



LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2025

Executive Session - Administration Building - 6:15 p.m.

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

A **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 6:15 p.m. by Seth Cohen, 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 2, 2025 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: Pamela Chirls, Seth Cohen, Fang Gong, Parul Khemka and Inna Yelisevich

Also in Attendance: Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Jessica Rapp, Mark Stern, Susan Burman and Joann Goldberg

Mrs. Chirls 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:

- student matters, personnel and superintendent's evaluation

Action may be taken upon return to the 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.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Cohen reconvened the public meeting.

Superintendent's Report

1. LHS Academic Teams

Guy Rabner, the advisor to the LHS Academic Teams, also known as Quiz Bowl, thanked the Board for recognizing these students, who compete in teams against other schools and answer questions about a variety of subjects.

Mr. Rabner continued that this was the first time LHS brought four teams to HSNCT and all four teams made the playoffs. He acknowledged the following students and their teams below:

The "A" Team, consisting of senior Captain Robert Wang, senior Kevin Zhang and juniors Arav Kaushik and Benjamin Laskov, beat the best 336 teams in the United States and won their inaugural HSNCT National Academic Championship. Robert Wang finished as the 11th highest individual scorer.

The "B" Team, consisting of junior Captain Ethan Liu, senior Lelun Li and freshmen Kenneth Wu and Shaunak Kulkarni tied for 13th in the country.

The "C" Team, consisting of seniors Harish Lola, Sophia Peng, Ben Silversten and Adam Dacosta made the playoffs, but lost the first round to a very good team.

The "D" Team, consisting of all freshmen, Max Silversten, Luke Chang, Aiden Saju and Andrew Zhou, finished 8th in the country. Andrew Zhou finished as one of the ten best "rising stars" in the country.

The Board members and administration all congratulated the students on these remarkable achievements.

2. Open Campus Lunch

Jacob Glazer and Michelle Adeyin requested that the Board allow both juniors and seniors to continue to have the privilege of open campus lunch for the 2025-2026 school year.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Cohen agreed to continue the privilege as long as the students show the same commitment of responsibility and adhere to what is expected of them.

3. Financial Report Review

Mrs. Jessica Rapp, our School Business Administrator, provided a presentation to explain the purpose of our monthly Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies Reports. Mrs. Rapp reviewed the key components of both reports and how to read through them.

The full presentation has been posted on the "About the Board" section of our website.

Board Reports

Mrs. Chirls and Mrs. Khemka thanked Mrs. Burman for organizing for the board to participate in the policy conference with Strauss Esmay.

Mrs. Khemka attended the unveiling of the mural at Harrison Elementary School.

Mrs. Gong thanked the district for their support in registering her to attend the AI Conference: Preparing for Today and Tomorrow 2025.

Mrs. Gong attended Hillside School's 70th anniversary celebration which included the burial of a time capsule that included student work, school apparel, documents and PTA artifacts. The plan is to open the capsule in 30 years.

Mrs. Yelisevich attended the Women's Veterans Event on Friday.

Superintendent Search

As we are approaching the end of Dr. Fishbein's first year of a two year contract, Mr. Cohen provided the community with an update on the superintendent search.

Mr. Cohen explained that the Board has spent the majority of this year with Dr. Fishbein creating an overall evaluation of the district and its needs. The next step in the process is to gather feedback from the community, staff and students through a survey that they will finalize over the summer and send out in September. The survey will provide the Board with the characteristics everyone would like to see in our next superintendent. The feedback will guide them as they begin the search.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Cohen thanked our staff, our associations for their partnership, and everyone connected to Livingston Public Schools for their hard work in creating an academic year that has produced some incredible moments and has helped kids grow and develop. Mr. Cohen wished everyone a great summer and looks forward to seeing everyone back for the start of school in August.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

1. Workshop/Voting Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025
2. Workshop/Voting Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025
3. Five-on-Five Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025
4. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025; April 8, 2025; April 29, 2025; May 6, 2025 and June 3, 2025

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Yelisevich, Mr. Cohen
Nays - None

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

1.1 Textbooks/DVDs

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the books as shown on **Attachment A**. This purchase is being made through a donation from the Chinese Cultural Day Committee as noted in Resolution 3.18.

1.2 Student Teacher Classroom Observations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the student teacher classroom observations 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**.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Yelisevich, Mr. Cohen
Nayes - None

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

2.1 Out of District Placements

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves placement for the academic year 2025-2026 for forty-one (41) Livingston students with disabilities and for Extended School Year 2025 (Summer Programs) for thirty-five (35) 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 **Attachment D**.

