

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2017

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: LB Public Library Conference Room

Members Present President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Darlene E. Tangney arrived at 6:15 PM
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Asst. Superintendent for C & I
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, HR
Ms. Susan Fine, Attorney, Harris Beach

President Mininsky called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:34 PM to discuss personnel issues regarding specific personnel and pending and proposed legal matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 4-0

President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:22 PM

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 5-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2017

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Public Library Auditorium

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Asst. Superintendent C & I
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Susan Fine, Attorney, Harris Beach LLP
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Public

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

Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Mininsky opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. He later thanked the library for hosting the meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Weiss

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Weiss reported on the Superintendents Institute. Two primary issues were raised: resurrection of eliminating county guarantee on assessments and proposal for governor to make mid-year cuts without legislative approval.

- *Presentations – 2017-18 Budget Preparation: Social Workers and Psychologists*
- *2017-18 Budget Preparation: Technology*
- *2017-18 Budget Preparation: Summary Budget Appropriations by Object*

These presentations can be located on the district website or in the office of the District Clerk.

III. President Mininsky called for Board of Education Comments

Board of Education Comments

Presentation on Social Workers/Psychologists

- VP Tangney asked if the HS numbers included NIKE (yes although no one needed now. Mrs. Cantore checks mandates with Mrs. Mulé. If Mr. Webel cannot meet needs of students, info would go to Mrs. Cantore and support would be instated); what happens if the number of students increases during the year (needs are met).
- President Mininsky asked if the staffing was sufficient (reallocation of supports from HALB).
- Board Member Bodnar asked what proportion is grant funded (1.6 positions).
- Board Member Vrona voiced concerns about added stress of MS students (split position may be helpful).
- Board Member Ryan asked if the REACH counselor could be utilized by NIKE and the role of the district-wide person (supervised by building supervisors, coordinator and Mrs. Cantore; collaboration; takes care of regulatory requirements; bi-lingual psychologist).
- Mr. Bodnar noted that at NIKE students request the REACH counselor.

Presentation – Technology

- Board Member Ryan questioned the importance of technology on instruction and suggested a public work session on the impact of technology on students, teachers; addiction is of great concern; lots of remediation still needed. Asked about robotics.
- Board Member Bodnar asked if the infrastructure is sound enough to handle all of our technology needs (brought in firewall early, hiring additional technician).
- Board Member Vrona asked about connectivity problems at the HS (added access points. Principal Myers noted it was 3-4 rooms by the cafeteria).
- Dr. Ryan asked about the costs of toner, whether it was purchased centrally, inventoried (yes), whether printer contracts are working (yes); going paperless (cut paper budget).
- Mrs. Vrona asked that all the budget pieces be put together. Are computer science teachers included (no); how much for Chromebooks (\$300 with quantity discounts); asked is professional development costs were included (grant funded under Title II); if Mr. Hendel's salary was included (yes); if we are spending what we budgeted (yes).

Oral Presentation – Summary Budget Appropriations Report by Object

- President Mininsky asked about the variance category.

IV. Student Organization Announcements

None

Student Organization Comments

V. President Mininsky called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today's Agenda Only

Questions and Comments
from the Public – Items on
Tonight's Agenda Only

- Sharon Powers – 509 Lincoln Blvd – thought costs for cloud storage were high at \$25,000 (includes data recovery plan, back up, \$11,000 for email support – Office 365).

- Karen Bloom – 8 Doyle St – hopes that the discussion on mental health continues.

VI. Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report for January 2017
No action required

Presentation of Treasurer’s
Reports for January 2017

VII. Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting of February 16 and February 27, 2017

Approval of Minutes for Exec
Sessions, and Reg. Meeting
of February 16 and 27, 2017

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Approved: 5-0

VIII. Presentations of the Superintendent

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Certificated
Pages:

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Ryan

Approved: 5-0; 4-0 (on k)

Abstained: Bodnar (k)

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated
Pages:

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Approved: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

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

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

Name: Juan Piedrahita
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS
Effective Date: March 17, 2017 close of day

(b) Leave of Absence

Name: Sara Mayo
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Dates: May 18, 2017-June 30, 2017
Reason: Maternity

(c) Appointment: Part Time Teacher Assistant-17.5 hours per week

Name: Raquel Lopez
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Certification: Level III TA
Effective Dates: March 24, 2017
Salary Classification: Grade II/Step 11 (\$24.81* per hour)
Reason: To replace Melissa Hartman
Comment: discontinuance for Sr. Data Specialist position
*Subject to negotiations

