

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** February 25, 2014

**Type of Meeting:** Work Session

**Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

**Members Present:** President Patrick E. Gallagher  
Vice President Dennis Ryan  
Board Member Darlene Tangney  
Board Member Stewart Mininsky  
Board Member Roy Lester

**Others Present:** Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent –  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

**I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board President**

Call to Order/Pledge

President Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Report of the Superintendent**

Report of the Superintendent

Students were recognized for their achievements in music.

*Vocal performance -Allyson Golden  
Accompanied by Michael Capobianco*

- **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES** – Dr. Dale Johanson

**LISFA AWARDS 2013-2014**

Victoria Epstein                      Talia Fernandez  
Claire Ezratty                         Lea Jaffe  
Giselle Fernandez

- Teachers: Ms. Nicole Albani, Mr. David Lobenstein, Ms. Felicia Wilson

**ALL STATE AWARDS 2013-2014**

Allyson Golden- All State Women's Chorus

- Teacher: Mr. Michael Capobianco

**ALL COUNTY AWARDS 2013-2014**

**Division 1**

<i>Stella Ambroise</i>	<i>Delphine Esformes</i>
<i>Oriana Aponte-Villazan</i>	<i>Giselle Gernandez</i>
<i>Caitlyn Coffin</i>	<i>Ceili Heffernan</i>
<i>Maura Conway</i>	<i>Elaina Kassap</i>
<i>Catalina Duenas</i>	<i>Cecile Lessard</i>
<i>Jossmarc Oliva</i>	<i>Victoria Shanley</i>
<i>Jordyn Prince</i>	<i>Tara Sheridan</i>
<i>Mattias Roth</i>	<i>Justin Small</i>
<i>Sanaa Seghrouchni</i>	

Teachers: Ms. Nicole Albani, Mr. Andrew Frey, Mr. Justin Marks,  
Ms. Christina Reime, Mr. Craig West

**Division 2**

*Meilin Garfinkel*    *Mia Mangels*    *Maggie Swegler*

Teachers: Ms. Michelle Bennett, Mr. David Lobenstein, Mr. Douglas  
Renoud

**Division 3**

<i>Evan Garcia</i>	<i>Shea McMahon</i>
<i>Joshua Kapilian</i>	<i>Patrick Morris</i>
<i>Daniel Malul</i>	<i>Jack Plunkett</i>
<i>Chrysalis Mandell</i>	<i>Alexander Ramirez</i>
<i>Matthew Martinesi</i>	<i>Thomas Walsh</i>

Teachers: Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker, Ms. Michelle Bennett, Mr. David  
Lobenstein, Mr. Douglas Renoud

**Division 4**

<i>Emma Biffer</i>	<i>Alexandra Kapilian</i>
<i>Luc Esformes</i>	<i>David Miller</i>
<i>Kipling Johnson</i>	<i>Matt Mowery</i>
<i>Jonathan Kapilian</i>	

Teachers: Mr. Marino Bragino, Mr. Michael Capobianco, Mr. Justin Marks,  
Ms. Felicia Wilson

**Division 5 and Jazz**

<i>Dana Berman</i>	<i>Allyson Golden (2)</i>
<i>Alexandra Brodsky</i>	<i>Jonathan Kapilian</i>
<i>Emily Crean</i>	<i>Taylor Martinelli</i>
<i>Paul Douglas</i>	<i>Kayla McAvoy</i>
<i>Max Esformes</i>	<i>Chandler McMillan</i>
<i>Anna Falvey</i>	<i>Megan Miciotta</i>
<i>Whitney Flaum</i>	<i>Michaela Rynecki</i>
	<i>Max Tunney</i>

*Teachers: Mr. Marino Bragino, Mr. Michael Capobianco, Mr. Justin Marks,  
Ms. Felicia Wilson*

