

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** May 27, 2014

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**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 – C & I  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer

Call to Order/Pledge
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**I. Call to Order of Public Hearing/Pledge-President Gallagher**

President Gallagher called the meeting/public hearing to order at 7:35 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Weiss and the Board of Education Members addressed some questions involving potential election process violations with the public.

- Superintendent Weiss congratulated Dr. Ryan on his re-election and Mrs. Vrona on her election. Thanked everybody who participated in the electoral process and to the community for supporting the school budget. There was a use of school time, PTA time for electioneering. There was a use of school email communications to advocate for both the budget and individual candidates. There was the display of information related to partisan activities which is not permitted.
- Vice President Ryan explained that school board candidates are volunteers who serve the children and indirectly adults and families. He noted that the actions of the teachers union president in sending a letter to retirees which claimed that their health benefits would go up as much as \$1,000 per month was irresponsible and claimed that the election was tainted as a result. Appropriate actions were to be taken to prevent this from ever happening again.

- Board Member Lester addressed the issue that people do not get involved in running for office because it is too dirty. But historically, school board elections have been devoid of dirty politics. This election descended to a low level.
- Board Member Tangney agreed with the other board members and did not see the need for it. She questioned whether all of the executive board members were aware of the letter to the retirees.
- Board Member Mininsky thought it casted a shadow over the election. He received numerous phone calls from retirees. Thought it was unfortunate.
- President Gallagher stated that it is the goal in Long Beach not to have tainted elections.

II. **Superintendent's Report – Mr. Weiss**

**Superintendent's Report**

Recipient of the 2014 George Farber Outstanding Student Award at Nassau BOCES

*Joseph Minicozzi*

• **Presentation of Certificates – Science Awards**

*Mashiyat Ahmed*

The Effect of Water Pollution on the Amount of Light a *Vibrio Fischeri* Emits

*Finian Ashmead*

The Effect of Common Rust Prevention Products on the Rust Rate of Steel

*Melissa Baldeo*

The Effect of Different Hand Sanitizers on the Growth of *Staphylococcus Epidermidis*

*Erika Combs*

The Effect of Energy Drinks on the Heart Rate of *Daphnia Magna*

*Chloe Curley*

The Effect of Different Water Pollutants on the Assimilation of the *Phaseolus Lunatus*

*Robert Del Prete*

The Effect of Common Rust Prevention Products on the Rust Rate of Steel

*Kelly DiResto*

The Effect of Simulated Acid Rain on the Predation of Redheaded Pine Sawflies on the Red Pine Tree

*Cooper Everett*

The Effect of Different Food Sources on the Mortality Rate of Daphnia

*Savannah Kile*

The Effect of an Individual's Personality on their Ability to Perform on Simple Math Assessment When Exposed to Different Genres of Music

*Jessica Marcote*

The Effect of Simulated Acid Rain on the Predation of Redheaded Pine Sawflies on the Red Pine Tree

*Mary-Elizabeth McCourt*

The Effect of Hydroponics vs Soil on the Growth of a *Pisum sativum*

*Sam Miller*

The Effects of Caffeinated Beverages on the Ability to Perform Fine and Cognitive Motor Skills

*Jonathan Rovitz*

The Effect of Different Food Sources on the Mortality Rate of Daphnia

*Mary Sabedra*

The Effects Negative and Positive Affirmations have on Test Scores

*Leah Shokrian*

The Effect that a Sibling Relationship has on the Similarities of the Siblings' Lip Print

*Blaine Siegel*

The Effect of Different PH Levels on the Heart Rate of Daphnia Magna

*Justin Simms*

The Effect of Upgraded Air Vents on Reducing Carbon Dioxide Levels in Long Beach High School

*Megan Sofield*

The Effect Of Different Water Pollution Concentrations On The Complete Mortality of Photosynthetic *Euglena Gracilis*

*Fey Villagomez*

The Effect of Salinity on the Regeneration and Survival Rate of Brown Planaria

- **Science Research II**

*Phoebe Appel*

The Effect of Frequency and Amplitude on Mating Patterns of *Uca pugliator*

*Alexandra Kapilian*

The Effect of Population Density on Carbon Emissions per Capita: A Regional Comparison Between Manhattan and Nassau County

*Jonathan Kapilian*

The Effect of Population Density on Carbon Emissions per Capita: A Regional Comparison Between Manhattan and Nassau County

*Jacob Kaplan*

Using Hubble's Law to Calculate Approximate Dates of Certain Astronomical Objects' Departures from the Observable Universe

*Christopher Lester*

An Analysis of Ambient Air Quality Conditions over Long Beach, NY after Superstorm Sandy.

