



## **LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET/VOTING MEETING MINUTES**

April 30, 2024

Executive Session - Administration Building - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Public Session - Administration Building - 7:00 p.m.

A **Public Hearing on the Budget/Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the large conference room in the Administration Building and via a Facebook Livestream. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Pamela Chirls, Board President, who announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 3, 2024 and posted at the Board of Education office and communicated to *The Star Ledger*, *West Essex Tribune*, *TAPinto Livingston* and the Livingston Township Clerk.

Members Present: Jenissa Arnette, Pamela Chirls, Seth Cohen, Fang Gong and Parul Khemka

Members Absent: Jake Ferrans

Also in Attendance: Dr. Matthew Block, Thomas Lambe, Lisa Capone-Steiger, Mark Stern, Susan Burman and Joann Goldberg

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

### **Executive Session**

**Whereas**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- personnel, legal and student matters

Action may be taken upon return to the public session. The full length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 30 minutes; and be it

**Further Resolved**, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Mrs. Gong seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

At 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Chirls reconvened the meeting. There were approximately 45 members of the public and staff watching in person and remotely through the webinar and a Facebook Live Stream.

Dr. Block congratulated the Livingston High School Varsity History Bowl Team on winning the National History Bowl Competition in Arlington, Virginia. The Junior Varsity team made it to the first round of playoffs and took 16th place.

Dr. Block congratulated Robert Wang on winning the National History Bee competition. Mr. Wang also took second place in the National Geography Bee and Ethan Liu was a semifinalist in the Geography Bee.

Dr. Block announced that they will be honoring three top high school students at tomorrow night's County Academic Awards.

Dr. Block encouraged everyone to read our newsletter, *Spotlight*, to see what other great things are happening around the district.

Dr. Block welcomed Dr. Fishbein to Livingston, adding he looks forward to a seamless transition.

### **Public Hearing on Budget**

#### Presentation

Mr. Lambe reviewed the budget information he provided back in March and explained that the expenditures and revenues, including the proposed tax levy, have not changed since the tentative budget was approved. Mr. Lambe explained that a switch in health benefits helped us to balance our budget this year, along with a reduction of other appropriations lines and an increase in our budgeted fund balance. The district will also receive funding for ROD grant projects that will take place in the summer of 2024 and 2025 that is outside of the operating budget.

Mr. Lambe continued that all of the programs currently in place will continue along with necessary technology upgrades, mandated math curriculum changes and a needed physical inventory of fixed assets for reconciliation of our financial records. There is no increase to the debt service tax levy. Enrollment and staffing needs will be handled by shifting or redeploying staff through resignations, retirements or transfers with the exception of any mandated special education staff. The preliminary tax impact on a house assessed at \$721,238 is \$558 a year. The full budget presentation is available on our website.

Looking ahead to 2025-2026, Mr. Lambe explained there will be \$842,473 of banked cap available for a tax levy cap of 2.68% and if an enrollment waiver and/or health benefit waiver is offered, the cap could be higher.

#### Discussion

Mrs. Chirls asked for our current status on enrollment and Dr. Block responded that preliminary numbers based on course enrollments show us to be neutral and that we will redeploy some 6th period assignments where necessary. At the elementary level, we are one net section lower based on our current enrollment figures.

Mrs. Chirls inquired about students not being able to access some of the AP courses they wanted and Dr. Block and Mr. Stern explained that at this time, all students have been able to sign up for the courses they want to take and they have been able to clear all wait lists.

When asked about the process for monitoring next year's budget so we are on a better track for future budgets, Mr. Lambe explained he will spend time this summer analyzing salaries to see what we budgeted and what is actual as well as regularly review out-of-district tuitions, health benefits and the other items we spend money on throughout the school year.

Mrs. Khemka inquired about the new funding formula in a bill and its impact on our budget for next year. She iterated that this will impact the school aid. Mr. Lambe acknowledged that the change in the formula is hard to predict and that will affect the budget.

#### Questions and Comments from Public

Inna Yelisevich explained that Jewish American Heritage Month starts tomorrow and she will be sharing resources to bring the history, culture and experience with the schools that her children attend and is happy to also share them with others.

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

#### **Adoption of 2024-2025 Budget**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 Proposed School District Budget:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024-2025 Total Appropriations	\$144,218,076	\$2,511,633	\$7,420,363	\$154,150,072
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$20,465,155	\$2,511,633	\$5,773,361	\$28,750,149
Taxes to be Raised	\$123,752,921	\$0	\$1,647,002	\$125,399,923

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### Academic Calendar Discussion - 2024-2025 SY

Dr. Block explained that the changes made to the 2024-2025 calendar include holding the staff opening and professional development days on August 28 and 29, 2024, moving the start date for students to September 3, 2024 and adding an additional snow day so that there are now three for the school year. This calendar is being voted on tonight.

