

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2009

The Long Hill Township Board of Education held a Special Meeting at Long Hill Township Town Hall on Monday, August 24, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Lisa Scanlon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Barone, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Carbone, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Meringolo, Dr. Rae, Dr. Verlezza (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Mrs. Scanlon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Dreyer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rovtar, Superintendent of Schools
2 township residents
Mr. Kenneth Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Scanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:

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

Notice was sent to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel or the Daily Record on August 20, 2009. 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.

The Board will immediately adjourn to private session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Action may be taken following the private session.

It was moved by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. McCarthy that the Board go into private session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

PRIVATE
SESSION

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. Motion carried 7-0. Into private session at 7:04 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Ms. Barone that the Board return to public session. Motion carried 7-0. Into public session at 7:25 p.m.

PUBLIC
SESSION

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MRS. MC COY asked about the \$500 per diem rate for Mr. Gross, asking if this is the going rate and were there other applicants? Dr. Rovtar responded.

MRS. MC COY stated that Mr. Cimino usually works long hours after the end of the school day and asked what the work day would be for the interim principal? Would he be expected to attend all after school activities? Dr. Rovtar responded.

MRS. MC COY asked if Mr. Gross would also serve as the Athletic Director? Dr. Rovtar stated that had not yet been decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

It was moved by Dr. Rae and seconded by Mr. Carbone that the Long Hill Township Board of Education approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent numbered 1,2,3,4,5,6.

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.

1. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, accept the resignation of Janet Shannon from the position of special education teacher at Central School effective August 31, 2009.

J. SHANNON
RESIGNATION

2. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfer of Lynn Kaplan, special education teacher from Millington School to Central School for the 2009-2010 school year.

L. KAPLAN
TRANSFER

3. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the transfer of Dawn Ragno, special education teacher from Gillette School to Millington School for the 2009-2010 school year.

D. RAGNO
TRANSFER

4. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of Katie DeCotiis as a teacher of the K.I.T. program at Gillette School for the 2009-2010 school year at the Step 1 MA salary of \$46,745.00.

K. DE COTIIS
APPOINTED
K.I.T.
TEACHER

5. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of Kenneth Gross as Interim Principal at Central School effective September 21, 2009 at the per diem rate of \$500.00. The services of an interim principal are expected to be needed through December, 2009, but may be of shorter duration dependent on the availability of the successful candidate identified through the principal search process and appointed by the Board of Education.

K. GROSS
APPOINTED
INTERIM
PRINCIPAL

Mr. Meringolo commented that he is happy to see that the district has been able to secure the services of Ken Gross as interim principal, since he served the district so well previously.

Mr. McCarthy commented that he agreed, saying as interim superintendent, Mr. Gross left the district in better shape than he found it.

6. RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, approve the appointment of the following people to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 school year:

APPROVAL OF
SUBSTITUTES

Lindsay Alpert

Kathryn Grant-Bontomase

ROLL CALL VOTE on resolutions 1,2,3,4,5,6:

YES: Ms. Barone		Dr. Rae
Mr. Blocker	Mr. McCarthy	Dr. Verlezza
Mr. Carbone	Mr. Meringolo	Mrs. Scanlon

NO: None.

Resolutions 1,2,3,4,5,6 carried 8-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

MR. GROSS said he is not sure what it is about Long Hill Township that drew him back. He feels it is because of his love for the district and his support for Dr. Rovtar. He thanked the Board for their approval and vote of confidence.

It was moved by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Meringolo that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Sept. 14, 2009 – Worksession Meeting – Long Hill Township Town Hall – 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Long Hill Township Town Hall – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Rovtar
Superintendent of Schools

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