*Kathryn Mannle*

Green Roof Design: The Utilization of Clam Shells to Integrate Reflectivity and Rain Water Conditioning into Roofing Material

*Emily Reilly*

The Effect of Frequency and Amplitude on Mating Patterns of *Uca pugliator*

*Jordan Torregrosa*

The Effect of Beach Erosion on a Barrier Island's Sustainability from Hurricane Damage

*Alanna Weiss*

Factors Which Effect Optional Bicycle Helmet Use in City Bike Share Programs

*Justin Weissberg*

An Analysis of the Interaction Between Gamete Contact Time and Varying Sperm Concentrations on the Viability in *Crassostrea Virginica*

*Mariana Whelan*

The Analysis of Vibration Absorptions and Energy Inputs and Outputs of Horizontal Axis and Vertical Axis Wind Turbines

- **Science Research III**

*Justin Barry*

The Analysis of Propolis and Humulus Lupulis L. and its Effects on Staphylococcus Epidermidis

*Kyle Curley*

An Examination of the Resillience of Salt Marsh Grasses in Reponse to Trampling

*Jake Kritzberg*

Evaluating the Utilization of Resistive Wires for Deicing Modern Composite Airplane Wings

*Monica Lee*

The Effects Of Artificial And Organic Pesticides On The Diversity And Viable Titer

*Andrew Luisi*

Evaluating the Utilization of Resistive Wires for Deicing Modern Composite Airplane Wings

*Marc Pittinsky*

The Analysis of Propolis and Humulus Lupulis L. and its Effect on Staphylococcus Epidermidis

*Logan Weitz*

Cancer Prevention: The Extraction Of The P53 Cancer Gene from Human Organ Cells

- **Science Research IV**

*Arielle McManus*

A Natural Filtration System: Use of Polyvinyl Alcohol Hydrodogels as a Regenerative Absorbent To Assist in the Removal of Excess Nitrates and Phosphates from Water Environments

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*Jamie Morgenstern*

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*Hunter Rogoff*

A Natural Solution to Eliminate Soil Pollution: Phytoextraction of Arsenic and Lead Using a Grass, Bacteria, and Fungi

*Teachers:* Karen Bloom, Julie Hall, Daniel Lerner, Cody Onufrock  
Cynthia Ball-Kenney, Lab Assistant

### **Long Island Science Congress**

Emily McDonnell	Jared Starman
Lauren Bulik	Brett Weiner
Julia Ashmead	Nicole Celis
Charlotte Kile	Talia Fernandez
Fiona Eramo	Sophia Munier
Blaise Derenze	Aleisha Degilio
Grace Rosenberg	Dylan Martinsen
Riley Sharpe	Jeffrey Persky
Daisy Willard	Dmytro Vremenko
William Klain	Hannah Zelinger
Dillon Razler	Max Grant
Thomas Mayberry	Madison Gusler

*Teacher:* Megan Kalner, Christina Camacho

### **III. President Gallagher called for Board of Education Comments**

**BOE Comments**

- Vice President Ryan commented on the district science program suggesting introduction to science research as early as elementary school; mentioned busing them to HS once per week to foster interest in science.

### **IV. President Gallagher called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only**

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

None

**V. Student Organization Announcements**

None

**Student Organization  
Announcements**

**VI. Presentations of the Superintendent**

**VI.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL  
OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: CERTIFICATED**

President Gallagher called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Mininsky

Seconded by: Board Member Tangney

Approved: 5-0

**1. Personnel Matters:  
Certificated  
Pages: 8-11**

**VI.2 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL  
OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: NON CERTIFICATED.**

President Gallagher called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Mininsky

Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

**2. Personnel Matters:  
Non Certificated  
Page: 12**

## RESOLUTIONS

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

### VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

#### (a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Felicia Wilson  
Assign./Loc: Music Teacher/high school  
Effective Date: June 30, 2014 close of day
2. Name: Dale Greenstein  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/middle school  
Effective Date: June 30, 2014 close of day
3. Name: Catherine Walsh  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lido School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2014 close of day

#### (b) Leave of Absence

Name: Claudette Brand  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/middle school  
Effective Dates: May 6, 2014-June 26, 2014  
Reason: To accept another position in the district