2.2 Related Services

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following consultants that will be utilized to provide related services for the 2025-2026 school year:

BEHAVIORAL TRAINING & ASSISTANCE / APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach	\$125.00/hour
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CHILD STUDY TEAM EVALUATIONS

Carey, Kelly	\$500.00/evaluation
	\$100.00/meeting

MUSIC THERAPIST

Jammin' Jenn	\$125.00/hour
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NURSING SERVICES

Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.	LPN	\$70.00/hour
	RN	\$70.00/hour
Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services	LPN	\$60.00/hour
	RN	\$70.00/hour

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Creative Speech Solutions	\$94.00/hour
KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach	\$125.00/hour
Shah, Cynthia	\$92.32/hour
	\$323.13/evaluation

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Cunha, Melissa	\$100.81/hour
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KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach
Miller, Diana

\$377.40/evaluation
\$125.00/hour
\$94.17/hour
\$377.40/evaluation

SPEECH THERAPIST

Creative Speech Solutions
KDDS Too, Inc. t/a North Jersey Outreach

\$94.00/hour
\$125.00/hour

THERAPIST OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

VISTAS Educational Partnership

\$175.00/hour

2.3 Related Services

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the following consultants that will be utilized to provide related services for the 2024-2025 school year:

NURSING SERVICES

Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services

LPN \$60.00/hour
RN \$70.00/hour

2.4 Care Solace, Inc.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the renewal of the agreement with Care Solace, Inc. to provide mental health resources to the district from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$21,000.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Yelisevich, Mr. Cohen
Nays - None

BUSINESS

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

3.1 Open Campus - Livingston High School Juniors and Seniors

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education hereby grants permission for the Livingston High School administration to extend Open Campus privileges to Livingston High School juniors and seniors for the 2025-2026 school year with the understanding that all rules and regulations governing Open Campus will remain in effect.

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.

Fund	Name	Amount
10,11,12	Operating Budget (checks 111848-112101; adv 273-288)	\$11,060,509.02
20	Operating Budget (checks 111848-112101; adv 273-288)	\$356,445.48
60	Cafeteria (checks 60097-60110)	\$197,840.77
	TOTAL	\$11,614,795.27

3.3 Board Secretary Report – May 2025

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary for May 31, 2025, 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 May 31, 2025, 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	\$9,216,735.06	\$28,312,691.35	\$6,523,589.87
(11) Current Expense			
(12) Capital Outlay			
(20) Special Revenue Fund	\$486,953.94	\$3,229,932.98	(\$161,978.73)
(30) Capital Projects Fund	\$1,789,841.41	\$1,619,600.00	\$3,329,393.50
(40) Debt Service Fund	(\$915,106.20)	\$7,420,363.00	\$174,139.87
Total:	\$10,578,424.21	\$40,582,587.33	\$9,865,144.51

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c3), the Board Secretary has certified that as of May 31, 2025, 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. 6A:23A-16.10(c4) 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 2024-2025 budget for May 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**.

3.5 Conferences and Overnight Trips

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

3.6 Renewal of Food Services Management Contract

Resolved, that the Livingston Public Schools Board of Education "SFA" accepts the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. "FSMC" for the food service operation for 2025-2026.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a fee of \$0.0551 for each \$1.00 of sales to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The District guarantees the payment of such costs and fees to the FSMC.

The FSMC guarantees a return to the SFA of one hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$116,000) for the school year 2025-2026.

3.7 Student Meal Prices for 2025-2026 School Year

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves **student meal prices** for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Student School Lunch \$4.90
Featured Favorite Lunch \$5.65

3.8 Award of Contract - Collection, Removal and Disposal of Solid Waste/Recycled Trash Removal

Whereas, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **Livingston Board of Education ("Board")** to seek a contract for the Collection, Removal and Disposal of Solid Waste/Recycled Trash Removal (hereinafter "Project"); and

Whereas, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4; and

Whereas, on May 30, 2025, the Board received the following bid from potential bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq.;

Bidder	Year One (per month charge)	Year Two (per month charge)	Year Three (per month charge)
Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.	\$10,091.00	\$10,696.00	\$11,338.00

Whereas, the bid has been reviewed for the Project together with Board Counsel; and

Whereas, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. has submitted the lowest responsible bid for the Project in compliance with the bid specifications and New Jersey Public School Contracts Law; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. in the amount of \$11,129.00 per month for the Base Bid.

