

**INTERLAKEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012**

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Wong called the March 26, 2012, regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

I hereby declare that the notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press and was delivered to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Interlaken, in accordance with PL 1975, Ch. 231A.

ROLL CALL:

- Mrs. Handerhan Yes X No
- Mrs. Walters Yes X No
- Mrs. Watt Yes X No
- Mrs. Weeden Yes X No
- Mrs. Wong Yes X No

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

- Mr. Kotch provided a brief presentation to the Board and the public on the 2012-2013 school year budget. Please see the presentation handout as made part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET

- Robert Napoli – Windermere Avenue –Mr. Napoli indicated that he had read in the newspaper that Interlaken was to receive an additional \$100,000 in state aid. Mr. Kotch indicated that that was incorrect and per the state aid notice issued to Interlaken by the NJ Department of Education, Interlaken’s state aid allocation for the 2012-2013 school year was \$52,523.

Approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

It was motioned by Mrs. Handerhan, seconded by Mrs. Weeden to approve the proposed 2012-2013 school district budget as follows:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Interlaken Borough Board of Education approve the proposed 2012-2013 School District Budget for submission to the voters as follows:

Revenue:	
Tax Levy:	\$416,787
Fund Balance Allocation:	210,593
Interest on Capital Reserve:	100
State Aid:	<u>52,523</u>
Total General Fund Revenue:	\$680,003

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Appropriations:

General Fund:	\$679,903
Increase to Capital Reserve:	<u>100</u>
Total Appropriations:	\$680,003
Total Base Budget:	<u>\$680,003</u>

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012-2013 School District Budget will result in a General Fund Tax Levy of \$416,787.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), the maximum expenditure for travel for the 2012-2013 school year for all staff and Board Members is \$250.

The budget was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

3.0 APPROVE MINUTES

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong to approve the following minutes:

➤ February 21, 2012

The minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

4.0 BILL PAYMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Handerhan, seconded by Mrs. Watt, to pay bills for March 2012 as presented.

The bill list was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

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5.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was motioned by Mrs. Handerhan, seconded by Mrs. Weeden, to accept the following financial report:

- Report of the Board Secretary/Treasurer Dated:
 - February 29, 2012
- Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:2-2.13(e), the Board certifies that after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

The financial reports were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

6.0 MOTIONS

It was motioned by Mrs. Watt, seconded by Mrs. Handerhan, to approve item A below:

A. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Neurology Specialists NJ to provide an evaluation for one student at the rate of \$325.00.

Item A was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

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8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Wong mentioned the letter that was received by the residents from Joe Passiment, Interim Executive County Superintendent. Mrs. Wong indicated that the board and the board attorney are working closely with the County and the State on this matter.

9.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Bill Dalton – Grassmere Avenue – Mr. Dalton commented on the two letters from Joe Passiment, one last week and one from August. He asked how many students currently attended the West Long Branch Schools and Shore Regional and how many students in total in the Borough. Mrs. Wong indicated that there were 17 students at the two schools and approximately 50 students in the Borough. Mrs. Wong also indicated that the only goal of the Board of Education was to find the best placement for the students of Interlaken at the least cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Dalton indicated that he agrees that Asbury Park is not a viable educational solution and encouraged the Board to do their homework and not put the town in peril.
- Merv Frank – Bendermere Avenue – Asked how many children of the board members are attending either West Long Branch or Shore Regional.
- Michelle Turnay – Grassmere Avenue – Mrs. Turnay informed the Board that she has a two and a five year-old and wanted to know how to obtain information on schooling. Mrs. Wong indicated that the best course of action was to attend the monthly board of education meeting. Mrs. Turnay also asked about the send/receive relationship with WLB and Shore. Mrs. Handerhan indicated that we have filed documents with the State and have been in a holding pattern awaiting answers.
- Christine Repath – Westra Street – Can current students still attend WLB and Shore at the parent's expense? Mrs. Handerhan answered yes.
- Marguerite Dalton – Grassmere Avenue – Asked if regionalization was still an option. Mrs. Wong indicated that regionalization is not the direction that the Board and the State are looking.
- Robert Napoli – Windermere Avenue – Asked if the State knows about the letter from Joe Passiment. Mrs. Wong indicated that we do not know. Mr. Napoli also indicated that he is diametrically opposed to regionalization. He also indicated that Interlaken has already benefited with the ability of the residents of Interlaken to be able to send their children to WLB or Shore Regional, even if at the parent's expense.
- Andrew DePrisco – Fernmere Avenue – Asked if the Board passed the resolution per the letter from Joe Passiment. Mrs. Wong indicated that the resolution would be discussed as a legal matter in closed executive session.

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10.0 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

That the Board recess into closed executive session to discuss:

- Personnel matters of public employees who do not wish to be discussed in public; and
- Legal matters regarding a new send/receive relationship.

Motion by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Handerhan at 7:10 p.m.

Item 10 was approved by all members present:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0) ABSTENTIONS: (0)

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis W. Kotch
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- The Board discussed with Mr. Kotch his letter of resignation as Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The Board was reluctant to accept. Mr. Kotch indicated that he will stay on temporarily in the capacity of Business Administrator/Board Secretary only and will defer any comments or discussions on the current legal matter to the board attorney, Anthony Sciarrillo and Board President Meredith Wong who have been and will continue to handle all issues on this topic.

- LEGAL MATTERS:

- Mr. Kotch presented the Board with the following resolution for discussion and addition to the agenda:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interlaken Board of Education hereby voids the current send/receive relationships with the West Long Branch and Shore Regional Boards of Education; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that any student now educated in the West Long Branch or Shore Regional School District, who wishes to continue in this school, must do so as a parent paid tuition to be established between the West Long Branch and Shore Regional Boards of Education and the respective parents of said child.

The Board indicated that they were not in support of this resolution, but would cooperate with Mr. Passiment in filing the proper paperwork and following all other procedures related to this matter. Unable to obtain a motion for the addition of this resolution to the agenda, Mr. Kotch excluded the resolution from the agenda.

It was motioned by Mrs. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Walters to close the executive session at 7:37 p.m.