**SPECIAL AWARD**

*Max Tunney – NMEA Recognition*

**There was a 6 minute break at 7:54 PM. Meeting resumed at 8:00 PM.**

- **School Property Tax Update Presentation**  
Highlights include: Tax Cap Calculation for 2014-15; Multi-Year Revenue Projection, Property Tax Redistribution, Shifting Burden between Classes of Property, Property Tax Grievance Impact and New Alternative Veterans' Exemption. Presentation is on-line and on file with the District Clerk.
- **Options for Administration Building**  
Highlights include: New Building, Existing Location, MS Options, Lindell Options

**III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topics**

- **School Property Tax Update Presentation**
  - Board Member Tangney asked about percentage of exemption (\$30/\$50/\$150)
  - President Gallagher asked about the classes (1 & 2); persistence to spouse in case of death; expansion of group (possible).
  - Board Member Lester asked if the full burden would fall on class 1 & 2 and not commercial (yes); asked if exemptions could be piggybacked (probably).
  - Board Member Mininsky asked how class 2 would impact figure.
  - Vice President Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito and Mr. Weiss for their multi-year planning focus and asked if a resolution was required (yes).
- **Options for Post-Sandy Location of District Administrative Offices**
  - President Gallagher explained that is this is the beginning of the discussion. Asked if MS space was adequate.
  - Board Member Mininsky questioned the costs of demolition at Lindell (included in cost); contractor profits; verification of materials used (included); questioned if 100 hallway not chosen.
  - Board Member Tangney asked questions regarding number of employees on all three floors; displacement of classrooms.

- o Vice President Ryan does not support the idea of administrators being in the same building as elementary students; voiced concerns about wandering; does not support PPS as part of administration; unsure about Directors. Prefers 100s hallway in MS.
- o Board Member Lester asked where we stand with FEMA; questioned if reimbursement for classes or administration was the same 90%.

**IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only**

<b>Questions and Comments from Public</b>
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- **School Property Tax Update Presentation**
  - o Maureen Vrona – 7 Oswego Ave -EAB- thought presentation was great but disappointed it was not listed properly on the agenda; excellent multi-year planning
  - o Mr. Epstein – 170 W. Broadway - Officer, Korean War Veteran; 600 veterans looking for exemption; number will decrease not increase; please support exemption.
  - o Eddie Vrona – 7 Oswego Ave – EAB – agrees with veterans exemption which they earned by protecting us.
  - o Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – asked how much we were losing this year for GAP? (\$3.35 million)
  - o Steve Freeman – CTA President – asked about excess funds; noted tax certiorari case was won; requested information on \$430K unused funds.
  - o Brette Ocampo – 160 Riverside Blvd – has questions about elementary expenditures, \$35 loan – RAN; asked if it was all spent; FEMA monies were received.
  - o Omar Kharom – 205 Maple Blvd – resident of LB for 86 years – asked when exemptions would become effective (2014-2015); graduated in 2000 when veterans were granted diplomas.
  - o Jackie Miller – 53 Buffalo Ave – EAB – asked for confirmation on tax certiorari determination (we won).
  
- **Options for Post-Sandy Location of District Administrative Offices**
  - o Brette Ocampo – 160 Riverside Blvd – asked about the condition of the administration building; \$2.2 was original number (\$3.35); what is the deadline for FEMA (within a year).

- o Billy Snow – 733 E. Pine St – expressed his concerns with using Lindell; increase in student population; giving up educational space; will inevitably cost more.

**V. President Gallagher Called for Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Steve Freeman –CTA President – questioned SED policy on opting out; voiced concerns about courses and master schedule.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Billy Snow, CSEA President congratulated students on musical achievements.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Gerri Maquet – thanked the presenters; liked detailed budget but process is too drawn out; supports veterans exemptions; having all administrators together is good but should not negatively impact students; asked number of administrators that had to be together; will check HS master schedule.
5. Student Organization – None

President Gallagher announced an executive session for tomorrow.

Board Member Tangney requested a complete list of courses at the HS.

**VI. President Gallagher called for a motion to adjourn at 10:07 PM.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by:** Board Member Lester

**Seconded by:** President Gallagher

**Approved:** 5-0

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Butler, District Clerk

March 11, 2014