(d) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week start date through June 24, 2017 (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*	Start date
1. Christy Ambrosini	LBHS	Level I TA	II/1	17.24	3/10/17
2. Dawn Caputo	West	Level I TA	II/1	17.24	3/10/17
3. Kieran Mcardle	LBHS	Level I TA	II/1	17.24	3/10/17
4. Elisana Moreira	West	Level I TA	II/1	17.24	3/10/17

(e) Appointment: Interscholastic Spring Coach/2016-2017

Sport	Coach	Stipend *
7/8 Boy/Girls Track Coach	Erin Lusenskask <i>*rescind Casey Twibell</i>	4,852

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (f) **Appointment: Athletic Supervisors for the 2016-2017 School Year**
Rate of Pay: \$62.50* per afternoon-\$80.10* per evening-\$148.98*per overnight
***Subject to negotiations**

1. Robert Weber
2. Pat Olsen

- (g) **Appointment: Instructors for the Accuplacer Preparation Class for the 2016-2017 school year-rate of pay\$74.50* per hour-*Subject to negotiations-maximum 24 hours each**

1. Elena Frishman
2. Scott Stark

- (h) **Appointment: IB/AP Exam Preparation for the LBHS 2016-2017 school year-rate of pay\$74.50* per hour-*Subject to negotiations**

Last Name	First Name	Subject	Maximum Hours
1. Davis	Gail	IB English	30 total
2. Filloramo	Tamara		
3. Hartmann	Matthew		
4. O'Shea	Jeannie		
5. Weiss	Toni		
6. Petschauer	Brian	IB Social Studies	40 total
7. Maier	Diane		
8. Graham	Christine		
9. Levin	Elizabeth		
10. Quinn	Jennifer		
11. Gonzalez	Robin		
12. Casey	Lisa		
13. Malizia	Blake	IB Business	6 total
14. Digena	Arls	World Language	14 total
15. Rodrigiez	Elizabeth		
16. Rivero	Aime		
17. Jimenez	Nelly		
18. Salomone	Enza		
19. Prince	David		
20. Fiola	James	Mathematics	30 total
21. Berto	Jenna		
22. Fallon	Patricia		
23. Hall	Julie		
24. Bloom	Karen	Science	30 total
25. Onufrock	Cody		
26. Bankey	Pam		
27. Tobia	Davis		
28. Vaeth	Dan		

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (i) **Appointment: Regents Exam Preparation for the LBHS 2016-2017 school year-rate of pay\$74.50* per hour-*Subject to negotiations**

Last Name	First Name	Subject	Maximum Hours
1. Arvotti	Christina	Mathematics	65
2. Dotzler	Michael		
3. Bragino	Stephanie		
4. Berto	Jenna		
5. Petkevicius	Laina		
6. Spitz	Jay		
7. Krinsky	Lee		
8. D'Andrea	Michelle		
9. Simonovsky	Arkadiy		
10. Carnevale	Brianna		
11. Davis	Gail		
12. Filloramo	Tamara		
13. Hartmann	Maria		
14. Monastero	Ashley		
15. Moorhead	Kaitlin		
16. O'Shea	Jeanne		
17. Bolkcom	Kerri	Social Studies	40
18. Casey	Lisa		
19. Fuchs	Howard		
20. Graham	Christine		
21. Gonzalez	Robin		
22. Richards	Tamara		
23. Stanek	Claire		
24. Susko	Kristin		
25. DeFillippis	Lorraine	Science	40
26. Grahlf's	Megan		
27. Gobetz	Julie		
28. Hall	Julie		
29. Korn	Jenny		
30. Landa	Ilza		
31. Mannarino	Cherie		
32. Ribis	Gary		
33. Tornabene	Robyn		
34. Vaeth	Daniel		
35. Wolfen	Loren		
36. Bella	Gillian	World Languages	20
37. Digena	Arlis		
38. Koutsiombus	Christos		
39. Milito	Sorabeth		
40. Rodriguez	Elizabeth		
41. Salamone	Enza		

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (j) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2016-2017 school year**

	NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
1.	Alexandra Clark	Initial Childhood Education (pending)
2.	Jonas Garelle	Initial Physical Education

- (k) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association, dated March 3, 2017.