3.9 Essex Regional Educational Services Commission

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education renews its contracts with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year to provide the following services required by law:

Chapters 192 and 193
Public School Child Study Team Services
Nursing Services for Nonpublic Schools

3.10 NJ STRIDE Shared Services Agreement

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the agreement with The New Jersey Statewide Recruitment of Diverse Educators ("NJ STRIDE") for the 2025-2026 school year.

3.11 Maintenance Agreement with Morris-Union Jointure Commission

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education enters into a maintenance agreement with Morris-Union Jointure Commission for parts and labor to repair and service school vehicles between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

3.12 Station Cab

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the agreement with Station Cab, Inc. to provide transportation for sport events, school trips and any other types of events for the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$400/trip.

3.13 Health Benefits Provider

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the designation of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield as the provider of health benefits for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract amount will be \$20,197,615. The Extraordinary Unspecified Services ("EUS") procurement method is used for the procurement of insurance services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 (a) (10) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq.

3.14 Prescription and Dental Renewals

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the renewal of Benecard prescription coverage effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the annual rates listed below:

	Single	Parent/Child(ren)	Member/ Partner	Family
Plan # 2222000/2255099	\$277.96	\$439.07	\$542.60	\$729.91
Plan # 2211000/2211099	\$301.54	\$786.24	\$786.24	\$786.24
Plan # 2233000/2233099	\$203.50	\$321.44	\$397.24	\$535.01
Plan # 2244000/2244099	\$203.50	\$321.44	\$397.24	\$535.01
Plan # 2233100/2244100	\$223.84	\$353.59	\$436.96	\$588.51

Plan # 2222098	\$221.71			
Plan # 2211098	\$240.52			
Plan # 2233098	\$162.32			
Plan # 2244098	\$162.32			

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the renewal of Delta Dental coverage effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at the monthly rates listed below:

	Rate
Single	\$63.58
Family	\$105.94
Member & Partner or Child(ren)	\$105.94

3.15 Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the agreement between Livingston High School and Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center to provide sports medicine related services to support the high school's athletic department effective August 1, 2025 at a cost of \$2,255.00.

3.16 2025/2026 Anticipated Contracts to be Renewed, Awarded or to Expire During the School Year - PL 2015 - Chapter 47

Resolved, that pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Livingston Board of Education intends to renew, award or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education as shown on **Attachment G**. These contracts are, and have been, in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et. Seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CTF, Part200. Compliance with new contracts, not listed here, will be addressed prior to board action.

3.17 Donations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,136.80 from the Livingston Chinese Cultural Day Committee to support the purchase of leveled Chinese readers for the World Language Department.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,392.98 from the Livingston Chinese Cultural Day Committee to support the purchase of three PVC Athlete of the Year banners that will be hung in the main gym at Livingston High School.

3.18 Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Capital Reserve

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

Whereas, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution; and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into its Capital Reserve account at year end; and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has determined that up to \$3.5 million is available for such purpose of transfer;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Livingston Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make a transfer up to \$3.5 million into the Capital Reserve account, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

3.19 Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Maintenance Reserve

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end; and

Whereas, the Livingston Board of Education has determined that up to \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Livingston Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make a transfer up to \$500,000 into the Maintenance Reserve account, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

3.20 Authorization to Secure Bids, Contracts, and Quotations

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator, as the district's qualified purchasing agent, to secure all bids, contracts, and quotations in compliance with Chapter 440, Law of 1999, and New Jersey Statute 18A:18A.

3.21 Policies & Regulations

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

Policy #6169 - Collecting Money from Students and Parents (new to district)

Policy #8613 - Waiver of Student Transportation (new to district)

Mrs. Rapp explained the regulation reference (R7230) included in Policy 6169 should be a policy reference (P7230). The change will be made for the second reading.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Yelisevich, Mr. Cohen
Nays - None

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Chirls moved the following:

4.1 Authorization to Hire

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education grants *Dr. Daniel Fishbein, Interim Superintendent*, permission to extend offers of employment to candidates, subject to ratification by the Board at the next available scheduled Board meeting for the period June 18, 2025 through September 10, 2025.

