

**Date of Meeting:** September 24, 2015

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

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

**Members Present:** President Roy J. Lester  
Vice President Stewart Mininsky  
Board Member Dennis Ryan  
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney  
Board Member Maureen Vrona

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent, C & I  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

**I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Pledge/Call to Order

President Lester called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and expressed gratitude for the great, endless summer weather.

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Weiss introduced the presentation on the secondary computing initiative made possible by the monies provided by the Smart School Bond Act.

**Presentation – Secondary Technology Initiative – Dr. Kenneth Graham**

Highlights include: Technology Role in the Classroom, LB Google Cloud, 1:1 Device Initiative, Timeline and Cost, and Next Steps. Presentation can be located on the district website and in the office of the District Clerk.

**III. President Lester called for Board of Education Comments**

Board of Education Comments

- Vice President Mininsky asked if the Chromebooks for grades 7-12 would replace textbooks (not immediately but ultimately); the cost to students (only accessories) or if they lost it (insurance is \$10-\$15 annually)(Technology Committee will consult other districts).

### **Board of Education Comments (continued)**

- Board Member Vrona asked how we were paying( smart bond monies); were we using technology monies (yes); were the costs covered (yes); if we needed to move more quickly (no); worried about obsolescence (need time to work out details); asked if student could use their own devices (problematic). Do teachers determine whether students can use their own technology in class? (yes) Are the teachers on board with the proposal? (yes)
- Board Member Ryan thanked Dr. Graham on his short presentation and the incorporation of student work; acknowledged his lack of sophistication with technology but enjoyment of hard copies; technology has not improved test scores; does not replace paper; Chromebooks will not replace teacher input. Dr. Ryan sits on the Technology Committee and questions whether computer education is substantive; we do not know the impact on the auditory, visual, eye contact engagement, the long term impact on interactions.
- President Lester insisted we must move forward with technology since it is the way of the world; we would be doing the students a disservice if we did not; acknowledged problems. Students need to be prepared for college. Mr. Lester asked if other schools are using technology in the classrooms (yes)
- Board Member Tangney asked if children were playing games during instruction time (easy tech learning sometimes includes modules, keyboarding, literacy, citizenship lessons in the form of a game).

### **IV. President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda Only**

<b>Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda Only</b>
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- Gerri Maquet – 523 E. State Street – thanked Dr. Graham; asked for confirmation that this initiative goes from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12 grade first, then K-5, then 6<sup>th</sup> grade (focus is on grades 7, 9, 11); suggested that schools be kept open later for those students who do not have internet access at home; agreed that technology is important as well as a balance with social skills (kids cannot make a phone call).
- Joanne Rea – 90 Connecticut Avenue – asked if Google Chrome was the only option (as opposed to Apple products) (too expensive – Apple can be accessed from Google products)
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – asked if colleges use Google cloud and not Apple; staggered grades will upset kids and create animosity and unfair practice (if ½ of the kids bring their own devices we can afford to give to all grades) (need time to help teachers utilize technology effectively).
- Keith Harvey – has spoken to hundreds of teachers who all support the initiative; worked for years with M. Richez; Google cloud can work with students at home during school hours in real time; supports all out plan.

At the request of Mr. Weiss, President Lester polled the BOE members for their input.

- Board Member Vrona wants to move forward – full steam ahead.
- Board Member Ryan supports the more cautious approach
- Board Member Tangney wants to move full speed ahead – all parties should be involved in policy.
- Vice President Mininsky wants to see comprehensive report.
- President Lester votes full speed head.

Mr. Weiss prefers the more cautious approach insisting that the teachers need help with the most effective use of the technology, complications of Common Core, expectations versus hope. The district already uses 1:1 initiative with graphic calculators. Discussion continued about the time frame of this initiative (roll out).

**V. Student Organization Announcements**

None

**Student Organization Announcements**

**VI. Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Minutes of Executive and Regular Meeting of August 27, 2015**

**VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**VII.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated**

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky

Seconded by: Board Member Tangney

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated Pages:**

**VII.2 Superintendent Weiss recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated.**

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated Pages:**

## RESOLUTIONS

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

### VII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

#### (a) Resignations

1. Name: Sean Hurley  
Assign./Loc: Director of Humanities/Districtwide  
Effective Date: September 27, 2015
2. Name: Michele Boykin  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Date: September 3, 2015
3. Name: Brianna Carnevale  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS  
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 close of day

#### (b) Leaves of Absence

- Name: Gina Calabrese  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Dates: September 8, 2015-October 6, 2015  
Reason: Maternity
1. Name: Margaret Red Cloud Owen  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS  
Effective Dates: September 30, 2015-November 16, 2015  
Reason: Medical
  2. Name: Lisa Pignataro  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/West School  
Effective Dates: October 9, 2015-January 3, 2016  
Reason: Maternity

