

LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 2018

A **Voting Meeting** of the Livingston Board of Education was held on this date in the large conference room in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by the Board President, Pamela Chirls, who announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided by amendment to notice approved at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 4, 2016 and posted at the Board of Education office and communicated to The Star Ledger, West Essex Tribune, The Alternative Press and the Livingston Township Clerk.

- Members Present: Charles "Buddy" August, Pamela Chirls, Ronnie Konner, Samantha Messer, George Shen and Evan Tong
- Also in Attendance: Christina Steffner, Steven Robinson, Lisa Capone-Steiger, Susan Burman, Joann Goldberg and approximately 50 members of the public and staff

Mrs. Konner 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:

• To review confidential documents and personnel

Action may be taken upon return to public session. The full length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 45 minutes and be it

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

Ms. Messer seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

At 7:05 p.m., Mrs. Chirls reconvened the public meeting.

Mount Pleasant Middle School Student Presentation

Mr. David D'Addozio, MPMS Team 4 Science teacher and Mrs. Jessica Sental, MPMS Media Specialist, introduced students who presented the culmination of some of the work at MPMS integrating STEM education in their makerspace with the next gen science standards.

Superintendent's Report

1. <u>Student Recognition / Essex County Student Recognition</u>

Mrs. Steffner acknowledged the heroic efforts of Ethan Haber, a student who helped his friend, Brody Guttenberg, who was experiencing a medical emergency at Harrison School.

Mrs. Steffner acknowledged William Taylor, one of our high school seniors, who received the Unsung Heroes Student Recognition Award by the Essex County School Business Association held on March 15, 2019.

2. <u>Chamber of Commerce</u>

Mrs. Steffner announced that Greer Gelman is this year's LPS nominee for the Community Member Award.

3. National Student Walkout

Mrs. Steffner explained a number of high school students participated in the National Student Walkout to show their support to end gun violence in schools. In the two middle schools, students gathered inside and shared an activity to show their support.

4. Budget/State Aid

Mr. Robinson explained we received our State aid numbers last week and anticipate receiving an additional \$334,987 contingent upon legislation passing the budget that the Governor has put forth. Mr. Robinson added he hopes to a have more information prior to our passing the budget on May 7.

Mrs. Konner expressed concern about knowing we will receive the extra funds prior to earmarking them for anything.

Mrs. Chirls asked at what point they can address questions and hear from the public about any budget related items and Mr. Robinson said anytime between now and the vote on May 7. Mrs. Chirls also asked for confirmation that there are no line items in the budget for random student drug testing and Mr. Robinson confirmed there are none.

Mrs. Konner asked how we can gather input about the budget from people who can't get to a meeting and Mr. Robinson explained we will have an active site for questions, he will be discussing it at the PT Council meeting tomorrow and we will provide two open forums for the public to attend.

5. School Calendar 2017-2018

Mrs. Steffner explained we are one day over on our allotted snow days and the calendar calls for us to have students attend on Monday, March 26, the first day of spring break. Mrs. Steffner

explained we are concerned about having enough staff to cover classes and offered the option of keeping school closed on Monday and moving the last day of school to Friday, June 22 for everyone except seniors. Seniors would come in on a Saturday for a four hour session to meet the number of school days in session requirement. Mrs. Steffner discussed this option with the PT Council presidents, the LEA and her administrative team.

Mrs. Konner asked what happens if we use another snow day next week and Mrs. Steffner replied we would have to go back and take from the spring break week.

Mrs. Chirls expressed concern that only the PT Council presidents were consulted and we didn't go out to other stakeholders for input and are late in asking for a change in plans.

Mr. Tong explained that Mr. Stern spoke with the senior officers and the overall consensus was that they would be fine coming in on a Saturday.

Mr. Shen confirmed there would be no tests given on Monday if students have to come to school.

Mrs. Konner requested opening the floor for public comment on this agenda item only:

Jason Lerner, 42 Crescent Road, asked why we would make a change to a calendar that was created and approved a few years ago and clearly spells out when we would have make up days. Mr. Lerner is in favor of keeping the calendar the way it was originally written.

Jamie Alpert, 56 Amherst Place, asked if anyone has thought about how moving the last day of school would affect the elementary school clap outs.

Dee Dee Pulver, 47 Winchester Road, suggested when we create calendars going forward, we consider adding five snow days.

Anthony Rosamilia, President of LEA, stated they don't take they don't take a position on calendar dates and that whatever is decided, the association will follow accordingly.