#### (c) Leave of Absence: Catastrophic

Name: Felicia Wilson  
Assign./Loc: Music Teacher/high school  
Effective Dates: April 7, 2014-June 30, 2014  
Reason: Medical

#### (d) Amended Leave of Absence: Catastrophic

Name: Tova Markowitz  
Assign./Loc: Remedial Reading Teacher/Lido School  
Effective Dates: April 11, 2014-May 29, 2014  
Original Dates: April 11, 2014-May 19, 2014  
Reason: Medical

#### (e) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Jean-Marie Marciano  
Assign./Loc: Part time Teacher Assistant/middle school  
Effective Dates: March 23, 2014-May 30, 2014  
Original Dates: March 24, 2014-June 13, 2014  
Reason: Maternity/sick



**VI.I CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(f) Appointment: Probationary Special Education Teacher**

Name: Nicole Vasheo  
Assign./Loc: Probationary Special Education Teacher/middle school  
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 7-12, Generalist  
Initial Mathematics 7-12  
Effective Date: September 1, 2014  
Ending Date: August 31, 2016  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2016  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions-General Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$68,332\* per annum)  
Reason: To meet a district need  
Comment: Credit for time served as a regular substitute  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Remedial Reading Teacher**

Name: Lauren Diesu  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Remedial Reading  
Teacher/middle school  
Certification: Initial Literacy B-6  
Initial Literacy 5-12 (pending)  
Initial Childhood Education 1-6  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the  
district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading  
Salary Classification: MA+10/Step 2 (\$69,611\* per annum)  
Reason: To replace Christina Stevens  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(h) Appointment: Regular Substitute Foreign Language Teacher**

Name: Nathalie Miranda  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Foreign Language Teacher/high  
school  
Certification: Initial Italian 7-12  
Initial Spanish 7-12  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the  
district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Foreign Language  
Salary Classification: BA/Step 2 (\$62,319\* per annum)  
Reason: To replace Monica Geller  
Comment: Recalled from preferred eligibility list  
\*Subject to negotiations

**VI.I CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

- (i) **Appointment: Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week effective date through June 26, 2014 (or earlier at the district's discretion) According to CSE recommendation or 504 plan. Rate according to contract. \*Subject to negotiations**

Name	Location	Certification	Grade II/Step	Hourly Rate* \$	Effective Start Date
1. Emily Craft	West School	Level I TA	II/Step 1	16.90	5/28/14
2. Zachary Tousignant	East School	Initial Physical Education	II/Step 1	16.90	5/28/14

- (j) **Appointment: Part Time Director of Teacher Center (6 hours per week)-Grant Funded**

Name: John Marr  
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Director Teacher Center/Lindell School  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
Stipend: \$8,000 per annum

- (k) **Appointment: Coordinator of the Parent Academy Program (Grant Funded)-for the 2013-2014 School Year-rate of pay \$54.98 per hour-maximum of 30 hours**

Diana Armada

- (l) **Appointment: Parent Academy Program (Grant Funded)-for the 2013-2014 School Year-rate of pay \$54.98 per hour-maximum of 2 hours**

**Names**

1. Erin Allison
2. Jodi Balzano
3. Gillian Bella
4. Elaine Braithwaite
5. Denise Callahan
6. Cheryl Carroll
7. Mary Ann Colucci
8. Debra Cupani
9. Michelle DeJesus
10. Stacey Durnan
11. Donna Fee
12. Kristi Simonetti
13. Tamara Grosso
14. Lauren Kaufman
15. Joan Kavarsky
16. Mandy Kovel
17. Christine LaMarca
18. Barbara Lewy
19. Mildred McCarthy
20. Dana Monti
21. Faith Moskowitz
22. Valentina Parisi
23. Jeanne Richards
24. Debra Tai
25. Melissa Zimmerman

**VI.I CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(m) Appointment: High School Regents Test Preparation for the 2013-2014 school year-rate of pay \$73.03\* per hour-maximum 12 hours each\*Subject to negotiations**

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| 1. James Fiola        | 5. Liza Landa     |
| 2. Cornelius Campbell | 6. William Gibson |
| 3. Rachel Yousha      | 7. Gary Ribis     |
| 4. Julie Hall         |                   |

**(n) Appointment: Homebound Instructors-Rate of Pay \$54.97 per hour-individual rate/\$73.03 per hour-group rate for the 2013-2014 school year**

1. Tamara Richards
2. Jacqueline Riccio

**(o) Appointment: Long Beach Academy-Rate of Pay \$73.03\* per hour for the 2013-2014 school year-\*subject to negotiations**