#### (c) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Krystal Cardenas  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/Hebrew Academy of Long Beach  
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 7-12  
Initial Spanish 7-12  
Effective Dates: September 16, 2015-June 30, 2016 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$67,154\* per annum)  
Reason: To replace Jacqueline Walter  
\*Subject to negotiations

**VII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(d) Appointment: Regular Substitute School Psychologist**

Name: Caryn Cantley  
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute School Psychologist/LBMS (.6)/Hebrew Academy of Long Beach (.4)  
 Certification: Permanent School Psychologist  
 Effective Dates: September 25, 2015-January 29, 2016 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
 Tenure Area: School Psychologist  
 Salary Classification: PhD/Step 2 (\$81,888\* per annum) prorated  
 Reason: To replace Gizelle Conroy  
 \*Subject to negotiations

**(e) Rescission**

Name: Casey Twibel  
 Assign./Loc: Co-Curricular Advisor/Intramurals 6-8  
 Effective Date: 2015-2016 school year

**(f) Appointment: Advisors for Middle School Co-Curricular Activities 2015-2016 School Year- \*Subject to negotiations**

MS Clubs	Advisors	\$ Stipend*
Intramurals Grade 6-8	Anthony LaPenna/Mallory Notholt	2,312 split

**(g) Appointment: Curriculum Writer-rate of pay-\$40.06\* per hour-\*Subject to negotiations**

Name	Maximum Hours
Stephanie Bragino	10

**(h) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week September 3, 2015 through June 24, 2016 (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*
1. Nyasia Hurd	West	Level I TA	II/Step 3	18.74
2. Virginia Matthews	LBHS	Level I TA	II/Step 1	17.24
3. Sadie Garone	NIKE	Level I TA	II/Step 1	17.24
4. Jaime McQuillan	LBHS	Level I TA	II/Step 1	17.24

**(i) Appointment: Parent Training for the 2015/2016 school year-Rate of Pay: \$69.71\* per hour-not to exceed 200 hours-\*Subject to negotiations**

- Michelle Donovan-Social Worker
- Serafina D'Anna-School Psychologist

**VII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

- (j) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2015-2016 school year**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>
1. Brittany Kosta	Initial Childhood Education 1-6
2. Edwina Bryant	Permanent English 7-12
3. Robert Weber	Initial Social Studies 7-12
4. Rocco Tenebruso	Initial Physical Education
5. Kristina Ryan	Initial Social Studies 7-12
6. Timothy Cabasino	Initial Biology 7-12 (pending)

**VII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Appointment: Part Time Provisional Special Education Aide**

Name: Somone Merchant  
 Assign./Loc.: Part Time Provisional Special Education Aide/East School  
 Effective Date: September 3, 2015  
 Salary Classification: \$16.14\* per hour  
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1  
 Reason: According to 504 plan  
 \*Subject to negotiations

**(b) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide (15 hours per week)**

Name: Theresa Allen  
 Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School  
 Effective Date: September 8, 2015  
 Salary Classification: \$14.23\* per hour  
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1  
 Reason: New  
 \*Subject to negotiations

**(c) Recommended Action: Approval of the schedules of 2015-2016 Continuing Education Instructional and Registration Personnel as follows (subject to sufficient enrollment and satisfactory performance):**

Instructor	Course	Hours	Rate Per Hour	Maximum
1. Aguilar, Gizelle	Spanish 1&2	48	25	1,200.00
2. Bersin, Michael	Do not buy a home	6	25	150.00
3. Cabasino, Timothy	Master Swim Class	48	25	1,200.00
4. Dugan, Cornelius	Men's Basketball	64	20	1,280.00
5. Durso, Stephanie	Movement and Flexibility	24	25	600.00
6. Elike, Humerya	Ebru Art	48	25	1,200.00
7. Fuchs, Howard	Cooking	4	25	100.00
8. Gennusa, Joseph	CPR/AED First Aid Cert	10	25	250.00
9. Gertsman, Lawrence	Space Astronomy Age	32	20	640.00
10. Hamilton, Justine	Say What?	18	34.64	623.52
11. Huemann, Samantha	Hula Hooping	32	30	960.00
12. Lombardi, Sydney	Computer/MS Word	45	40	1,800.00
13. Miranda, Miguel	Excel/Powerpoint	32	40	1,280.00
14. Pearlman, Warren	Tennis	16	25	400.00
15. Picow, Paula	Crocheting & Knitting	64	25	1,600.00
16. Ripley, Patricia	Feng Shui; Health, Wealth	4	25	100.00
17. Romero, Nelly	Palette Knife Painting	24	20	480.00
18. Spieler, Andrew	Computer Various	24	40	960.00
19. Zarate, Cindy	Volleyball	32	25	800.00
<b>Office Staff</b>				
20. Escalante, Doris		100	13.68	
21. Jimenez, Irene		350	15.00	

**VII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(d) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2015-2016 school year**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1.	Philip Boehle	Cleaner
2.	Debra Pearce	Teacher Assistant



**VII.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #5661 – STUDENT WELLNESS**

**First Reading of Revised Policy #5661 Student Wellness**

No action required. – Discussion about including social/emotional wellness, teachers, elementary health, substance abuse and scheduled lunch period. Ask Principals whether to replace “should” with “shall” for b(5); Should reference Hungry Health link; AC/fans in the classrooms.

**Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VII.4 through VII.6.**

**VII.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the AWARD OF BID**

**Award of Bid: Garbage Bags**

**WHEREAS**, the district placed legal notice advertising a bid for Garbage Bags in the official district papers on August 20, 2015 and provided bid documents to 9 vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the district, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on Garbage Bags which bids were opened publicly on September 4, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Sterling Sanitary Supply, Central Poly Bag, I. Janvey & Sons and Supply Works were the lowest priced responsible bidder, see attached, on the Garbage Bag Bid;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Sterling Sanitary Supply, Central Poly Bag, I. Janvey & Sons and Supply Works were the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Garbage Bag Bid and approves the award of the Garbage Bag Bid to Sterling Sanitary Supply, Central Poly Bag, I. Janvey & Sons Supply Works.

**VII.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES**

**Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services**

**A) HARRIS BEACH**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$4,350.10 to the firm of Harris Beach PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015.

**B) RUSKIN, MOSCOU, FLATISCHEK PC**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$4,237.42 to the firm of

Ruskin, Moscou, Faltischek PC for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of April 21, 2015 through June 8, 2015.

**C) INGERMAN SMITH LLP**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$8,946.00 to the firm of Ingerman Smith LLP for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of August 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015.

**VII.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS.**

**Approval of Use of Schools Applications**

**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.

**APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Cub Scouts Den #4	Meetings	East School Art Room	September 17, 2015 through June 16, 2016 Thursdays (2x month) 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Cub Scouts Den #6	Meetings	West School Cafeteria	September 11, 2015 through June 24, 2016 Fridays 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
The Dance Loft	Recital	LBHS Auditorium, Rooms 259 and 260 Band Room	Sunday, June 5, 2016 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Dance Dynamix	Recital	LBHS Auditorium, Band Rooms and Rooms 257, 258, 259, 260 and 268	Saturday, June 18, 2016 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Lido Beach Civic Association	Board Meetings	LBMS Library/Media Center	January 11 through January 12, 2016 Mondays (1x month) 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Lido Beach Civic Association	Open Meetings	Lido School Library	April 13, 2016 through August 24, 2016 3 Wednesdays 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Long Beach Civil Service Commission	Civil Service Exam	LBHS – 20 classrooms	Sat., November 14, 2015 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Circulo de la Hispanidad	Awards Night	LBHS Auditorium, Cafeteria, 4 classrooms	Fri., June 10, 2016 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**President Lester called for a motion on Items VII.4 through VII.6.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Tangney  
**Seconded by:** Vice President Mininsky  
**Approved:** 5-0; 4-1 on (5[b])\*  
**Voted No:** Board Member Vrona on 5 (b)

<b>BOE – Additional New/Old Business</b>
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**VIII. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any**

- Board Member Ryan asked the BOE members to vote to decrease the current eight (8) polling locations to four (4) locations. There was no second so no vote was taken.
- Board Member Vrona requested the public be notified before any decision is made.
- Dr. Ryan noted the costs, sustainability, need to be responsible.
- President Lester does not want to deprive people of the ability to vote; damage in alienating public.

There will be a public discussion and resolutions prepared for various polling location options before a decision is made.

- Board Member Vrona had questions regarding the curriculum presentation, transportation (action plan) and utility (RFP being prepared).

**Walk-on resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has been requested to bring the personnel records of employee #3593 and #2389 to a meeting of the Board of Education for review in executive session pursuant to Part 84 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that the information contained in said personnel file(s) will aid in fulfilling its legal responsibilities in making decisions in employee personnel matters; it is

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education shall meet in an executive session to be conducted on October 8, 2015, at 5:45 PM to review the personnel files of employee #3593 and #2389, after which said files shall be returned to the custody of the Superintendent of Schools.

**President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Tangney  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Vrona  
**Approved:** 4-1  
**Voted No:** Board Member Ryan

**IX. Questions and Comments from the Public**

None

<b>Questions and Comments from the Public</b>
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**XI. Announcements**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey thanked Dr. Graham for the presentation, best wishes to those who resigned, congratulated appointees.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – President Joanne Rea asked about a personnel position being provisional (P/T special education aide); thanked Dr. Graham on his presentation.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – CCPTA Co-Presidents Gerri Maquet and Andrea Wayne inquired about the status of the Regents weight on HS students' grades.

**XII. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 9:32 PM.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by: President Lester**  
**Seconded by: Board Member Tangney**  
**Approved: 5-0**

**Minutes submitted by:**

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
October 8, 2015