Justin Alpert, 56 Amherst Place, suggested building a stronger leadership connection and ask for a waiver on the 180 day of school requirement.

Tara Heyderman, 23 Cedar Gate Drive, stated changing the calendar now sets a bad precedent because parents plan around the approved calendar. Mrs. Heyderman stated it is unfair to change the calendar a week before the scheduled break.

Jennifer Rothenberg, 19 Putnam Road, agrees the calendar is set a few years in advance and should not be changed now. Mrs. Rothenberg suggested looking at other options down the road such as starting school earlier and eliminating February break.

Mike Ramer, 22 Mohawk Drive, stated the majority of people want to keep the calendar the way it is and asked that we don't change it now.

Stefanie Cohen, 20 Stonewall Drive, regarding this year's calendar and going forward, you can't make everyone happy. Mrs. Cohen explained when this calendar was created, it was discussed that having the February and March breaks so close together could be a problem if we encountered a snowy March. Mrs. Cohen suggests learning from this mistake when creating future calendars.

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Jeff Lichtstein, 46 Heron Road, asked if students do have school on Monday and Tuesday, if they would be full or half days and Mrs. Steffner replied, they would be full days.

Dee Dee Pulver, 47 Winchester Road, stated the Superintendent will make the best recommendation she can based on the knowledge she has of the situation.

James Calderon, 17 Claremont Avenue, suggests keeping the calendar the way it was originally approved.

Darice Tufaro, 89 East McClellan Avenue, stated even though people made plans for next week, they always knew there was a possibility school would be in session if we used up our snow days and is in favor of keeping the calendar as it was approved.

Mrs. Chirls asked for a motion on 3.9.

Mr. August moved the following:

3.9 School Calendar 2017-2018

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following changes to the 2017-2018 school calendar:

- Last day of school for grades PK-11 will be June 22, 2018
- Additional school day on Saturday, April 28, 2018 for students in grade 12

There was no second motion so this resolution is removed from consideration.

Schools will be open on Monday, March 26.

Mr. August expressed his views on why he believed schools should have stayed closed during the vacation week.

Mrs. Konner expressed we set the calendar in advance for the community to follow so it would not be right to make a change at this time. Mrs. Konner thanked the Superintendent and her team for looking at options and presenting them to the board for discussion. Mrs. Konner also stated that people who have made plans should not change them.

Ms. Messer agreed with keeping the calendar as it was originally approved. Ms. Messer added on behalf of the board, she apologized for having the administration go around to formulate a new resolution and talk to everyone to get them on board in advance of the meeting when there really was no true intent to support it from the beginning.

Board Reports

Mr. Shen asked if the board would be supportive of Mr. Bradley submitting his tapes of the meetings to LTV to be televised. Mrs. Konner is supportive of taping the meetings but would like the copy that will be televised to come from the district. Mrs. Chirls agreed and requested the policy on recording board meetings and the estimated costs to record be brought back to the table for discussion on April 2.

Mrs. Chirls congratulated all of the students who participated in *The Addams Family* production over the weekend.

Mrs. Konner read information from the Garden State Coalition of Schools about Bill A3451 which stipulates any security costs in excess of two percent incurred by a school district will be excluded from the tax levy cap and asked if we have any input. Mr. Robinson said he will review the bill.

Mrs. Konner added the year end Garden State Coalition of Schools meeting will be May 30 and that all board members are invited to attend.

Mrs. Chirls congratulated Mrs. Konner on being recognized by the New Jersey School Boards Association at the Essex County Meeting in May for becoming a Certified Board Member.

Mrs. Konner read to students at Burnet Hill and will be reading to students at Riker Hill this week in celebration of Read Across America. Mr. August read to students at Hillside.

Approval of Minutes

The Workshop/Voting Meeting minutes of March 5 and the Executive Session minutes are being tabled until the April 23 meeting.

Mrs. Konner moved the following:

- 1. Voting Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018
- 2. Workshop/Voting Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018
- 3. Voting Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2018

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mr. August (abstain from 2/5/18), Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls Nays - None

Public Input on Agenda Items ~ up to 15 minutes

Anthony Rosamilia, President of LEA, at a recent meeting, a community member expressed a concern that a staff member was not being represented properly when having difficulties with the administration. Mr. Rosamilia expressed to the board that this is not true. Mr. Rosamilia continued that the association has an excellent working relationship with the administration.

Justin Alpert, 56 Amherst Place, asked why we are having child study team evaluations completed by a team out of Mountain Lakes.

