

RESOLUTIONS OF THE WEST LONG BRANCH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

VISION

Our vision for the West Long Branch Public School District is to produce socially responsible students who are lifelong learners equipped with the necessary skills to succeed at the next level of secondary education.

MISSION

Our mission for the West Long Branch Public School District is to put students first! In collaboration with all stakeholders, we will provide a safe and secure learning environment free from bias, increased academic rigor, cutting edge technology, and state-of-the-art facilities.

Mrs. Skellinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the West Long Branch Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and platform of the meeting posted at Frank Antonides School and sent to the Borough Clerk as well as posted on the district's website pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, in view of Executive Order No. 210 (December 21, 2020), which extends the Public Health Emergency with respect to COVID-19 that was declared on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order No. 103, which previously was extended on April 7, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 4, 2020, July 2, 2020, August 1, 2020, August 27, 2020, September 25, 2020, October 24, 2020, November 22, 2020, December 21, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 17, 2021, March 17, 2021 and April 15, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Skellinger.

The Following Members of the Board of Education were present:

Mrs. Cavanaugh	Mrs. Gassman	Mr. Kramer
Mr. Pringle	Mrs. Scullion	Mrs. Skellinger
Mrs. Tabakman-Plancher	Mr. Waters	

Also in Attendance:

Christina Egan,	Superintendent
Corey Lowell,	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Viola Lordi, Esq.,	Board Attorney

STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Oftentimes it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a 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, only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In compliance with the “Sunshine Law” N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., the Board of Education must go into closed session in order to discuss subjects exempted from the public portion of our meeting.

The discussion to be held in closed session will be about: **To receive attorney advice regarding a personnel matter and to discuss the personnel matter, and to receive attorney advice regarding school reopening in September 2021.**

MOTION TO OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Mr. Kramer and seconded by Mrs. Tabakman-Plancher was approved by a voice vote of 8/0 at 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Waters left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Waters returned at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Mr. Kramer and seconded by Mrs. Scullion was approved by a voice vote of 7/0 at 9:48 p.m.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION 1

1. It is the judgment of the West Long Branch Board of Education that teacher 2021-1 shows deviation from normal mental health and is required to submit to an individual psychiatric examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2. The reason for this directive is that, as a result of information made available to the Board, it has been determined that the teacher has engaged in conduct affecting the teacher’s ability to teach, discipline or associate with children of the age of the children subject to the teacher’s control in the West Long Branch School District. As mandated by N.J.A.C. 6A:32-6.3, paragraph (b)1, teacher 2021-1 shall be provided with a written statement of reasons for the required psychiatric examination and a hearing if requested. Pending the psychiatric examination and further action of the Board, teacher 2021-1 shall continue on administrative leave with pay.

The Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Board Attorney are authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement this action of the Board.

Motion offered by Mrs. Cavanaugh and seconded by Mr. Kramer was approved by a roll call vote of 7/0/1 with Mr. Waters abstaining.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION 2

2. The Superintendent is hereby directed to prepare a letter for signature by the Board President on behalf of the Board for transmittal to the Governor requesting clarification of the Governor's directive regarding wearing masks in schools and expressing the hope that the mask mandate will be lifted.

Motion offered by Mr. Pringle and seconded by Mrs. Gassman was approved by a roll call vote of 8/0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion offered by Mrs. Scullion and seconded by Mrs. Tabakman-Plancher was approved by a voice vote of 7/0 at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Lowell
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary