

**LIVINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
VOTING MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 6, 2011

A Voting Meeting of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the Livingston High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Board President, Leslie Winograd, who announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's organization meeting on May 2, 2011 and posted at the Board of Education office and communicated to *The Star Ledger*, *West Essex Tribune*, *The Alternative Press*, *Patch.com* and the Livingston Township Clerk.

Members Present: Barry Funt, Bonnie Granatir, Ronnie Spring, Leslie Winograd and Andrea Rishty

Members Absent: Charles Granata and Jennifer Wu

Also in Attendance: Brad Draeger, Steven Robinson, Mary Oates, Lawrence Russell, Thomas Douglas, Susan Burman, Joann Goldberg and approximately 12 members of the public

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

1. Technology Student Association

Whereas, The Technology Student Association is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in technology and its membership exceeds 150,000 middle high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states;

Whereas, The Association is supported by educators, parents and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society;

Whereas, Students learn through exciting competitive events and leadership opportunities;

Whereas, Heritage Middle School students participating in the Association traveled to The College of New Jersey on April 13, 2011 to compete against 400 other middle school students from throughout New Jersey;

Whereas, Evan Anderson and Scott Brody won second place their Agriculture and Biotechnology presentation; Julia Zielczynska won second place in the Career Prep Challenge; Karina Li, Jeffrey Chen and Beatrice Wang won first place in the Construction Challenge; Jaimey Shapey won first place in Digital Photography; Andy Ponici and Jonathan Wong won first place and David Hernaiz and Lucas Ochoa won third place in the Video Game Design Challenge; Larry Chen and Sam Doyle won second place in Engineering Structure; and Tiffany Chen won second place in the Graphic Design Challenge;

Whereas, Nikita Agarwal, Izzy Calis, Samantha Ngan, Julie McEldoon and Alexis Wasserman won first place in Inventions and Innovations; Tatiana Gela and Sora Nithikasem won first place in Lights, Camera Action for the video they produced; Eesha Desai and Ashwini Ramanathan won first place for their Medical Technology Display; Christina Qiu won first place for her Prepared Speech; Dylan Camche and Ben Reznick won first place in Problem Solving; Steven Milov won third place in Technical Drawing; Chase Everett and Chris Mattia won third place in Techno Talk; Menglong Guo, Alex Sugarman and Sidney Yune won first place in the Marine Design Challenge; and Puja Deshpande won first place in Technical Writing; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education congratulates these students and wishes them continued success.

Mrs. Winograd moved the following:

2. Moodys Mega Math Challenge

Whereas, The Moodys Mega Math Challenge or M³ Challenge spotlights applied mathematics as a powerful problem-solving tool, as a viable and exciting profession, and as a vital contributor to advances in an increasingly technical society;

Whereas, The Challenge is entirely Internet-based and teams have 14 hours to solve an open-ended, realistic, applied math-modeling problem focused on a real-world issue;

Whereas, The 2011 real-world issue asked students to address serious drought and water-use at Lake Powell located in the Colorado River Basin by creating math models to investigate the consequences of the drying water resource;

Whereas, Teams can work from any location they choose and can use any free and publicly available resources, but may not discuss any aspect of the problem with, or seek help from, their coach or anyone other than their teammates.

Whereas, The team comprised of Livingston High School students, Jon Rockower, Jeffrey Hong, Kevin Sun, Alex Keyes and Terence An were among the 120 teams out of 568 to advance to the second round;

Whereas, The team comprised of Livingston High School students Joy Ming, Zach Lustbader, Patrick Xia, Kevin Shi and Raymond Cai were one of 31 teams to receive Honorable Mention out of 568 and receive as a team \$1,000.00 to use for college;

Whereas, Students were coached by Anna Houben; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education congratulates these students and wishes them continued success.

Mr. Spring moved the following:

3. American Mathematics Competition

Whereas, The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematic capabilities of the nation's youth;

Whereas, The AMC seeks to meet this goal by identifying, recognizing and rewarding excellence in mathematics through a series of national contests including the American Mathematics Contest (AMC), American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME); and the United State of America Junior Mathematics Olympiad (USAJMO);

Whereas, Livingston High School students Jeff Hong, Patricia Xia, Zach Lustbader, Alex Nie, Kevin Sun, Eric Kang, Larry Chen and Grant Wu took the AMC-10 or AMC-12 tests on Feb. 8, 2011 and achieved high scores, qualifying for the next level of tests;

Whereas, Heritage Middle School student Shira Li and Livingston High School student Sibio Wang took the AMC-10 or AMC-12 tests on Feb. 8, 2011 and achieved high scores, qualifying for the next level of tests;

Whereas, Livingston High School students Jeff Hong (with a score of 114.0), Patrick Xia (with a score of 102.09) and Zach Lustbader (with a score of 100.3) received the three highest scores;

Whereas, Alex Nie was the school winner in the AMC-10 category with a score of 136.5 and qualified for the USA(J)MO contest, a two-day, nine-hour, six-problem test;

Whereas, These students were coached by Livingston High School mathematics teacher Anna Houben;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education congratulates these students and wishes them continued success.

Mr. Funt moved the following:

4. Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey

Whereas, The objective of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey shall be to promote learning and teaching of mathematics at all education levels;

Whereas, The achievement of this objective will be made through activities of the association which provide a medium for an exchange of views regarding the teaching of mathematics and influence curriculum and methods in schools;

Whereas, AMTNJ has annually presented a High School Mathematics Contest consisting of 15 questions in which schools register their math teams and information and the actual tests are sent to the school;

Whereas, The Livingston High School team consisting of students Alex Nie and Jeff Hong placed third in the State;

Whereas, Alex and Jeff were coached by Anna Houben; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education congratulates these students and wishes them continued success.

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

5. North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad

Whereas, The North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad is a contest in which high school students solve seven linguistic puzzles that incorporate a pattern of logic with language over a three-hour period;

Whereas, In solving the problems, students learn about the diversity and consistency of language, while exercising logic skills, while no prior knowledge of linguistics or second languages is necessary;

Whereas, Professionals in linguistics, computational linguistics and language technologies use dozens of languages to create engaging problems that represent cutting edge issues in their fields;

Whereas, This is the first year that Livingston High School participated in this competition;

Whereas, Livingston High School students Patrick Xia and Zach Lustbader were two out of 146 students that qualified for the Invitational Round;

Whereas, Patrick and Zach were coached by Anna Houben; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education congratulates these students and wishes them continued success.

Mrs. Winograd moved the following:

6. Knowledge Master Open

Whereas, The Knowledge Master Open is a computer-based semiannual worldwide academic competition in which teams of students compete by answering multiple choice questions;

Whereas, The questions include fifteen subject areas: American history, world history, government, recent events, economics and law, geography, literature, English, math, physical science, biology, earth science, health and psychology, fine arts, and useful trivia;

Whereas, The Heritage Middle School team competed against 604 teams worldwide, ranking first in New Jersey and 19th overall and is comprised of students Ranvir Bhatia, Albert Chalom, Adam Chang, Jeffrey Chen, Nathan Chow, Natalie Kahn, Puja Deshpande, Amanda Glatt, Shira Li, Teresa Lin, Royce Tjin, Christina Qiu, Jeanna Qiu and Daniel Zhu;

Whereas, These students are coached by Lenore Argen; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Spring moved the following:

7. LHS Lancer Junior Invitational Forensics Tournament

Whereas, Students from public school districts Livingston, Caldwell/West Caldwell and Bloomfield, and private school Bragg School in Chester, NJ participated in the inaugural LHS Lancer Junior Invitational Forensics Tournament on Saturday, April 2, 2011;

Whereas, Students were judged by members of the Livingston High School Forensics Team;

Whereas, In the JV Oratorical Declamation category, Burnet Hill's Benjamin Asher placed first, Eileen Deng placed third, Ricky LaGrotta placed fourth, and Elizabeth Tartakovsky placed sixth;

Whereas, In the Varsity Oratorical Declamation category, Kerry Zak placed third, Jeanna Qiu placed fifth, and Catherine Yang placed sixth;

Whereas, In the JV Interpretive Reading category, Rochelle Shvartsman came in second place, Milena Tjin fourth place and Elizabeth Tartakovsky fifth place;

Whereas, In the Varsity Interpretive Reading category, Kerry Zak placed second, Hillary Borker placed sixth, and Natalie Kahn placed seventh;

Whereas, These students are coached by Lenore Argen, Michelle Bodow, Carol Geers, Sharon Handley, Karin Pinto and Donna Richter-Maschio; and

Whereas, All forensics students who participated in the event should be congratulated;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Funt moved the following:

8. Hanover Park Forensics and Debate Society's Junior Tournament

Whereas, Students from Livingston, Dover, Long Valley, Berkeley Heights, Mendham, Chester, East Hanover and Chatham participated in the Hanover Park Forensics and Debate Society's Junior Tournament on April 29, 2011;

Whereas, Students competed against others from the participating school districts and have rehearsed for the entire school year, many practicing outside of school;

Whereas, Heritage Middle School, Mount Pleasant Middle School and all of Livingston's elementary schools participated in the competition;

Whereas, Many of these students have participated in forensics since the fifth grade;

Whereas, In the Declamation category, Livingston's students took all six places, Natalie Kahn placed first, Christina Qiu second, Benjamin Ascher (a fifth grader) placed third, Jeanna Qiu placed fourth, Samish Jokhla placed fifth and Mallissa Vuong placed sixth;

Whereas, In the prose category, Jeanna Qiu placed seventh;

Whereas, The students were coached by teachers Lenore Argen, Michelle Bodow, Carol Geers, Sharon Handley, Karen Pinto and Donna Richter-Maschio; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

9. Le Grand Concours (The French National Exam) (HMS students)

Whereas, Le Grand Concours is the French National Exam and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French AATF and is administered in all 50 states;

Whereas, More than 100,000 students competed in this year's Le Grand Concours in over 50 states;

Whereas, Heritage Middle School eighth grade students who study French took the exam;

Whereas, Three Heritage Middle School students received national recognition for excellent performance and were invited, along with their families, to attend an awards ceremony at Rutgers University, honoring students who ranked in the top five in the state,

Whereas, Shira Li scored third in the nation and second in New Jersey on the exam, Christina Qiu scored seventh in the nation and fifth in the state, and Oriana Tang scored seventh in the nation and fifth in the state;

Whereas, Five other Heritage Middle Students scored among the top 11 in the nation and top nine in the state;

Whereas, Corinne Ferman scored eighth in the nation and sixth in New Jersey, Kristi Kwok scored ninth in the nation and seventh in the state; Samantha Ngan scored 10th in the nation and eighth in the state; Jeffrey Chen and Sarah Duvivier scored 11th in the nation and ninth in the state;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the exam by Heritage French teachers Marie Cuenca and Jeanine Losito; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mrs. Winograd moved the following:

10. Le Grand Concours (The French National Exam) (LHS Students)

Whereas, Le Grand Concours is the French National Exam and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French AATF and is administered in all 50 states;

Whereas, More than 100,000 students competed in this year's Le Grand Concours in over 50 states;

Whereas, Livingston High School students who study French took the exam;

Whereas, Twelve Livingston High School students attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2011 Grand Concours exam;

Whereas, In the second level of the Grand Concours, Kevin Kwok was scored fifth in the nation and fifth in the state; Michele Bao scored eighth in the nation and eighth in the state; Crystal Song ranked eighth in the nation and eighth in the state; Jennifer Su ranked ninth in the nation and ninth in the state and Edward Chin ranked 10th in the nation and 10th in the state;

Whereas, In the third level of the Grand Concours, Justine Jang scored third in the nation and second in the state; Alexander Nie scored sixth in the nation and fifth in the state; Sharon Chen scored seventh in the nation and fifth in the state; Katherine Lee scored eighth in the nation and seventh in the state; Scarlett Ferman scored 11th in the nation and 10th in the state; Jesse Kirsch scored 11th in the nation and 10th in the state and Lindsey Sokol scored 11th in the nation and 10th in the state;

Whereas, Three Livingston High School students were invited, along with their families, to attend an awards ceremony at Rutgers University, honoring students who ranked in the top 5 in New Jersey;

Whereas, Kevin Kwok, Justine Jang and Alexander Nie and their families were honored at Rutgers University;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the exam by Livingston High School French teachers Soukeyna Diop-Tall, Florence Steffener and Gerard Amsellem;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Spring moved the following:

11. The National Spanish Exam

Whereas, The National Spanish Exam is the largest of its kind in the United States with 140,373 students participating in 2011 and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP);

Whereas, It is a very competitive exam in which 102 Livingston High School students participated; 98 of whom received recognition for excellence by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese by achieving gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention status;

Whereas, Of the 98 Livingston High School students who took the exam, 34 earned gold medal designation, 43 earned silver, nine earned bronze and 12 received honorable mention;

Whereas, This proclamation recognizes 79 students including gold winners ranked in the 95 percentile and above nationally, silver winners ranked in the 85 percentile to 94 percentile nationally and 28 students who placed in the top 10 positions in the state;

Whereas, Livingston High School students were ranked in the first five positions in Level 2 for the state;

Whereas, Seven students received monetary awards from the New Jersey chapter of the AATSP for ranking in the top three positions in their levels of the state. They are: Kevin Tam and Lucas Ferraz in first place, Monica Flores, Mayer Chalom and Marlene Idobro in second place and Nitay Caspi and Rebecca Katcher in third place;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 2 Gold Winners: Kevin Tam ranked No. 1 in New Jersey; Monica Flores ranked second, Nitay Caspi ranked third, Hinal Patel ranked fourth, Grace Ming ranked fifth, Nina Feinberg and Marisa Parnes ranked seventh in the state, Daniel Laveman and Julia Locke ranked ninth, Ankush Rakhit, who ranked 10th; and Merav David, Sabrina Flores, Jordan Gelman, Joshua Kaltman, Matthew Levey, Brian Lilien, Kimberly Villone and Grant Wu;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 2 Silver Winners: Nino Acosta, Brian Bachner, Mikayla Berliner, Bhoomi Bhuptani, Matthew Brennan, Jenna Davis, Derek DelBuono, Seth Goldstein, Ashley Kim, Emily Kim, Kenneth Lee, Dana Levenback, Joseph Lilien, Emilie McDonald, Kylie McLaughlin, Lauren Naphtali, Michael Paisner, Kishan Patel, Jay Schaefer, Meredith Seewald, Sofia Soroka, Brianna Valesse and Amanda Gonzalez;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 2 Bronze Winners: Emily Cruz and Rebecca Montero, both ranked eighth in the state;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 3 Gold Winners: Lucas Ferraz, who was also first in the state, Rebecca Katcher, who was also third in the state, Erik Katcher, who was also fifth in the state; Lucy Zhou, who was also eighth in the state, Nevin Matthew, who was also ninth in the state, and Sasmira Matta, 10th in the state; as well as Emily Bae and Eliana Glatt;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 3 Silver Winners: Camila Correa and Priscilla Jeng, both ranked seventh in the state, Eugenia Saiegh, ranked eighth in the state; as well as Krishan Kania, Laura Lin, Jason Ou, Lori Shapiro, Sunny Sheth and Karina Tjin;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 4 Gold Winners: Zachary Lustabader, also sixth in the state, Nicholas Fogarty, also seventh in the state, Rachel Fuerstman, also 10th in the state; as well as Scott Hare and Kevin Sun;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 4 Silver Winners: Lauren Dzera, Benjamin Leff, Sanjay Pamaar, Erika Sarajian, Peter Yao and Mario Villaquiran;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 5 Gold Winners: Mayer Chalom and Marlena Idrobo, both second in the state, and Megan Kelly, also fourth in the state;

Whereas, The following students were named Level 5 Silver Winners: Lauren DelTurco, also seventh in the state; as well as Maria Chen, Stephanie Michael, Joy Ming and Thalia Ramirez;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the exam by Livingston High School Spanish teachers Gisela Gugger, Carmen Michael, Maria Hubert Friscia and Susana Fernandez;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Funt moved the following:

12. NJ Science League Competition

Whereas, Students from Livingston High School participated in the New Jersey Science League Competition;

Whereas, Students competed in teams in Biology, Chemistry and Physics;

Whereas, All teams but one ranked in the top 10 in the state, the Chemistry 2 team ranked first for the second consecutive year and Justine Yang ranked second in the state;

Whereas, The Biology 1 team came in eighth place and consisted of the following students: Will Boni, Kevin Peng, Grant Wu and Spencer Luster;

Whereas, The Biology 2 team came in fifth place and consisted of the following students: Alex Nie, Jenny Yeung, Jenny Zheng and Kevin Sun.

Whereas, The Chemistry 1 team consisted of Nan Zhong and Aish Sivaramakrishnan;

Whereas, The Chemistry 2 team came in first place for the second year in a row and consisted of Justine Jang, Jason Cai, Angela Zhu, Lucy Zhou and Katherine Lee;

Whereas, The Physics 1 team came in fifth place and consisted of Alex Li, Zach Lustbader, Peter Yao and Dan Chi;

Whereas, The Physics 2 came in fourth place and consisted of Jonathan Rockower, Alex Keyes, Joy Ming and Xuelin Guo;

Whereas, The Physics C team came in third place and consisted of Raymond Cai, Felix Hsiao, Vincent Qui and Kevin Shi;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

13. NJ Consortium for Gifted and Talented Debate Tournament

Whereas, Students from Heritage and Mount Pleasant Middle Schools participated in the NJ Consortium for Gifted and Talented Debate Tournament competing against students from 10 different school districts on May 20, 2011 at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station;

Whereas, Students spent many hours researching a topic, preparing speeches and improvising as they attacked their opponent's arguments in a timed presentation;

Whereas, Students collaborated their presentations and present with a partner;

Whereas, Jacqueline Gelman and Kate Sheehan received the third place award in the JV Negative category;

Whereas, Kerry Zak and Shira Li came in fifth place in the Varsity Negative category;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the competition by teachers Lenore Argen and Carol Geers; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mrs. Winograd moved the following:

14. Essex County Steering Committee for Gifted & Talented Education Academically Speaking Competition

Whereas, The Essex County Steering Committee for Gifted & Talented Education offered an Academically Speaking Competition for gifted and talented students at Bloomfield Middle School on May 19, 2011;

Whereas, A team of students from Collins, Burnet Hill and Riker Hill Elementary Schools, consisting of one fourth grader and five fifth graders, competed against 11 other school teams, mostly composed of sixth graders, and came in first place in the JV competition;

Whereas, The winning team was composed of Jonathan Ackerman and Jesse Ma from Collins Elementary School, Caleb Chow and Michael Sun from Riker Hill Elementary School and Chulan Li and Serena Zhao from Burnet Hill Elementary School;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the competition by teachers Michelle Bodow and Donna Richter;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Spring moved the following:

15. Merck State Science Day Competition

Whereas, Merck holds an annual State Science Day Competition where teams of students from high schools across the state compete in the five categories of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Integrated Science and Advanced Integrated Science;

Whereas, This year's event was held at Livingston High School on May 17, 2011;

Whereas, Overall, the Livingston Merck team ranked fourth in the state out of teams from 46 schools and only the top four students in each area are given the honor of being a Merck scholar; Livingston had two Merck scholars;

Whereas, Students who are in the top 19 in the state are given honorable mention; Livingston had an additional six students receive honorable mention;

Whereas, The two Merck scholars along with their parents will attend an awards ceremony and tour of Merck on Tuesday June 7, 2011;

Whereas, The LHS Biology team came in fourth in the state and was composed of Jenny Yeung, Kevin Sun, Alex Nie, Jenny Zheng and Allison Izsak;

Whereas, The LHS Chemistry team came in eighth in the state and was composed of Jason Cai, Angela Zhu, Justine Jang, Lucy Zhou and Katherine Lee;

Whereas, The LHS Physics team came in third in the state and was composed of Xuelin Guo, Jonathan Rockower, Felix Hsiao, Vincent Qiu and Joy Ming;

Whereas, The LHS Integrated Science team came in 11th in the state and was composed of Eric MacBlane, Brigid McDonald, Dan Segal, Ben Leff and Natalie Train;

Whereas, The LHS Advanced Integrated Science team came in fifth in the state and was composed of Raymond Cai, Kevin Shi, Scott Sperling, Terance An and Kelly Zhang; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mr. Funt moved the following:

16. Union Catholic Junior Regional Forensics Tournament

Whereas, The Union Catholic Junior Regional Forensics Tournament took place Friday, May 23, 2011 and was attended by 18 different teams from public, private and parochial schools including 38 competitors in the duo category;

Whereas, Heritage Middle School students in the Enrichment Forensics program entered the competition for the third year and brought home several trophies;

Whereas, Students work as partners, memorize a scene from a play and coordinate movements and facial expressions and spend several months preparing for the competition;

Whereas, Jeanna Qiu and Christina Qiu, sisters in the eighth and seventh grade respectfully, received a first place trophy in the duo category in the first time they performed together; Catherine Yang and Natalie Kahn, took home the sixth place trophy for the second year in a row;

Whereas, Samuel Martucci and Nikita Maheshwari, Claire Hu and Claudia Chen, and Adia Dauti and Hania Strus should also be recognized for earning places on the competition team and performing in the school's Forensics competitions;

Whereas, The students were taught and coached for the competition by teacher Lenore Argen; and

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

17. USA Biology Olympiad

Whereas, The USA Biology Olympiad is a premiere competition for high school students in the United States focusing to enrich the life sciences education of nearly 10,000 students annually.

Whereas, The Olympiad provides motivation, curricular resources and skills training to take students beyond the classroom experience to a much higher level, preparing them for international competition;

Whereas, Five Livingston High School juniors and one sophomore studying AP Biology prepared for the Olympiad in class and independently;

Whereas, These students scored above average in the Olympiad, higher than other students across the country and were selected to participate in a Semifinals competition this past May;

Whereas, Livingston High School juniors Daniel Chi, Patrick Xia, Peter Yao, Kevin Sun and Jenny Zheng and sophomore Alexander Nie participated in the Olympiad;

Whereas, These students represent the top tier of biology students at Livingston High School and should be commended for their efforts;

Whereas, This is a unique and wonderful achievement deserving of official recognition;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education extends its gratitude and best wishes for future success to these students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Middle School Sports Program

Helen Flores of the YMCA provided an update of the program, which provided sports activities for 386 students this year. Ms. Flores continued that both boys basketball and boys soccer had championship seasons. Ms. Flores stated the YMCA is pleased to be considered a partner again for the 2011-2012 school year and that the YMCA plans on running the same 15 sports next year, each with a head coach and assistant coach. Ms. Flores continued that the program ran at a deficit last year and the YMCA would like to offer the services without a fiscal impact to their organization, so they are increasing the participation fee to \$275 per person. The Board of Education will provide assistance with bussing to reduce some of the costs. In addition, Heritage Middle School will hold a fundraiser to help offset costs. One of the fundraising opportunities for next year is to sponsor a sport with public recognition in the form of a banner posted at Heritage School.

2. LEF

Heidi Cislo, Amy Saffer and Sharon Cimbol of the LEF announced the five Hall of Fame honorees for this year and went over the activities scheduled. The honorees are Robert E. Grady, Charles Jaffe, Alan Krueger, Alfred Savia and Joanne Silberner. On October 14, the honorees will visit the Livingston High School students in the morning with a Hall of Fame induction dinner that evening at Cedar Hill Country Club. On October 15, the homecoming football game will be played. On October 16, there will be more homecoming activities that will be announced at a later date. On October 23, there will be a 5-K run with proceeds benefiting the LEF, Big L and West Essex YMCA.

3. Code of Conduct

There was a great deal of discussion about the dress code, changes in the use of cellular phones, harassment and bullying and substance abuse portions of the Code of Conduct. The Board offered their input to Mr. Russell and Dr. Draeger for some revisions in wording and confirmation of intent.

Dr. Draeger explained there are no changes in the dress code in the Code of Conduct.

Mr. Russell explained different grade levels require different rules when determining cell phone usage in the schools and this has been reflected in the Code.

Dr. Draeger continued that the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying is a very cumbersome law so we have tried to only put the key elements in the Code of Conduct. One major change is that every district must have an anti bullying specialist in each school with an anti bullying coordinator overseeing the specialists. Dr. Draeger announced that Kim Buxenbaum will be the district level coordinator.

With respect to the substance abuse portion, Dr. Draeger explained it is still in draft form and we are working with legal counsel on some wording. Dr. Draeger plans to have a more comprehensive copy of the Code of Conduct for everyone to review at the June 20 meeting.

BOARD REPORT

Mr. Spring attended the LACD meeting last week and explained that registration began June 1 for the Shining Star Sports League for Exceptional Children. The program will be held at Monmouth Court and offers soccer, basketball, floor hockey, t-ball and baseball.

Mr. Spring continued that Northland Pool is offering free open swim time on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning June 26 and continuing through August 14 for people with disabilities. You do not need to be a member of the pool or a Livingston resident to participate.

Mrs. Winograd attended the installation of a new HSA board and thanked all of the volunteers who make a difference in the buildings by offering their support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Funt moved the following:

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the minutes of the [May 9, 2011](#), [May 16, 2011](#) and [May 23, 2011](#) meetings.

Mrs. Granatir seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mrs. Granatir, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Nays – None

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS ~ up to 15 minutes

Scott Goldman, 42 North Baums Court, asked for clarification on a few items in the Code of Conduct and requested the Board wait until September to continue discussions that could include a larger group before instituting any changes. Mr. Goldman will submit his recommendations for revisions to Mr. Russell's office.

Nick Pulitano, 59 Billingsley Drive, stated when he has visited the schools, the students don't appear to follow any dress code.

Dana Gaier, 16 Lockhern Drive, read a statement requesting the dress code at Heritage Middle School be reviewed and revised.

Bernard Searle, 14 Washington Court, asked what the eight parking spots will be used for at Heritage and expressed disappointment the district is not addressing the problem of where to park our buses. Dr. Searle also asked why we are approving commissioning services at this late date and what part of the high school roof was going to be replaced.

Paula Stone, 12 Chadwick Road, asked when police get called in with respect to substance abuse and Dr. Draeger responded they are called every time. Mrs. Stone also asked if it is necessary to hire financial advisors for the bids when we procure the capital lease.

Bernard Searle, 14 Washington Court, asked if projects such as 3.16, Road Construction and Paving, could be shared with the Township.

MOTIONS BY CONTENT AREA

PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

Mr. Spring moved the following:

1.1 Student Teachers/Interns

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following college students to perform student teaching in the district:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Cooperating Teachers</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Harmony Daniel Dougher	Livingston High School	Linda Majzner	9/7/11-10/28/11
Joanna Gambino	Mt. Pleasant Middle	Stafford Horne	9/7/11-10/28/11
Kristin Serfass	Mt. Pleasant Elementary	David D'Addozio and Susan Davidove	9/6/11-12/16/11

1.2 Professional Development Plan

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the 2011-2012 Livingston School District Professional Development Plan.

Mrs. Granatir seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mrs. Granatir, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Nays – None

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

2.1 Out-of-District Placements

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves placement for the academic year 2011-2012 for ten (10) Livingston students with disabilities and for Extended School Program 2011 (Summer Programs) for two (2) Livingston Students with disabilities, as classified and recommended by the Child Study Team in facilities with tuition costs to be determined within the limits established by the New Jersey Board of Education as shown on [Addendum A](#).

2.2 Summer Evaluations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following individuals to conduct CST evaluations during the summer of 2011 at the rate of \$400 per case:

Eileen Saladino
Helene Fersko
Danusia Rampolla
Tania Symmons
Melissa Anderson
Rena Lazar
Nancy Petryna
Kelly Adams
Brigitte Franklin
Mindy Bondroff

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following individuals to perform summer speech evaluations at the rate of \$275 per evaluation.

Karen Schlam
Nicole Sajecki

2.3 Related Services/Medical Consultants

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following consultants that will be utilized to provide related services for the 2010-2011 school year:

HOME INSTRUCTION

Somerset Medical Center \$47.00/hour

BEHAVIOR CONSULTANTS/AGENCY

Behavior Therapy Associates, P.A.
Functional Behavior Assessment \$1,500.00

Mr. Funt seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mrs. Granatir, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Nays – None

BUSINESS

Mrs. Winograd requested check numbers 38357, 38801 and 38837 be separated out from Resolution 3.1 and voted upon separately with Resolution 3.2.

Mrs. Winograd requested a motion to move 3.1 to 3.20.

Mr. Funt moved 3.1 to 3.20 excluding 3.2 and separating out checks 38357, 38801 and 38837:

3.1 Payment of Bills

Whereas, the Board Secretary has audited certain vendor claims as required by N.J.S.A. 18A: 19-2 and Board Policy 6470 and presented them to the Livingston Board of Education with the recommendation they be paid, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the payment of the following bills in the amounts listed and attach a complete copy of these bills to the minutes of this meeting.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10&11	Regular	\$1,803,214.81
12	Regular	
20	Regular	194,818.79
30	Referendum	1,214,449.74
60	Cafeteria	76,374.20
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,288,857.54</u>

Regular Checks	37873-38284	\$1,998,033.60
Referendum Checks	354-359	1,214,449.74
Cafeteria Checks	141	<u>76,374.20</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,288,857.54</u>

3.3 Board Secretary Report – April 2011

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary for April 30, 2011, consisting of:

- 1) Interim Balance Sheets
- 2) Interim Statements Comparing Budgeted Revenue with Actual to Date and Appropriations with Expenditures and Encumbrances to Date
- 3) Schedule of Revenues - Actual Compared with Estimated
- 4) Statement of Appropriations Compared with Expenditures and encumbrances, and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the report of the Treasurer for April 30, 2011, which report is in agreement with the Report of the Board Secretary, and

Whereas, these reports show the following balances on the date indicated:

	Cash Balance	Appropriation Balance	Fund Balance
(10) General Current Exp. Fund	1,531,206		
(11) Current Expense		828,878	1,560,550
(12) Capital Outlay		15,533	1,525,773
(13) Special Schools			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	(494,704)	598,333	
(30) Capital Projects Fund	25,814,276		
(40) Debt Service Fund			

Total:	26,850,778	1,442,744	3,806,323
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Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-212(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of April 30, 2011, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments contractual orders which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8, 18A:22-8.1, now therefore be it

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certification and directs that they be made part of this resolution by reference, and be it

Further Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:20-2.13(d) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3.4 Transfers

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools recommends certain transfers among accounts in the 2010-2011 budget for April pursuant to Board of Education Policy 6422, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education ratify transfers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10:

<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
0100	Salaries		\$74,384
0249	Other Retirement Contrib	\$10,000	
0320	Purch. Prof-Educational Services	\$100,147	
0331	Legal Services		\$30,000
0390	Other Purch Pro/Tech		\$3,967
0420	Clean/Repair Maintenance		\$19,969
0503	Aid in Lieu Payments	\$805	
0514	Cont Services (Sped)		\$7,295
0520	Insurance		\$1,978
0562	Tuition other LEA Spec		\$486
0566	Tuition Pri Scl Handicapped	\$80,877	
0580	Travel		\$4,260
0590	Misc Purch Services		\$3,639
0600	Supplies and Materials		\$34,728
0610	General Supplies		\$435
0615	Transportation Supplies	\$3,000	
0640	Textbooks		\$6,695
0800	Miscellaneous		\$5,993
	Totals	\$194,829	\$194,829

3.5 Field Trips

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the field trips as outlined on [Addendum B](#).

3.6 Renewal of Contract – Astone Fleet Services LLC

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the renewal of the contract with Astone Fleet Services LLC for the 2011-2012 school year at an hourly rate of \$79.00.

3.7 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the enrollment of Livingston High School as a member of the New Jersey State Athletic Association to participate in the approved interscholastic athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA for the 2011-2012 school year.

3.8 Approval of the Revised 2011-2012 Calendar

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the revised 2011-2012 school calendar as shown on [Addendum C](#).

3.9 Heritage Middle School Interscholastic Athletic Provider

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the West Essex YMCA to provide a parent paid fee based service for a three (3) day a week program for the Heritage Middle School Interscholastic Athletic Program.

3.10 YMCA Contract

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the contracts with the YMCA for the 2012 summer camp to be held at Livingston High School and for extended days services for the 2011-2012 school year.

3.11 Capital Lease

Resolved, the Livingston Board of Education has determined to lease purchase finance the acquisition of technology purchases and maintenance equipment for an amount of approximately \$750,000; and

Whereas, the board has selected Phoenix Advisors, LLC to serve as financial advisor to conduct a competitive bid (Bid) for the Lease Purchase to finance the cost of the Acquisition; and

Whereas, Phoenix Advisors, LLC will conduct the Bid for the Lease Purchase and will make a recommendation of award to the Board,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Livingston Board of Education in the County of Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

The Board hereby authorizes the Board President and/or Secretary to execute the Lease to the Lessor in order to finance the Acquisition and authorize the sale of the Lease after the Board Counsel has reviewed the Agreement. This award is to be made in accordance with the proposal form submitted to the Board Secretary as of the date of the Bid, said proposal shall be attached hereto, and kept on file with the Board Secretary.

3.12 Award of Contract - Gym Folding Doors Replacement – Heritage Middle School

Whereas, on May 12, 2011, the Livingston Township Board of Education (“Board”) held a public bid opening for the Heritage Middle School Folding Door project (“Project”); and

Whereas, the Project consisted of two separate facets of Work, the Folding Door Replacement and the Folding Curtain Assemblies, for which the Bidders were asked to give separate prices and which the Board reserved the right to award separately;

Whereas, the Board received four (4) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid for the Folding Door Replacement Work submitted by T.G. Elliott Associates, Inc. ("T.G. Elliott") contained conditions imposed by T.G. Elliott which were not consistent with the Project specifications, and also failed to include documentation indicating that T.G. Elliott is classified by the Department of Treasury as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-26; and

Whereas, the Board has determined that the above issues with T.G. Elliott's bid make the bid non-responsive and constitute material, non-waivable defects; and

Whereas, the next lowest bid for the Folding Door Replacement Work was submitted by Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc. ("Tri-State"), Chestnut Ridge, New York, with a base bid of Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500.00); and

Whereas, the Board, upon consultation with its Design Professional, has determined Tri-State to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

Whereas, the Board's counsel has determined Tri-State's bid to be awardable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that for the reasons set forth above, the Board hereby rejects the bid of T.G. Elliott on the basis that the bid is non-responsive and contains material, non-waivable defects; and

Be It Further Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Folding Door Replacement Work for the Project to **Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc.** in the amount of **Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500.00)**; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all but the three (3) lowest bidders; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board's Counsel is hereby authorized to prepare the contract for the Project, transmit same to Tri-State, and to obtain all documents required thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon receipt of the executed contract from Tri-State, as well as the insurance certificate, bonds and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to the remaining bidders.

3.13 Award of Contract – Gym Folding Curtain Assemblies – Heritage Middle School

Whereas, on May 12, 2011, the Livingston Township Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for the Heritage Middle School Folding Door project ("Project"); and

Whereas, the Project consisted of two separate facets of Work, the Folding Door Replacement and the Folding Curtain Assemblies, for which the Bidders were asked to give separate prices and which the Board reserved the right to award separately;

Whereas, the Board received four (4) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid for the Folding Curtain Assemblies Work was submitted by Tomkin Company, a division of MPS, Inc. ("Tomkin"), Scotch Plains, New Jersey, with a base bid of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars (\$13,301.00); and

Whereas, the Board, upon consultation with its Design Professional, has determined Tomkin to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

Whereas, the Board's counsel has determined Tomkin's bid to be awardable.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Folding Curtain Assemblies Work for the Project to **Tomkin Company, a division of MPS, Inc.** in the amount of **Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars (\$13,301.00)**; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all but the three (3) lowest bidders; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board's Counsel is hereby authorized to prepare the contract for the Project, transmit same to Tomkin, and to obtain all documents required thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon receipt of the executed contract from Tomkin, as well as the insurance certificate, bonds and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to the remaining bidders.

3.14 Award of Contract – Asbestos Removal/Treatment – Various Schools

Whereas, on June 1, 2011, the Livingston Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for the Asbestos Vinyl Tile, Insulation, Transom, Caulking Removal project ("Project"); and

Whereas, the Specifications for the Project permitted the Board to award separate contracts for the various portions of the Work; and

Whereas, the Board received five (5) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid for all of the Vinyl Tile Removal Work and the Heritage Middle School Auditorium Seating Removal work was submitted by Lilich Corporation ("Lilich"), Woodland Park, New Jersey, with a bid of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00) for all of the Vinyl Tile Removal work and a bid of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for the Heritage Middle School Auditorium Seating Removal Work; and

Whereas, the Board, in conjunction with its Design Professional, has determined Lilich to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the above noted portions of the Work; and

Whereas, the Board's Special Counsel for Construction has determined Lilich's bid to be awardable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Vinyl Tile Removal Work and the Heritage Middle School Auditorium Seating Removal Work for the Project to **Lilich Corporation** in the amount of **One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$133,600.00)**, consisting of a bid of One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00) for all of the Vinyl Tile Removal Work and a bid of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for the Heritage Middle School Auditorium Seating Removal Work; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all but the three (3) lowest bidders; and

Be It Further Resolved, the Board hereby directs its Special Counsel for Construction to prepare the contracts for the Project, transmit same to Lilich for execution, and to obtain all the documents required thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon receipt of the executed contract from Lilich, as well as the insurance certificate, bonds and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all remaining bidders.

3.15 Award of Contract – Asbestos Removal/Treatment – Various Schools

Whereas, on June 1, 2011, the Livingston Board of Education (“Board”) held a public bid opening for the Asbestos Vinyl Tile, Insulation, Transom, Caulking Removal project (“Project”); and

Whereas, the Specifications for the Project permitted the Board to award separate contracts for the various portions of the Work; and

Whereas, the Board received five (5) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid for all of the Transite Panel and Caulking Work and the Hillside Ceiling Tile/Glue/Sheetrock Work was submitted by Metro Contractors, LLC (“Metro), Wayne, New Jersey, with a bid of One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$142,300.00) for all of the Transite Panel and Caulking Work, and a bid of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$6,900.00) for the Hillside Ceiling Tile/Glue/Sheetrock Work; and

Whereas, the Board, in conjunction with its Design Professional, has determined Metro to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the above noted portions of the Work; and

Whereas, the Board’s Special Counsel for Construction has determined Metro’s bid to be awardable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Transite Panel and Caulking Work and the Hillside Ceiling Tile/Glue/Sheetrock Work for the Project to **Metro Contractors, LLC** in the amount of **One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred (\$149,200.00)**, consisting of a bid of One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$142,300.00) for all of the Transite Panel and Caulking Work, and a bid of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$6,900.00) for the Hillside Ceiling Tile/Glue/Sheetrock Work; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all but the three (3) lowest bidders; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board hereby directs its Special Counsel for Construction to prepare the contracts for the Project, transmit same to Metro for execution, and to obtain all the documents required thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon receipt of the executed contract from Metro, as well as the insurance certificate, bonds and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to all remaining bidders.

3.16 Award of Contract – Road Construction and Paving – Heritage Middle School

Whereas, on June 1, 2011, the Livingston Board of Education (“Board”) held a public bid opening for the Parking Lot Renovations at the Heritage Middle School project (“Project”); and

Whereas, the Board received two (2) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid was submitted by Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC (“Crossroads”), Nutley, New Jersey, with a base bid, inclusive of two (2) Project Allowances of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$209,700.00), a bid of Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$21,500.00) on Alternate #1 (mill 2” of asphalt and install 2” of FABC Course in the area designated on the Plan as Alt. #1), and a bid of Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$21,970.00) on Alternate #4 (remove existing curbing, topsoil, subsoil, etc., install new curbing, stone, asphalt, etc. to construct new 8-stall parking lot as shown in the Specifications); and

Whereas, the Board, in conjunction with its Design Professional, has determined Crossroads to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

Whereas, the Board's Special Counsel for Construction has determined Crossroads bid to be awardable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Parking Lot Renovations at the Heritage Middle School project to **Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC**, in the amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$253,170.00)**, consisting of a base bid, inclusive of two (2) Project Allowances of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$209,700.00), a bid of Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$21,500.00) on Alternate #1, and a bid of Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$21,970.00) on Alternate #4; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board hereby directs its Special Counsel for Construction to prepare the contract for the Project, transmit same to Crossroads for execution, and to obtain all the documents required thereby; and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon receipt of the executed contract from Crossroads, as well as the insurance certificate, bonds and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid bonds to the bidders.

3.17 Award of Contract – Commissioning Services

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education ("Board") is currently engaged in a construction project involving facility upgrades to a number of the Board's schools ("Project"); and

Whereas, the Project entails upgrades to a number of the systems at the various schools, including, but not limited to HVAC, lighting, and elevators; and

Whereas, the Board has determined that it is in its best interests to retain a professional engineering firm to provide professional commissioning services ("Services") in order to ensure that all of the systems affected by the Project have been completed and are fully operational within the requirements of the Project Specifications; and

Whereas, the Board solicited proposals from multiple professional engineering firms to provide the Services; and

Whereas, the Board received two (2) proposals in response to its solicitation; and

Whereas, the Board has determined that the proposal submitted by Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc, Philadelphia, PA, is responsive to the Board's solicitation, is the most advantageous to the Board, and that Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. has the appropriate expertise to provide the Services; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 permits a board of education to negotiate and award a contract for professional services without public advertising and bidding therefore; and

Whereas, the Services constitute professional services as defined by the Statute.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Services to Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$344,700.00); and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator, with the assistance of the Board's Special Counsel for Construction to negotiate and prepare the contract for the Services with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.; and

Be It Further Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, that the Business Administrator cause to be printed once, in an official newspaper, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection at the Board's offices.

3.18 Rejection of Bids – Roof Replacement – Livingston High School

Whereas, on June 1, 2011, the Livingston Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for the Roof Replacement at Livingston High School project ("Project"); and

Whereas, the Board received three (3) bids at the public bid opening; and

Whereas, the lowest bid substantially exceeded the Board's cost estimate for the Project and substantially exceeded the Board's appropriation for the Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, the Board hereby rejects the bids received at the bid opening for the Project on the bases that the bids 1) substantially exceed the Board's cost estimate for the Project, and 2) substantially exceed the Board's appropriation for the Project; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator shall return the bid bonds to all bidders; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Business Administrator is authorized to re-bid the Project.

3.19 Settlement Agreement

Whereas, J.L. is an educationally disabled student as defined in *N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.*, and classified under the category of cognitively disabled; and

Whereas, the Livingston Township Board of Education ("Respondent" or "District") is the local educational authority with the responsibility of providing a free, appropriate public education to J.L.; and

Whereas, this Agreement contains the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties and constitutes a full and final Agreement on any and all issues;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby:

1. Approves the Stipulation of Settlement between the parties, executed by B.L. and A.L. on behalf of J.L. on March 22, 2011;
2. Directs and authorizes the Director of Special Services and Board Attorney to execute same; and
3. Directs and authorizes Livingston Township school administrators who have educational responsibility for the subject of the litigation to fully implement the terms of the Settlement.

3.20 Policies

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following policies for first reading:

- Policy #[3240](#) – Professional Development (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #[5111](#) – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #[5512](#) – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #[5533](#) – Smoking (M) (with revisions)
- Policy #[5600](#) – Code of Conduct

Policy #[7434](#) – Smoking on School Grounds (M) (with revisions)

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following policies for second reading and adoption:

Policy #[0142.1](#) – Nepotism (M) (with revisions)

Policy #[0173](#) – Duties of Public School Accountant (with revisions)

Policy #[2423](#) – Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (replaces Policy # 6142.2 (NJSBA))

Policy #[2551](#) – Musical Instruments (new to district)

Policy #[8320](#) – Personnel Records (replaces Policy #4212.6 and 4112.6 (NJSBA))

Mr. Spring seconded the motion.

Mr. Robinson commented on a number of resolutions. For 3.6, we are currently in discussions with the Township to share services of the maintenance of our vehicles. However, in the interim, we are continuing our contract with Astone Fleet. We are not charged anything if we don't use their services. If we are able to come to an agreement to share the services with the Township, we will not renew with Astone in the future.

Dr. Draeger explained the calendar change under 3.8 includes correcting an error in the number of school days. The last day of school is now one day earlier. Also, the start date for teachers has changed to give staff off on the Friday before Labor Day. Staff will begin the last day of August.

Mr. Robinson continued by answering public comment about having a financial advisor handle the bids for the capital lease stating their knowledge is invaluable and the pricing they get for us more than pays for their fee.

Mr. Robinson continued to explain the work that will be completed under the different awarded contracts.

Mr. Robinson answered the public comment regarding commissioning stating it was part of the proposal when we did the referendum. Dr. Draeger added that because of the large amount of HVAC work being done with the renovation project, it is in the school district's best interest to hire a company that will verify installation is done correctly and the units are working as efficiently as possible. In addition, the commissioning agent returns for a second review a year after installation and prior to the warranty expiration to test the systems again to ensure they are performing properly. If there is any issue, the agent goes back to the installer to get them fixed.

Mr. Robinson explained that under 3.18 there are parts of the roof at the high school that need to be replaced because they were not included in that referendum project. There are no solar panels planned for the areas to be replaced. These bids were rejected because they came in much higher than expected due to high oil prices and the timeliness of the bid. Mr. Robinson added we will go out for bid again this winter with the work to begin in June 2012.

Mr. Robinson also explained there is approximately \$400,000 left over from the high school referendum project and Dr. Draeger added he will bring this back to the Board for discussion at another meeting.

Mrs. Winograd confirmed 3.9 is for approval to use our bussing and for rental of our facilities.

Mr. Spring asked if we bid out for the services under Policy 0173. Mr. Robinson responded we will be putting out an RFP for these services next year.

Mrs. Winograd confirmed Policy 0142.1 about nepotism applies solely to the Chief Administrator and Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mrs. Granatir except for 3.9 and 3.10, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Abstain from 3.9 and 3.10 – Mrs. Granatir

Nays – None

Mr. Funt moved 3.2 and approval of check numbers 38357, 38801 and 38837:

3.2 Payment of Bills

Whereas, the Board Secretary has audited certain vendor claims as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2 and Board Policy 6470 and presented them to the Livingston Board of Education with the recommendation they be paid, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the payment of the following bills in the amounts listed and attach a complete copy of these bills to the minutes of this meeting.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10&11	Regular	\$6,662.63
	TOTAL	<u>\$6,662.63</u>

Regular Checks	38835-38836	\$6,662.63
	TOTAL	<u>\$6,662.63</u>

Mr. Spring seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Abstain – Mrs. Granatir
Nays – None

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Granatir moved the following:

4.1 Resignations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the resignations of:

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
<i>Jeanine Madden Losito</i>	Teacher of French and Spanish	Retirement (eff 7/1/11)	HMS	June 30, 2011
<i>Frederick Metzger</i>	Custodian	Retirement (eff 8/1/11)	HMS	July 31, 2011
<i>Kirsten Regber</i>	Teacher of Biology	Resignation	LHS	June 30, 2011
<i>Shira Mathias</i>	Instructional Aide	Resignation	BHE	May 19, 2011

4.2 Leaves of Absences

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the leaves of absences of:

Name	Position	Location	LOA w/pay and benefits	LOA w/o pay, but with benefits	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
<i>Dana Wallock</i>	Elementary	Hillside	5/23/11 (.5)-	6/9/11-	NA	9/1/11

	School Teacher		6/8/11	6/30/11		
<i>Devon Summersgill</i>	Teacher of Students With Disabilities	RHE	9/29/11-11/25/11	11/28/11-3/2/12	3/5/12-6/30/12	9/1/12
<i>Jamie Weber</i>	School Social Worker	LHS	9/5/11-10/27/11	10/28/11-1/27/12	1/20/12-6/30/12	9/1/12
<i>Amy Roter</i>	Teacher of English	LHS	9/1/11-9/20/11	9/21/11-12/14/11	12/15/11-6/30/13	9/1/13

*As amended from a previous agenda

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education docks one day of pay from *Deborah Faber*, Elementary School Teacher, on May 31, 2011.

4.3 Appointments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the applications indicated below (*) for emergent hiring for the following appointments under the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39.17 et. seq.; N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq.

Name	Location	Title	Tenure Track/LOA or LT Replacement	Replacing	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Date
<i>Debra Ostrowski</i>	MPMS	Principal	First Year Tenure Track	Pamela Slevin	MPM Principal (12-month)	10	\$136,744	7/1/11
<i>Cara Szeles</i>	Hillside	Principal	First Year Tenure Track	Bernadette Pilchman	Elem Principal (10-month)	10	\$124,880	9/1/11, (salary noted includes 10 work days over the summer of 2011)
<i>Bronawyn O'Leary</i>	LHS	Assistant Principal	First Year Tenure Track	Mark Stern	HS AP (12-month)	1	\$105,862	7/1/11
<i>Debra Granat</i>	RHE	Teacher of the Handicapped	LOA Replacement	Devon Summersgill	BA+32	3	\$54,732*	9/1/11
<i>Ivette Morano</i>	LHS	Teacher of Spanish	First Year Tenure Track	Maria Hubert-Friscia	MA+32	10	\$76,422*	9/1/11
<i>Mary Kaspriskie</i>	LHS	Teacher of Chemistry (.72)	Second Year Tenure Track	Increase in Chemistry sections	MA	1**	\$41,063	9/1/11
<i>Eileen Hoffman</i>	LHS	Teacher of Biology	First Year Tenure Track	Kirsten Regber	BA	9**	\$60,391	9/1/11
<i>Erin Cullinan</i>	RHE	Kindergarten Teacher	First Year Tenure Track	Beth Smargiassi	BA	4**	\$50,832	9/1/11
<i>Etleva Shehaj</i>	Middle/Elementary	Teacher of Music	First Year Tenure Track	Linda Mirabella	BA	2	\$50,432*	9/1/11
<i>Michele Leibowitz</i>	LHS	Teacher of English	Leave Replacement	Amy Roter	MA+16	6	\$61,332*	9/1/11
<i>Rena Lazar</i>	Collins	School Psychologist	Leave Replacement	Dr. Jennifer Lernihan	MA	3	\$57,432*	9/1/11
<i>Gina Montalto</i>	LHS	Teacher of Italian	Leave Replacement	Guy Rabner	MA	1	\$57,032*	9/1/11

Lisa Mannion	Harrison	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$11/hour	5/16/11
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*Salary may be adjusted based upon contract negotiations with the LEA.

**Step and salary may be adjusted based upon contract negotiations with the LEA.

4.4 Substitutes

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Kathleen Culhane* as a long-term substitute Elementary School Teacher at Hillside Elementary School (replacing Dana Wallock) from May 16, 2011 until the end of the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Culhane will be compensated at the rate \$250 per day for this assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Carol Friedman* as a long-term substitute Teacher of Students with Disabilities at Riker Hill Elementary School (replacing Kathryn D'Anna) from September 1, 2011 until November 25, 2011. Ms. Friedman will be compensated at the rate \$250 per day for this assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve as substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year:

Teacher

Julie Goldberg

Custodian

Greville K. Honore @ \$11.00/hr.

Daniel A. Paris (maintenance) @ \$18.00/hr.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of substitute teachers, nurses, secretaries and custodians on [Addendum D](#) for the 2011-2012 school year.

4.5 Extra Work Pay

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the payments as listed on [Addendum E](#) for work performed.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves payment of the class coverage rate of \$40.00 for *Debra Granat* from April 18, 2011 until the end of the school year for one period per day.

4.6 Sports Physicals

Resolved, that the school nurses listed on [Addendum F](#) may work on June 18, 2011 to assist in conducting sports physicals. These individuals will be compensated at their hourly rates for this assignment.

4.7 Contract Renewals

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education renews the contracts with *Mary Oates* (Assistant Superintendent), *Lawrence W. Russell, Jr.* (Assistant Superintendent), and *Steven K. Robinson* (Business Administrator/Board Secretary), to commence on July 1, 2011 and end on June 30, 2012. These contracts are on file at the Board office.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education aligns the non-affiliated individuals listed on [Addendum G](#) with the Livingston Supervisor's Association. The Board further approves the reappointment of these individuals for the 2011-2012 school year.

4.8 Curriculum Writers

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on [Addendum H](#) for curriculum writing.

4.9 Summer Appointments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals on [Addendum I](#) as Summer Project Workers at the approved rates.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on [Addendum J](#) as Bus Drivers and Bus Aides for the summer of 2011, beginning June 27, 2011.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Christina DiCosmo* as an extended school year Teacher of Students with Disabilities from June 29, 2011 through August 11, 2011. Ms. DiCosmo will be compensated at the rate of \$250 per day for this assignment.

4.10 Reappointments for the 2011-2012 School Year

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education reappoints the individuals listed on [Addendum K](#) as part-time, hourly Playground, Kitchen and Media Aides for the 2011-2012 school year. These individuals will remain at their 2010-2011 hourly rate for the 2011-2012 school year as reflected on the attached addendum.

4.11 Hourly Rates and Substitute Rates for 2011-2012

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Hourly Rates and Substitute Rates as reflected on [Addendum L](#).

4.12 Contract Adjustments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the contract adjustments for the 2011-2012 school year as reflected on [Addendum M](#).

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves a contract adjustment, effective May 23, 2011 through the end of the 2010-11 school year for *Susan Levine*, Instructional Aide at Burnet Hill Elementary School (PRIDE), to 19.5 hours (\$15,000, pro-rated).

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Dr. Jennifer Wirt* to receive the earned doctorate amount provided for in the contract between the Livingston Board of Education and the Livingston Administrator's Association of \$2,100, pro-rated, from May 15, 2011 until June 30, 2011.

Mr. Spring seconded the motion.

Dr. Draeger introduced the three new administrators: Debbie Ostrowski, Principal of Mount Pleasant Middle School, Cara Szeles, Principal of Hillside School and Bronawyn O'Leary, Assistant Principal at Livingston High School.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Mr. Funt, Mrs. Granatir, Mr. Spring, Mrs. Winograd
Nays – None

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT ~ up to 15 minutes

Bernard Searle, 14 Washington Court, asked if we can use the left over \$400,000 from the high school referendum for additional roof replacements not included in the original project or for permanent spots for school buses.

Scott Goldman, 42 North Baums Court, expressed additional concerns with the Code of Conduct, specifically random testing, and again requested that the Board wait until September to review to allow for PTAs, HSAs and parents to be involved in discussions.

Dr. Draeger clarified for the public and the press that we do not do random testing on students. Dr. Draeger added we are basically codifying the same process we currently adhere to and are making sure we are legally correct. Dr. Draeger added we do not want to be a certified urine collection site so one major change is to collect urine at a certified laboratory.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m., Mrs. Granatir made a motion for adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Spring seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven K. Robinson
Board Secretary