Dee Dee Pulver, 47 Winchester Road, complimented the district on hiring a 504 coordinator for the high school and asked if we could explore having a 504 coordinator in the middle and elementary schools.

Mrs. Steiger explained that the reason we have contracted out with ACES is because their child study team happen to contain a specialized skill set to handle a unique disability for a student.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

There is no action.

Mr. August left the conference room.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Konner moved the following:

2.1 <u>Related Services/Medical Consultants</u>

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following consultants that will be utilized to provide related services for the 2017-2018 school year:

CHILD STUDY TEAM EVALUATIONS

ACES – Assessments, Counseling, & Educational Support, LLC \$90

\$900.00/evaluation \$125.00/hour

Ms. Messer seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls Nays - None

BUSINESS

Mrs. Konner moved 3.1 to 3.7:

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>	Name	<u>Amount</u>
10&11	Regular	\$1,678,097.76
12	Regular	99,532.50
20	Regular	212,784.72
60	Cafeteria	<u>229,164.43</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$2,219,579.41</u>

Regular Checks	74956-75280		\$1,990,414.98
Cafeteria Checks	1029-1031		<u>229,164.43</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$2,219,579.41</u>

3.2 Board Secretary Report – January 2018

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary for January 31, 2018, 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 January 31, 2018, 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	5,541,908	12,222	
(11) Current Expense		26,776,975	3,533,719
(12) Capital Outlay		328,538	3,178,235
(20) Special Revenue Fund			
(30) Capital Projects Fund	2,064,117		
(40) Debt Service Fund			
Total:	\$7,606,025	\$27,117,735	\$6,711,954

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-212(d), the Board Secretary has certified that as of January 31, 2018, 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 2017-2018 budget for January pursuant to Board of Education Policy 6422, now therefore be it

<u>Object</u>	Description	<u>To</u>	From
0270	Health Benefits		\$25,000
0320	Purch Prof-Educational Services		\$140,000
0512	Cont. Services (Other)	\$6,000	
0513	Cont. Services Joint		\$6,000
0566	Tuition Pri Scl Handicapped	\$140,000	
0610	General Supplies	\$24,500	
0640	Textbooks	\$500	
	TOTALS	\$171,000	\$171,000

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:

3.4 Field Trips

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

3.5 Conferences and Overnight Trips

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

3.6 Change Order

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following change order that has been approved by the architect and construction manager:

D & S Land Development LLC – Administration Building				
Original Contract	\$799,000.00			
Previously approved change orders	<u>0</u>			
Contract sum prior to additional change orders	\$799,000.00			
Change Order #1 – Remove and replace poor soil on side	\$40,750.00			
parking lot and remove excess soil from Fire House property				
after stockpiling.				
New Contract Sum	<u>\$839,750.00</u>			

3.7 <u>Settlement Agreement</u>

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement for Case #02-18 which is on file at the Board of Education office.

Mr. Shen seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls (abstain from check #75101 and75266) Nays - None

Mr. August returned to the conference room.

Ms. Messer moved the following:

3.8 Policies and Regulations

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

Policies

Program Policy #2418 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act Of 1973 –Students (M) (new to district)

Teaching Staff Members Policy #3125 – Employment of Teaching Staff Members (M) (with revisions) Policy #3160 – Physical Examination (M) (with revisions) Policy #3431.1 – Family Leave (M) (with revisions) Policy #3437 – Military Leave (with revisions) March 19, 2018 Support Staff Policy #4160 – Physical Examination (M) (with revisions) Policy #4431.1 – Family Leave (M) (with revisions) Policy #4437 – Military Leave (with revisions)

Operations

Policy #8505 – Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods (M) Policy #8630 – Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (with revisions)

Regulations

Teaching Staff Members Regulation #3160 - Physical Examination (M) (new to district)

Support Staff Members Regulation #4160 – Physical Examination (M) (new to district)

Operations Regulation #8630 – Emergency School Bus Procedures (M) (new to district)

Mr. Shen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Konner asked for Policy 8505 to be discussed and voted on separately.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mr. August, Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls Nays - None

Mrs. Chirls made a motion to approve Policy 8505 for first reading.

Mr. Shen seconded the motion.

Mr. Robinson explained the State has come out with this revised mandated version of Policy 8505 and that we have taken it a step further to break out the nutrition piece and formed a committee made up of staff, a nurse, our food service provider and some other stakeholders to discuss what is served in the schools.