##### Academic Calendar Discussion - 2025-2026 SY

Dr. Block explained that in order to preserve a full February break and end school earlier in June during the 2025-2026 school year, he is recommending one that will include staff coming in on August 25 and 26, 2025 and having students starting school the last week of August. Students

would attend August 27, 28 and a half day on the 29th. The last day for students and staff would be Thursday, June 18, 2026. This calendar will be on the May 14 agenda for approval.

### **Board Reports**

Mr. Cohen thanked all the members from the LEA, LAA, LSA, PT-Council and administration for participating and working together on the calendars. Mr. Cohen recommended this be the working format for creating our calendars in the future.

Mrs. Chirls acknowledged the GT Art Show that was held at the Livingston Library and thanked the staff who set up a beautiful exhibit and the group of String Ensemble for playing music during the event.

Mrs. Chirls acknowledged those who participated in the LHS Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra Concert, which is the last one for Mrs. Nancy Cimminisi, who is retiring after 37 years in the district.

Mrs. Chirls acknowledged that three former LPS teachers shared their own poetry in readings at the Livingston Public Library.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

1. Workshop/Voting Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024
2. Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024
3. Voting Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024
4. Five-on-Five Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2024
5. Public Portion of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024
6. Public Portion of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024
7. Workshop/Voting Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024
8. Public Portion of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Abstain - Mr. Cohen (on March 19, 2024 only)  
Nays - None

### **Public Comment**

Vineeta Khanna expressed it was a pleasure working with Dr. Block over the past three years and welcomed Dr. Fishbein to Livingston. Mrs. Khanna also thanked the Board and staff members for all their hard work.

Hong Yuan, announced that May 1 starts AAPI Heritage Month and asked since New Jersey passed the law to teach AAPI Heritage in schools, when will students begin learning about it in their classrooms.

Mr. Stern responded that teaching AAPI Heritage is a State mandate that some of our students in Livingston helped to initiate and that it is currently in our curriculum. To date, they have brought forth some "listen and learns" through experts in the field and have incorporated it into the curriculum writing process over the summer.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

### **PROGRAM/CURRICULUM**

Ms. Arnette moved the following:

#### **1.1 Textbooks/DVDs**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the books as shown on ***Attachment A.***

#### **1.2 Student Teachers**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the student teachers as shown on ***Attachment B.***

#### **1.3 Field Trips**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the field trips as shown on ***Attachment C.***

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

#### **2.1 Out of District Placements**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves placement for the academic year 2023-2024 for one (1) Livingston student 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 ***Attachment D.***

#### **2.2 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 2023-2024 school year:

### **AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC) SERVICES**

Creative Speech Solutions	\$1,100.00/evaluation
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Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

## **BUSINESS**

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

### **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.

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
10, 11, 12	Operating Budget (checks 105725 - 106162 Adv. 141-154)	\$16,038,493.75
20	Grants (checks 105725 - 106162)	\$ 450,138.68
60	Cafeteria (checks 60017-60021)	\$ 245,076.68
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,733,709.11</b>

### **3.2 Board Secretary Report – February 2024**

**Whereas**, the Livingston Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary for February 29, 2024, 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 February 29, 2024, 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	\$20,105,412.69	\$53,372,907.24	\$ 5,603,746.83
(11) Current Expense			
(12) Capital Outlay			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$969,570.10	\$ 2,512,616.23	\$ 0.00
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$4,581,145.20	\$ 0.00	\$3,040,653.00
(40) Debt Service Fund	\$9,031.02	\$ 0.00	\$243,473.87
Total:	\$25,665,159.01	\$55,885,523.47	\$8,887,873.70

**Whereas**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-212(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of February 29, 2024, 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.

### **3.3    Transfers**

**Whereas**, the Superintendent of Schools recommends certain transfers among accounts in the 2023-2024 budget for February 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 as shown on **Attachment E**.

