

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2018

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Perry Bodnar, Jr.
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney arrived at 6:45 PM
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, HR

President Mininsky called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:50 PM to discuss matters related to the superintendent search.

Motion to Go into Executive Session

Motion by: Vice President Bodnar
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 3-0

President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:25 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: President Mininsky
Seconded by: Vice President Bodnar
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by

Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 8, 2018

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2018

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Interim Supt. /Asst. Supt. C & I
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Exec. Director, HR
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

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

Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Mininsky opened the meeting at 7:35 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Report of the Interim Superintendent

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- Mr. DeVito explained the composite measurement of fiscal stress and how our district was rated because of FEMA monies received after the year-end report. Syntax is posting information on website.

Work Session Topic –Transportation

Presentation –2018-19 Budget – Transportation Department

Highlights include: Expenditures related to Salaries, Equipment, Repairs and Parts, Garage, Contract Transportation, Vendor/Vendor Services, Supplies, and Policy Issues for Consideration. Mr. Callahan, new Transportation Supervisor, was introduced.

This presentation can be found on the district website and in the office of the District Clerk.

**BOE Comments on Work
Session Topic**

III. Board of Education Comments/Work Session Topic

- President Mininsky thanked Mr. Callahan for his handling of transportation through snowstorm and thanked Mr. DeVito for report on fiscal stress. Social media posts erroneous information. How many students go to religious instruction? (130)
- Board Member Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito, welcomed Mr. Callahan. He asked how individual bids could be cheaper than cooperative bids (consultant recommended to go alone because Long Beach is the furthest away so the costs are higher); asked about the condition of the buses (good shape- we recently purchased 12 buses which upgraded the fleet with 5 more coming in good conditions, good mechanics, inspections are solid); do first three considerations have financial savings or just less stress/confusion (second two involve savings).
- Vice President Bodnar thanked Mr. DeVito. He asked about \$68,000 summer reduction (different code).
- Board Member Vrona thanked Mr. DeVito and welcomed Mr. Callahan. How does revenue projection look (optimistic – tax base growth factor, CPI 2%, 2.7%, another \$700,000 go to max on tax cap; state aid/building aid - \$200,000 from emergency repairs, homeless reduction, expect \$300,000 more). Are we on target to stay on budget? (Yes). Will \$100,000 be only a temporary savings (will be extended at lower rate and will not have to re-bid). Budget Advisory Committee made some recommendations years ago (issues with schedules/routes/would like to continue discussion on city buses). Any recommendations on late buses? (No). Is religious school transportation an issue of safety or stress (both). Mr. Weiss requested no cars, encouraged bus riding, could we handle all the cars taking kids to religious instruction? (Perhaps religious institutions could make their classes later). PTA could get parents to carpool.
- Board Member Tangney noted that the potential traffic needs to be looked at. Thanked Mr. DeVito and welcomed Mr. Callahan. What percentage of buses have cameras (almost all but need to outfit new buses and get microphones, too). What is the status of the transportation building; new windows, shades? (It is in capital line. Need a replacement building; build new and consolidate with facilities; use Maple Blvd building for Adult Learning Center. How many ineligible students ride the buses from other locations? (50-75). Have you spoken to PTA? (Somewhat; parents understand busing stress especially in the beginning of the school year). Have you seen an increase in requests? (No).

**Questions/Comments
from the Public**

IV. President Mininsky called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Work Session Topic

- Annie Conway – 119 Audrey Drive – liked presentation. How much money is saved from these considerations? What are we taking students to un-school-related activities? Thanks to transportation during blizzard. They were wonderful.

V. Presentation of the Interim Superintendent

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Superintendent**

1. Personnel Matter: Certificated

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby accepts the Settlement Agreement between Employee 2129 and the Long Beach City School District, dated January 24, 2018 and authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to sign the agreement.

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Approved: 5-0

BOE Comments

VI. Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Ryan asked about data regarding days/hours to be sent home in packet tomorrow; wants alumni network on website, and requested re-verification of students (all being done). Dr. Ryan also asked for feedback on presentations for customization.
- Board Member Vrona congratulated transportation and building/grounds staff on handling of snowstorm and included administration regarding car accident on Lido Boulevard. Parentlink was excellent.
- President Mininsky has been speaking to alumni about putting information on website.

VII. Announcements

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1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association - None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA – Long Beach Schools Employees’ Association- Group C – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Jackie Miller thanked Mr. DeVito, welcomed Mr. Callahan; does not support public busing for HS students based on her own HS experience with public busing in Queens.
5. Student Organization – None

VIII. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: _____

Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 8, 2018