Development; In-Service Education/Visitations/Conferences
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ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

OTHER

17. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the Long Hill Township School District's 2009-2010 Local Professional Development Plan to the Morris County Professional Development Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

18. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the following revision to the 2009-2010 District Calendar.

Change Thursday, October 29, 2009 from a full day to a four-hour session day for parent/teacher conferences.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

PRIVATE SESSION

Moved that the Board go into Private Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the Long Hill Education Association and a discussion regarding the contract with the district's architect. Disclosure of the above will be permitted following formal action by the Board at an open public meeting. Formal action is anticipated as soon as these matters are no longer of a confidential nature.

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

February 9, 2009 – Worksession Meeting – Gillette Board Office – 7:30 p.m.

February 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Gillette Board Office – 7:30 p.m.