Christopher Brown-Physical Education

**(p) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2013-2014 school year**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>
1. Terence Kane	Permanent English 7-12
2. Andrew Tilles	Initial Music

**(q) Reclassifications:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1. Stephanie Esposito	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+70	9/1/14
2. Robert Maggio	Teacher/Elementary	MA+40	9/1/14
3. Jason Zizza	Teacher/Physical Ed	MA+70	9/1/13

**VI.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Nadine Watts  
Assign./Loc: Senior Keyboard Specialist/high school  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015  
Reason: To accept another position in the district
2. Name: Hillary Nussdorf  
Assign./Loc: Keyboard Specialist/Lido School  
Effective Dates: June 6, 2013-June 30, 2014  
Reason: Medical

**(b) Leave of Absence: Catastrophic**

Name: Richard Stegemann  
Assign./Loc: Cleaner/middle school  
Effective Dates: June 17, 2014-June 30, 2014/July 21, 2014-TBD(not to exceed a maximum of 180 days)  
Reason: Medical

**(c) Appointment: Temporary Part Time Senior Typist (10 months)-Grant Funded**

Name: June Vinokur  
Assign./Loc.: Temporary Part Time Senior Typist (10 months/maximum 6 hours per week)/Teacher Center  
Effective Date: September 1, 2014-June 30, 2015(or earlier at the district's discretion)  
Salary Classification: \$ 29.65\* per hour  
Reason: Annual appointment  
Comment: In addition to teacher assistant appointment.  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(d) The following Per Diem Substitute are recommended for approval for the 2013-2014 school year**

- | <b>NAME</b>     | <b>POSITION</b>   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Shannon Dass | Teacher Assistant |
| 2. James Frasca | Cleaner           |

**VI.3 CONTRACTS**

**Superintendent Weiss recommended the Approval of Contract: Employees' Assistance Program Service Agreement**

**Approval of Employees' Assistance Program Services Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 with the Labor Education & Community Services Agency, to provide an Employees' Assistance Program for the Long Beach Public Schools at a cost of \$13,600.00 for the year.

**President Gallagher called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Mininsky**

**Seconded by: President Gallagher**

**Approved: 5-0**

**VI.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #5640 SMOKING/ TOBACCO USE.**

**Adoption- Policy #5640 - Smoking/ Tobacco use**

**President Gallagher called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Mininsky**

**Seconded by: President Gallagher**

**Approved: 5-0**

**Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VI.5 and VI.6.**

**VI.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Acceptance of Recommendations of the CSE**

**VI.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS**

**Approval of Use of School**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools, as attached, not to conflict with District events. However, please note that events may have to be modified/rescheduled based on building construction schedules.

**President Gallagher called for a motion on Items VI.5 through VI.6.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Mininsky

**Seconded by:** Board Member Tangney

**Approved:** 5-0

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

**VII. President Gallagher called for Questions and Comments from the Public.**

- Eddie Vrona – 7 Oswego Ave – EAB – asked about the audit report from 2013 and its release date. (already done)
- Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – asked about the EAP contract. (employees assistance)
- Barbara Bernadino, Phyllis Libutti, Martin Gruber – Beach to Bay Civic Association congratulated Dr. Ryan and Mrs. Vrona; noted their appreciation of the leadership role that the school was taking on the hospital; asked the city to pass a resolution supporting a hospital.

**VIII. President Gallagher called for Announcements.**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association- None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Joanne Rea – thanked Patrick Gallagher, students for making us proud; good luck to Dr. Ryan and Maureen Vrona.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Gerri Maquet – Representing CCPTA – congratulated students, retirees, Mrs. Greenstein in particular, PTA loves the signs (thank you for your support), congratulated Dr. Ryan and Ms. Vrona and the passing of the budget. PTA does not take bias stand on elections; votes are taken after budget presentations by units; extremely careful about elections and instructed votes; supports district vote as a whole.

**IX. President Gallagher called for Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any.**

**Board of Education –  
Additional New/Old  
Business, if any**

- Vice President Ryan commented on the young man who spoke about the HS auditorium last week. Seats are in poor condition; suggested the use of capital funds for the HS auditorium.

**X. President Gallagher called for a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:33 PM.**

**Motion by: Board Member Mininsky**

**Seconded by: Board Member Tangney**

**Approved: 5-0**

**Adjourn to  
Executive  
Session**

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

Carole Butler, District Clerk  
June 10, 2014