Mrs. Konner requested that we check with Strauss Esmay and New Jersey School Boards about separating Policy #8505 into two policies, one for health and wellness and one for nutrition and bring back for discussion on April 2.

Mrs. Konner also asked when Charlene Peterson from New Jersey School Boards would be coming in to discuss committees with the board.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Ms. Messer Abstain – Mr. Shen Nays – Mr. August, Mrs. Konner, Mrs. Chirls

Policy #8505 will be brought back to the board for first reading after additional information is provided from Strauss Esmay and New Jersey School Boards.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Messer moved the following:

4.1 <u>Resignations</u>

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

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
Linda Weiss	Teacher of Spanish	Retirement	HMS	June 30, 2018
Marilyn Elman	Teacher of Spanish	1 Retirement LHMS Llune 30, 20		June 30, 2018
Kathleen Pizzano	School Nurse	Retirement	HMS	June 30, 2018
Merle Gehman	Teacher of Business Education	Retirement	LHS	June 30, 2018
Jalissa Diaz	Office Support (PT)	Resignation	Central Office	June 30, 2018
Christine Lekhrajmal	ABA Discrete Trial TA	Resignation	BHE	March 23, 2018
Nancy Sabato	Instructional Aide	Resignation	BHE	February 28, 2018

4.2 Leaves of Absences

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

Name	Position	Location	LOA w/pay and benefits	LOA w/o pay, but with benefits (if applicable)	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
Joanna Mirsky	Teacher of English	HMS	6/6/18- 6/30/18	8/29/18- 11/23/18**	NA	11/26/18
Sarah Stefanakis*	School Psychologist	RHE	2/5/18 - 3/2/18	3/5/18 – 4/27/18**	NA	4/30/18
Maxine Davner*	Instructional Aide	Hillside	2/26/18 - 3/9/18 (.5)	NA	3/9/18 (.5) – 3/22/18	3/23/18
Nadia Bacher*	Teacher of Art	Elementary	3/2/18- 4/3/18	4/4/18- 6/21/18** & 8/29/18- 9/5/18**	NA	9/6/18

Anthony Belton*	Bus Driver	Transportation	5/21/18- 9/24/18	NA	NA	9/25/18
Nicole George	Intervention & Enrichment Specialist	BHE	NA	4/2/18 – 5/4/18**	NA	5/7/18
<i>Catherine</i> <i>Steege*</i>	School Social Worker	LHS	3/12/18- 4/3/18	NA	4/4/18- 5/11/18	5/14/18

*as amended from a previous agenda

**Designates time counted toward NJFLA/FMLA

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	Tenur e Track/ LOA or LT Replac ement	Replacin g	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Date
Melissa Mondanaro	Elementary	Teacher of Art	Leave Replace ment	Nadia Bacher	BA	1	\$52,358 (pro- rated)	3/5/18- 6/30/18
Kristina Duda	LHS	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	Leave Replace ment	Jennifer Fredericks	MA	1	\$59,446 (pro- rated)	3/19/18- 6/30/18
Yooree Gillman	LHS	Teacher of Mathematics	Leave Replace ment	Samantha Dengel	MA	1	\$59,446 (pro- rated)	3/1/18
Roberto Mero	Transportation	25-Hr Bus Driver	NA	NA	25 HR- BD	5	\$23,399 (pro- rated)	3/5/18
Romana Dhanoa	Riker Hill	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$14.00/hr	2/27/18
Kara Mazza	MPE	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$14.00/hr	2/28/18
Margaret Davis	RHE	Playground Aide	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$14.00/hr	3/19/18

*begins 60-day probationary period

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the Teaching Assistants and Instructional Aides as listed on *Attachment C.*

4.4 Substitutes

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Nabila Ammar* as a long-term substitute Teacher of Students with Disabilities (replacing Melissa Giannopoulos) at Harrison Elementary School from March 12, 2018, through June 21, 2018. Ms. Ammar will be compensated \$262 per day worked for this assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Gina Rossell* as a long-term substitute Elementary School Teacher (replacing Wendy Weiner) at Burnet Hill

Elementary School from February 26, 2018, through April 23, 2018. Ms. Rossell will be compensated \$262 per day worked for this assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of *Patricia Christiano* as a long-term substitute Instructional Aide (replacing Gina Rossell) at Burnet Hill Elementary School from February 26, 2018, through April 23, 2018. Ms. Christiano will be compensated \$120 per day worked for this assignment.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals listed below to serve as substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Teachers</u>

Romona Twiddle Karen Goodman Sayer Collins

<u>Custodians</u>

Antron Allen (\$15.50/hr) Jude Usifoh (\$15.50/hr) Martin Stewart (\$15.50/hr)

4.5 Extra Work Pay

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following payments as listed on *Attachment D* or work performed.