### **3.4    Conferences and Overnight Trips**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the conferences and overnight trips as shown on **Attachment F**.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the addition of *Katie Baach* to assist in chaperoning approximately ten students attending the History Bowl Nationals from April 26 to 28, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Max Diaz, Elena Cannarozzi* and *Julianne Caccavale* to chaperone approximately five students attending the NCFL National Tournament from May 24 to 27, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Tom Montesion* and *Melissa Robol* to chaperone approximately ten students attending the PACE National Academic Competition from June 7 to 10, 2024 in Reston, Virginia.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Mary Kaspriskie* and *Bobbi Bremmer* to chaperone approximately nine students attending the HOSA International Leadership Conference from June 25 to 30, 2024 in Houston, Texas.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Tom Garzon* and *Michelle Hajjar* to chaperone approximately 11 students attending the FBLA National Leadership Conference from June 28 to July 3, 2024 in Orlando, Florida.

### **3.5    Union County Educational Services Commission**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education authorizes the Union County Educational Services Commission to coordinate and administer the transportation for all applications submitted for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **3.6    Essex Regional Educational Services Commission**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education renews its contracts with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for the 2024-2025 school year to provide the following services required by law:

Chapters 192 and 193  
Public School Child Study Team Services  
Public School Home Instruction Services  
Nursing Services for Nonpublic Schools  
IDEA-B Services

**3.7 Joint Transportation Agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education enters into a jointure with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for participation in transportation services for the 2024-2025 school year.

**3.8 Donation**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the donation of 257 picture frames from Ahmi and Madeleine Goldfarb to the Visual and Performing Arts Department to frame student artwork throughout the district.

**3.9 Acceptance of Funds for the Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS) Program**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the acceptance of funds for the fiscal year 2023-2024 ACSERS Grant in the amount of \$192,113.00 for the additional or compensatory special education and related services program.

**3.10 Safety Grant**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the submission of a grant application for the 2024 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Insurance Group's NJEIF Subfund for the purpose described in the application, in the amount of \$15,519.00, for a period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**3.11 Subscription Bus Pricing**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education establishes a subscription bus rate of \$810 round trip and \$405 one way per child for the 2024-2025 school year.

**3.12 Approval: Recognize and Cancel Outstanding Checks**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education recognizes and cancels all obligations associated with the outstanding checks and deposits for the Regal Bank General Checking, Cafeteria Checking, and Heritage Middle School Student Activity Checking Accounts; and

**Whereas**, the Regal Bank General Checking, Cafeteria Checking, and Heritage Middle School Student Activities Checking Account checks and deposits that are being canceled have been outstanding for a period that exceeds six months; now be it

**Further Resolved**, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized and directed to redeposit the funds from the checking accounts for canceled outstanding checks to the respective Checking accounts at Regal Bank (now Somerset Regal Bank), and the business administrator will have the discretion to transfer to another activity if appropriate. (Outstanding Check List on file in the Business Office)



### **3.13 Settlement Agreement**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #06-2024 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

### **3.14 Approval of Academic School Calendar**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the amended Academic School Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as shown on **Attachment G**.

### **3.15 Consultant Agreement**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the consultant agreement between itself and Dr. Daniel Fishbein.

### **3.16 Policies and Regulations**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education waives Bylaw #0131 and approves the following Policy and Regulation for first reading and adoption:

Policy #5751 - Sexual Harassment of Students (M)  
Regulation #5751 - Sexual Harassment of Students (M)

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

## **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

### **4.1 Appointment of Interim Superintendent**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Dr. Daniel Fishbein* as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Dr. Fishbein will be compensated at the rate of \$1,000 per day for this assignment. Dr. Fishbein's Employment Agreement has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

The Board members all welcomed Dr. Fishbein to the district.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

Ms. Arnette moved 4.2 to 4.11:

### **4.2 Resignations & Retirements**

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

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
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<i>Penni Beckerman</i>	ABA Discrete Trial TA	Resignation	BHE	April 22, 2024
<i>Sandra Bigotto</i>	Playground Aide	Resignation	Collins	June 18, 2024

*\*as amended from a previous agenda*

#### **4.3 Leaves of Absences**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the leaves of absences of:

Name	Location	Position	LOA w/pay and benefits	LOA w/o pay, but with benefits (if applicable)	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
<i>Kerri Vallely</i>	LHS	Athletic Trainer	4/8/2024-6/30/2024	8/12/2024-9/2/2024** & See <b>Attachment H</b>	NA	9/3/2024
<i>David Jones</i>	LHS	Teacher of Health & PE	See <b>Attachment I</b>	NA	NA	NA
<i>Jennifer Loniewski</i>	CO	Director of Elementary C&I	3/8/2024-3/18/2024	NA	3/19/2024-6/5/2024	6/6/2024
<i>Daniel Brill</i>	LHS	Teacher of Math	8/28/2024-9/5/2024**	9/6/2024-11/20/2024**	NA	11/21/2024
<i>David Grimes</i>	LHS	B&G Campus Supervisor	3/18/2024-4/10/2024	NA	4/11/2024-5/30/2024	6/1/2024
<i>Tatiana Gilbert</i>	CO	Assistant Business Administrator	7/29/2024 - 9/17/2024	9/18/2024 - 12/11/2024**	NA	12/12/2024

*\*as amended from a previous agenda*

*\*\*Designates time counted toward NJFLA/FMLA*

#### **4.4 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. All appointments are contingent upon reference checks in accordance with P.L. 2018, c.5.