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

Name: Alexandra Barrett
Assign./Loc: Full Time Nurse/East School
Effective Date: June 30, 2017 close of day

(b) Discontinuances

1. Name: Teresa Suarez
Assign./Loc: Data Specialist-Health Office/West School
Effective Date: March 9, 2017 close of day
2. Name: Tara Lamarre
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: March 16, 2017 close of day
3. Name: Raquel Lopez
Assign./Loc: Sr. Data Specialist-Special Education Office/LBMS
Effective Date: March 23, 2017 close of day

(c) Catastrophic Leave of Absence

Name: Patricia Conroy
Assign./Loc: School Nurse/LBHS
Effective Dates: Intermittent
Reason: Medical

(d) Appointment: Full Time School Nurse

Name: Mary Callaghan
Assign./Loc.: Full Time School Nurse/LBMS
Effective Date: March 22, 2017
Probationary End Date: March 22, 2021
Salary Classification: \$42,273* per annum (prorated)
Step: Step 1
Reason: To replace Devorah Sokol
*Subject to negotiations

(e) Appointment: Probationary Sr. Data Specialist – 12 months

Name: Jamie McQuillan
Assign./Loc.: Special Education Office/LBMS
Effective Date: March 24, 2017
Probationary End Date: March 23, 2018
Salary Classification: \$33,786* per annum (prorated)
Grade/Step: Grade III/Step 1
Reason: Promulgation of Civil Service list.
*Subject to negotiations

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Appointment: Probationary Data Specialists – 10 months

1. Name: Christine O’Driscoll
Assign./Loc.: Health Office/West School
Effective Date: March 10, 2017
Probationary End Date: March 9, 2018
Salary Classification: \$24,848 per annum (prorated)
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: Promulgation of Civil Service list.
*Subject to negotiations

2. Name: Melissa Hartman
Assign./Loc.: Health Office/LBMS
Effective Date: March 24, 2017
Probationary End Date: March 23, 2018
Salary Classification: \$24,848 per annum (prorated)
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: Promulgation of Civil Service list.
*Subject to negotiations

(g) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2016-2017 school year

	Name	Position
1.	Jennifer Isik	Teacher Assistant
2.	Cassandra Stegman	Teacher Assistant
3.	Ana Mayorga	Teacher Assistant
4.	Teresa Suarez	Clerical

VIII.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #6551 FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

2nd Reading – Policy #6551
Family & Medical Leave Act

No action required.

VIII.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – BOCES – FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Approval of Agreement-
BOCES Summer School

WHEREAS, the district desires to have a “Regional Summer School Program (“the Program”) for students in Long Beach Public Schools and other Nassau BOCES component districts at the designated school(s); and

WHEREAS, Nassau BOCES is duly certified and qualified under the laws of the State of NY and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to provide and assume full responsibility for the Program through its Department of Regional Schools and Instructional Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES to provide the regional summer school program for students in Long Beach Public Schools and other Nassau component districts at the designated school(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute the agreement with Nassau BOCES on its behalf.

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Tangney

Seconded by: President Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.5 through VIII.11

VIII.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the REQUEST FOR DEFENSE

Request for Defense

WHEREAS, service of a Notice of Appeal was made with regard to the order of Judge J. Libert in *Weitzman, et alia, v. Long Beach City School District, et alia*, Index No. 606835/2016, and the proceeding names several employees of the School District as respondents; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the proceeding arising from the exercise of powers of certain respondents within the scope of their employment by the School District and/or the performance of duties of certain defendants within the scope of their employment by the School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, Randie Berger, Amy Teemer, Kristin Pipitone, Raquel Lopez and Dana D’Alessio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declines to defend and indemnify Joanne Rea, Kathleen Casey and Steve Freeman, as the allegations concerning them do not arise within the scope of their employment in or performance of duties for the District, but instead arise either in their capacities as union officials/former union officials and/or individual capacities, as determined by the Board of Education and NYSIR, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Board counsel to represent the School District, David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, Randie Berger, Amy Teemer, Kristin Pipitone, Raquel Lopez and Dana D'Alessio.