4.6 Stipends

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

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Kevin Gibson*, Custodian, to receive \$625 stipend for obtaining his boiler's license, effective and retroactive to February 28, 2018.

4.7 <u>Memorandum of Agreement</u>

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Livingston Board of Education and the Livingston Education Association regarding Article XI, Section II (Stipends).

4.8 Mentor Fees

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals **Attachment F** listed as assigned mentors to receive payment in accordance with the schedule listed.

4.9 Sports Physicals

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on *Attachment G* for work performed assisting the school physician with sports physicals on June 12, 2018. They will be compensated at their hourly rate for all work performed.

4.10 Separation Agreement

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Separation of Service

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Agreement with Employee #4294 and further accepts the resignation of said employee effective February 1, 2019.

4.11 IDEA Basic Salary Allocations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the reallocation of a portion of the salaries of the individuals listed on *Attachment H* to be funded through the IDEA Basic grant.

Mr. August seconded the motion.

A change for Lizbeth Zuber's location to MPMS on *Attachment H* will be reflected in the minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mr. August, Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls Nays - None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. August moved the following:

5.1 HIB Report

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

5.2 Suspension Report

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Suspension Report for the month of February.

Mrs. Konner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes – Mr. August, Mrs. Konner, Ms. Messer, Mr. Shen, Mrs. Chirls Nays - None

Public Comment ~ up to 15 minutes

Dee Dee Pulver, 47 Winchester Road, expressed her appreciation to our security staff and encourages everyone to think about having a growth mindset in the district.

Cindy Goldstein, 24 Mayhew Drive, is glad to hear the nutrition committee will look at the food being served and suggests polling the students to get their opinion.

Justin Alpert, 56 Amherst Place, supports bringing vo-tech classes into the high school and putting our students to work around town.

Mike Ramer, 22 Mohawk Drive, applauds our high school students for marching for what they believe in and for the production of *The Addams Family*. Mr. Ramer also requested the board do their research before deciding to provide all 6th graders and elementary students with electronic devices next year.

James Calderon, 17 Claremont Avenue, asked the board to look at expanding gifted and talented programs beyond the fifth grade. Mr. Calderon would like to see more money budgeted for votech classes.

Stefanie Cohen, 20 Stonewall Drive, is thankful that all of our kids are encouraged to go to college.

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Dee Dee Pulver, 47 Winchester Road, stated it is important to look at how to connect what is meaningful to students in the classroom with their purpose in the real world.

Ilyse Shainbrown, 2 Mountain Ridge Drive, stated she is happy our high school offers so many opportunities and would like to see how we can offer more enrichment programs at the middle schools.

James Calderone, 17 Claremont Avenue, added his request to offer vo-tech options to students is to provide them with an array of choices because not everyone wants to follow the same path of going to college.

Brian Bradley, 82 Elmwood Drive, agreed it is important to have trade options and agrees with providing our students with as many options as possible.

Mrs. Steffner clarified the 1:1 devices are for Mount Pleasant Middle School and that the students at the elementary schools would have additional Chromebook carts.

K. Old Business

There was no old business

L. New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., Mrs. Chirls asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

Mrs. Konner moved the following:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters
- 2. Negotiations
- 3. Personnel

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., also known as the "Sunshine Law," authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances, and

Whereas, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public hearing before it can meet in such an executive or private session, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Livingston Board of Education that:

- (A) It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session on March 19, 2018 to discuss the matters stipulated, in conformance with the subsections of said act which are indicated.
 - 1. Matter rendered confidential by federal law, state statute or rule of court.
 - 2. Matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
 - 3. Matter, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy unless the individual concerned shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
 - 4. Collective bargaining matter.
 - 5. Matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, etc. where it would adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.
 - 6. Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting public property where disclosure could impair protection.
 - 7. Investigation of violations or possible violations of law.

- 8. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than collective bargaining agreement.
- 9. Personnel matters unless the individual employees or appointees affected requested that such matter be discussed at a public meeting.
- 10. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty.
- (B) The matters discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and formal action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting to which the public has been invited.
- (C) No action will be taken.

Ms. Messer seconded the motion

Vote all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven K. Robinson Board Secretary