Name	Location	Title	Tenure Track/LOA or LT Replacement	Replacing	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Date
<i>Kylie McGlew</i>	CO	Assistant Business Administrator	Leave Replacement	T. Gilbert	NA	NA	\$120,000 (prorated)	7/1/2024-12/31/2024
<i>Christina Cifalino</i>	HMS	TOSD	First Year Tenure Track	R. Altomare	MA	14	\$94,490	8/28/2024
<i>Jennifer Edouard</i>	LHS	Teacher of Math	Leave Replacement	K. Braschi	BA	1	\$55,390	8/28/2024
<i>Allison Amill</i>	LHS	Athletic Trainer	First Year Tenure Track	P. Ehrenfeld	MA	6	\$67,090	8/28/2024
<i>Vincent DeCicco</i>	Harrison	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$18/hr	5/1/2024

*\*as amended from a previous agenda*

*\*\*begins 60-day probationary period*

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the ABA Discrete Trial TAs and Instructional Aides as listed on **Attachment J**.

#### **4.5 Substitutes**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals listed below to serve as substitutes on an as-needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year:

##### **Teachers**

*Nancy DePasquale  
Korinne Massoni  
Samantha Vieira  
Kenneth Hamel  
Ligia Muench  
Christina Schumacher  
Nicole DePalma  
Tara Cohen  
Kimberly DePalma  
Marc Pollack  
Riley Devlin*

##### **Custodian**

*Lemont Harris (\$18.50/hr)*

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Jennifer Edouard* to serve as a substitute on an as-needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Resolved**, the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment K** as certified substitutes. These individuals are currently employed by the District. In the event these individuals are called upon to serve as a substitute, they will be compensated an additional \$50/day (\$10/period) for that assignment.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individual(s) listed below to serve as long-term substitutes as reflected below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Leave Replacement or Long Term Sub</b>	<b>Replacing</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<i>Natalia Pinzon Usme</i>	RHE	Teacher of Spanish	Long Term Sub	L. Martes	\$275/day**	4/29/2024

*\*amended from previous agenda*

*\*\*to be paid the difference between their current daily rate and the rate quoted above*

#### **4.6 Stipends**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals on **Attachment L** for athletic stipends at Livingston High School for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the contract between the LBOE and the LEA.

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Stacey Strumeyer* as the Assistant to the AP Coordinator in the amount of \$4,000 to be paid through the Student Activities Account.

#### **4.7     Extra Period Assignments**

**Resolved**, the Livingston Board of Education approves the extra period assignments as listed on **Attachment M**.

#### **4.8     Mentor Fees**

**Resolved**, the Livingston Board of Education amends the individuals on **Attachment N** listed as assigned mentors to receive payment in accordance with the schedule listed.

#### **4.9     Contract Adjustments**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals on **Attachment O** for contract adjustments to include \$250 for attaining their Google Beginner certification.

#### **4.10    ESEA Grant**

**Resolved**, the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment P** to work at the ELL Family Night on April 11, 2024, at the rate of \$51.62/hour, not to exceed 2 hours per person. These funds will be paid through the ESEA Title III Grant (Account number: 20-241-100-100-1033-12).

#### **4.11    Curriculum Writing**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals on **Attachment Q** to participate in mid-year curriculum writing during the 2023-24 school year, at the approved rate (Account number: 11-000-221-104-5063-19).

Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Cohen moved the following:

#### **5.1     HIB Report**

**Resolved**, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the findings of HIB cases.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Ayes - Ms. Arnette, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Chirls  
Nayes - None

### **Old Business**

#### **Equity Committee**

Dr. Block explained that the Equity Committee had a meeting today which involved meeting with a consultant and discussing the best ways to respond to the audit. Dr. Block added that in talking with the consultant and with the upcoming transition of superintendent, they feel they should wait until July to get the committee together to formulate next steps and look to move forward in September. In the interim, the committee will continue to interview other consultants.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:45 p.m., Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Arnette seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Lambe", is written over a horizontal line.

**Thomas J. Lambe**  
**Board Secretary**