4.2 Resignations & Retirements

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

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
<i>Max Diaz</i>	Teacher of Chemistry	Resignation	LHS	June 30, 2025
<i>Nicholas Brooks</i>	Teacher of Math	Resignation	LHS	June 30, 2025
<i>Genevieve Finnegan</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Resignation	RHE	June 30, 2025
<i>Catherine Steege</i>	School Social Worker	Resignation	LHS	June 30, 2025
<i>Justin Grossman</i>	Elementary School Teacher	Resignation	Hillside	June 30, 2025
<i>Bridget Vasto</i>	Occupational Therapist	Resignation	MPM/MPE/RHE	June 30, 2025
<i>Lena Piccinich</i>	Instructional Aide	Resignation	Harrison	June 30, 2025
<i>Tiffany Lyn</i>	ABA Discrete Trial TA	Resignation	HMS	June 30, 2025
<i>Avery MacDonell</i>	Teacher of Physics	Resignation	LHS	NA
<i>Arielle Weinstein</i>	Elementary School Teacher (LOA)	Resignation	Collins	NA
<i>Christopher Zwarych</i>	Percussion Instructor (stipend)	Resignation	LHS	June 11, 2025

**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>Emily DeStefano*</i>	HMS	SAC	6/2/2025-6/30/2025 & 8/25/2025-9/8/2025**	9/9/2025-11/14/2025**	11/17/2025-2/4/2026	2/5/2026
<i>Enkelejda Dauti</i>	BHE	School Nurse	5/12/2025-5/23/2025 & 6/5/2025-6/13/2025** & 6/16/2025-	NA	NA	8/25/2025

			6/30/2025			
Veronica Terrana*	LHS	Teacher of Italian	NA	8/25/2025-9/3/2025 & 9/4/2025-11/28/2025**	NA	12/1/2025
Klejdi Sllava	LHS	Custodian	5/12/2025-5/23/2025**	NA	NA	5/28/2025
Sandra Orejarena	Transportation	Asst. Manager Transportation	5/13/2025-5/27/2025**	NA	NA	5/28/2025
Deborah Paolella	RHE	First Secretary - 10 mo	5/6/2025-5/8/2025, 5/13/2025, 5/14/2025, 5/19/2025-5/21/2025, 5/30/2025, 6/2/2025**	NA	NA	NA
Katherine Connolly	HMS	Administrative Secretary - 10 month	5/12/2025, 5/13/2025, 5/15/2025-6/30/2025**	NA	NA	8/25/2025
Arian Zaku	B&G	Maintenance	5/28/2025-6/18/2025	6/19/2025-8/28/2025**	NA	8/29/2025
Jennifer Ferris-Hoagland	LHS	Life Skills TA	see Attachment H			
Deborah Girone	LHS	Instructional Aide	4/25/2025(.5); 4/28/2025; 4/29/2025; 4/30/2025-5/7/2025 (all .5)**	NA	NA	NA
Thomas Mantone*	LHS	Teacher of Health & PE	4/21/2025-5/2/2025**	8/25/2025-10/7/2025**	NA	5/5/2025 & 10/8/2025
Diane Miranda-Evangelista*	HMS	School Nurse	3/3/2025-4/21/2025	4/22/2025-6/30/2025 & 8/25/2025-9/1/2025**	NA	9/2/2025

*as amended from a previous agenda

**Designates time counted toward NJFLA/FMLA

4.4 Transfers

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the personnel transfers as listed on **Attachment I**.

4.5 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
Donna Feldman	MPMS	Acting Assistant Principal	NA	NA	LAA AP MPM/ Elem	1	\$113,125 (prorated)	8/1/2025
Reid Maglione	Collins	Elementary School Teacher	First Year Tenure Track	L. Calvert	MA	5/6	\$68,568	8/25/2025
Victoria Gu	LHS	Teacher of Physical Science	First Year Tenure Track	C. Russoniello	MA	3	\$66,568	8/25/2025
Jasmine Antunez	BHE	PRIDE Teacher	First Year Tenure Track	New	BA	6	\$60,568	8/25/2025
Jacqueline Raseman	Collins	Elementary School Teacher	First Year Tenure Track	M. Pannia (transfer)	MA	14	\$94,990	8/25/2025
Wulin Fu	LHS	Teacher of Chemistry	First Year Tenure Track	A. Wigden	MA	7	\$69,568	8/25/2025
Carroll Alston	HMS	TOSD	One Year Leave Replacement	S. Stoddard	BA	2	\$57,568	8/25/2025
Sydney Nigro	LHS	Teacher of English	Leave Replacement	D. Wojdyga	BA	1	\$56,568 (prorated)	8/25/2025-1/9/2026
Ilyssa Chanin	RHE	TOSD	One Year Leave Replacement	C. Clark	MA	1	\$64,568	8/25/2025
Ian Havran	HMS	Teacher of Social Studies	One Year Leave Replacement	T. Montesion	MA	1	\$64,568	8/25/2025
Janine Mangino	LHS	Administrative Secretary (10 months)	First Year Tenure Track	E. DeStefano	AS-10	9	\$56,428	8/19/2025, plus 2 additional summer days at per diem rate if approved
Rafael Pagan	CO	IT Support Specialist (hourly)	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$20/hr	7/1/2025

*as amended from a previous agenda

**salary will remain the same for the 2025-26 SY

4.6 Substitutes

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals listed on **Attachment J** to serve as substitutes on an as-needed basis for the 2025-2026 school year.