VIII.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Approval of Defense and Indemnification

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811 and/or Public Officer's Law §18, Superintendent of Schools David Weiss, Dr. Michele Natali, former Executive Director Dr. Randie Berger, Sabrina Cantore, Vincent Russo, Lisa Weitzman and Lauren Schneider have submitted timely written requests for legal defense and indemnification in an action filed in the Supreme Court, County of Nassau, having Index Number 601660-2017 and in which each are named; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the legal action arising from the performance of the above referenced employees' and former employees' duties and responsibilities within the scope of their employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend and indemnify Mr. Weiss, Dr. Natali, Dr. Berger, Ms. Cantore and Mr. Russo in said action whether it be tried in New York State or federal court, and including any appeals therefrom and will provide counsel as assigned by the District's insurance carrier to represent the School District and those individuals in the above-referenced action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend and indemnify Lisa Weitzman and Lauren Schneider and any other defendant named in the action in the event that a legally sufficient request therefor is submitted solely to the extent required by law in said action whether it be tried in New York State or federal court, and including any appeals therefrom and will provide counsel as assigned by the District's insurance carrier to represent to represent those individuals in the above-referenced legal action.

VIII.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the AWARD OF BID – #499 MUSICAL CABINETS

Award of Bid #499 Musical Cabinets

WHEREAS, the district placed legal notice advertising a bid for Music Instrument Cabinets in the official district papers on January 26, 2017 and provided bid documents to 7 vendors; and

WHEREAS, the district, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on Music Instrument Cabinets which bids were opened publicly on February 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Wenger was the lowest priced responsible bidder, see attached, on the Music Instrument Cabinets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Wenger was the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Music Instrument Cabinets and approves the award of the Music Instrument Cabinets to Wenger.

VIII.8 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation by Kate Judge Patton of a mini-grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for a Story Board Games program at Lindell Elementary School valued at \$500.

VIII.9 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE COMMITTEE

Acceptance of Recommendations of CSE

VIII.10. Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

Payment of Legal Bills:
Legal Services

A) THOMAS M. VOLZ, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,144.35 the Law Offices of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of January 1 through January 31, 2017.

B) HARRIS BEACH PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$5,705.30 to the firm of Harris Beach PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of January 1 through January 31, 2017.

C) INGERMAN SMITH

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$22,876* for legal services rendered during the period of January 1 through January 31, 2017. (prior to credit of \$10,257.50)

VIII.11 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 and/or rescheduled based on building schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Long Beach Aquatics	Dual/Tri Meet	LBHS Pool	Friday, March 17, 2017 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Long Beach Aquatics	Swim Practice	LBHS Pool	June 26-Aug 18, 2017 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Hagen School of Irish Dance	Dance Recital	Lindell School Auditorium Cafeteria	Friday, May 19, 2017 2 PM – 10 PM Sunday, May 21, 2017 11:30 AM – 8:30 PM
City of Long Beach YFS	Summer Camp	LBMS Auditorium, Cafeteria, Gym, Teachers' Cafeteria, Tennis Courts, Athletic Fields 11 & 2	June 26 – August 18, 2017 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
LB Jujitsu Corporation	Wrestling Seminar to Benefit St. Jude's	LBHS Gym	Sat., April 29, 2017 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

President Mininsky called for a motion on Items VIII.5 through VIII.10.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Vice President Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

IX. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business if any

- Board Member Vrona asked if ALC graduates are decreasing (no).
- Board Member Ryan asked if we participated in the LI Science Bowl (no); expressed disappointment with the HS newspaper, The Tide, which has had no new articles since February 1; suggested a substantive paper at least 4 times per year; noted great athletic year, many MS students are on HS teams with no reports of bullying; asked about status of reregistration (8th grade orientation may be good time).

X. President Mininsky called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

Questions and Comments from the Public

- Gerri Maquet – 523 E. State Street – congratulations on contract; when is extra day next year scheduled for – suggested Tuesday, September 6 to address private school busing problem; asked about Accuplacer prep (any student who has applied to and will attend Nassau Community College – pilot program. One test which doesn't count, remediation, take a second test if necessary. Requested that costs for tests AP/IB be investigated for the sake of the parents; find a way for non-IB

parents to not have to pay so much (fee waiver for free and reduced lunch students, scholarships, 100 exams under waiver).

XI. Announcements:

Announcements

1. Parent/Teacher Association – Gerri Maquet, CCTPA Co-President thanked the teachers and BOE for the contract settlement, welcomed nurse Callahan.
2. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – Karen Bloom and Amy Powers extended gratitude at the contract settlement, affirming commitment to children, faculty, welcome new hires, good luck to those retiring, leaving; go to see HS musical Sister Act.
3. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group- President Arnie Epstein congratulated the teachers; hopes it is the last time he crosses a picket line; kick start and reboot.
4. LBSEA – Long Beach Schools Employees’ Association – Group C –none

XII. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 9:23 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Vice President Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
April 6, 2017