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 2024-2025 school year:

Teachers

Michael Schwartz
Genevieve Finnegan

Custodial

Benjamin Trevor (\$18.50/hr)
Mia Romero (\$18.50/hr)
Arjanit Haxhiu (\$18.50/hr)

4.7 Lateral Moves

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the lateral moves as listed on **Attachment K**.

4.8 Extra Period Assignments

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

4.9 Contract Adjustments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the contract adjustments as listed on **Attachment M**.

4.10 NJDOE High Intensity Tutoring Grant

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment N** to be paid for work performed in the High Intensity Tutoring program at the rate of \$64.94 per hour (not to exceed 2 hours per person per day for the duration of the program). The program will run from January 15, 2025 - June 12, 2025. These positions are funded through the NJDOE High Intensity Tutoring Grant (acct #20-451-100-100-1033-12)

4.11 Summer Work

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment O** for Extended School Year (ESY) staffing at the listed hourly rates.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment P** to work over the summer of 2025 at the Summer Academy Program at the approved rate.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Lester Ambio and Vincent Kulik*, to work over the summer of 2025 as security aides at Livingston High School at their hourly rate.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Sara Benjamin and Danielle Malysa*, School Social Workers in the SAC dept at Livingston High School and Heritage Middle School, to work up to 5 days* over the summer at their per diem rate. *amended from previous agenda

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Jonathan DePalma* to work as an intern for the Business Office over the summer of 2025.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals listed on **Attachment Q** as Summer Bus Drivers and Bus Aides at their hourly rate.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Daniel Quackenbush*, Teacher of Business Education, as the Cooperative Business Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Quackenbush will be paid up to 10 days over the summer of 2020 at his per diem rate for said assignment and this pensionable amount will be paid over the payroll cycle for the 2025-2026 school year.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Donna Feldman and Amelia Rieth* to work at the summer curriculum writing rate to perform administrative duties over the summer of 2025.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Christina Woytas and Rosaria Tauro* to work over the summer of 2025 to support Student Services with the electronic storage of files. They will be compensated at their hourly rate.

4.12 2025-2026 Reappointments

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individual(s) on **Attachment R** for reappointment as Playground, Cafeteria and Media Aides for the 2025-2026 school year at the rates listed.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the reappointment of the maintenance and custodian personnel for the 2025-2026 school year as shown on **Attachment S**.

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the reappointment of the bus drivers and bus aides for the 2025-2026 school year as shown on **Attachment T**.

4.13 2025-2026 Daily/Hourly Rates

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the Daily and Hourly Rates for the 2025-2026 school year as listed on **Attachment U**.

4.14 Curriculum Writing

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves *Fu-Lin Risoldi* to participate in mid-year curriculum writing during the 2024-25 school year, at \$52.91/hour, not to exceed 25 hours. (Acct #11-000-221-104-5063-19)

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the individuals on **Attachment V** to participate in summer curriculum writing during the summer of 2025 at the approved rate.

4.15 Withholding of Increment

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the increment withholding of the 2025-2026 increment, including conventional increment, annual employment increment, adjustment increment, longevity increment and any salary increase of Employee #7127, with the increment to be restored only by future action of the Livingston Board of Education.

Mrs. Khemka seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong, Mrs. Khemka, Mrs. Yelisevich (abstain from 4.15 only), Mr. Cohen
Nayes - None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Khemka moved the following:

5.1 HIB Report

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

5.2 Bus Evacuation Drills

Resolved, that the Livingston Board of Education approves the bus evacuation drills that were completed by the end of June 2025.

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes - Mrs. Chirls, Mrs. Gong (abstain from 5.1 only), Mrs. Khemka,
Mrs. Yelisevich, Mr. Cohen
Nayes - None

Old Business

Mrs. Chirls thanked the Livingston Chinese Cultural Day Committee for their generous donation of readers as shown on Attachment A. Mrs. Chirls added they also participated in celebrating 35 years of Chinese language and culture programs at Livingston High School.

New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:47 p.m., Mrs. Khemka made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Chirls seconded the motion.

Vote all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Rapp
Board Secretary