

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** January 10, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Executive Session

**Place of Meeting:** Lindell School Teachers' Faculty Room

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan  
Vice President Maureen Vrona  
Board Member Perry Bodnar  
Board Member Sam Pinto  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
Dr. Ayesha McArthur, Interim Asst. Supt. for C & I  
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Atty., Frazer & Feldman arrived at 5:55 PM  
Mr. Tom Volz, Attorney, Thomas Volz & Associates

President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:45 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

**Motion by:** Board Member Bodnar  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Pinto  
**Approved:** 5-0

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the joint executive session at 7:28 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Carole Butler, District Clerk  
February 14, 2019

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** January 10, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place of Meeting:** Lindell Elementary School Auditorium

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.  
Vice President Maureen Vrona, Esq.  
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.  
Board Member Sam Pinto  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
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Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk  
Members of the Public

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

Pledge/Opening Remarks  
Audit Committee Meeting

President Ryan opened the meeting at 7:33 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and detailed the rationale for the decision made by the board members to maintain the status quo with regard to girls' lacrosse helmets for now. Mr. Epstein will engage a student sports safety committee to look into the safety issue for next year. Ms. Posterli, Mr. Bodnar and Mr. Pinto concurred; Mrs. Vrona prefers that parents make those decisions on behalf of their children.

**II. Report of the Superintendent of Schools– Dr. Gallagher**

Report of the Superintendent

- *Presentation –Elementary Budget Highlights 2019-20- M. DeVito, L. Radice, E. Daza*

Highlights include: Outline, Instructional and Mental Health Staff, Lido Pre-K, ENL Program, Guidance Counselors and Social Workers, East Instructional Detail, Vendor Services, New Science Kits, Maker Space Connections, Supplies.

This presentation can be located on the district website, [www.lbeach.org](http://www.lbeach.org) or in the office of the District Clerk.

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

**BOE Comments**

- Board Member Posterli asked how this fit into the new mandates (additional guidance counselor at MS, .25 for each elementary building- part compliance, part to help families).
- Vice President Vrona asked when the new social worker/guidance counselors would be working pro-actively, where the accountability lies and what results are we expecting (two are working as a team; parent/student/staff survey, reduce reactive issues, starting immediately). Supports district financing instructional school trips including Frost Valley and 5<sup>th</sup> grade for social/emotional learning. Ms. Vrona questioned allotted time for science in the classrooms (integrated into curriculum, MakerSpace, reading – four (4) quarters per grade level of guided reading; science kits (large bins delivered to class, every lesson has individual component). Later, Mrs. Vrona asked if there was a plan for vaping; there are girls getting UTIs from lack of bathroom facilities (yes- counseling not punishment which is ineffective).
- Board Member Bodnar thanked everyone for presentation; asked about SPIRIT program – evaluation, details, impact on students (good); asked if OT was paid out of grant and whether we get Medicaid reimbursement (yes, we receive millions in grant money for support).
- President Ryan thanked the presenters on a wonderful presentation; explained the budget process and the state's desire to balance funding amongst elementary schools; we are on track; proposals are not confirmations; asked what Social Workers are doing about absenteeism/attendance (they are involved with crisis intervention, follow-ups, different roles); voiced concern about splitting between buildings and scheduling equity noting that this is another unfunded mandate.
- Board Member Posterli commented that her daughter also told her stories about bathroom vaping.

**IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements**

**Student Announcements**

- Eddie Vrona – 7 Oswego Ave, EAB – expressed his disappointment in the way vaping is being handled at the HS and suggested a mandate be issued to focus resources on the vaping problem.

**V. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Tonight's Agenda Only**

**Public Comments**

- Pamela Banks – pediatrician and former Merrick School Board Member explained that in her former district, guidance counselors/psychologists met with student at night when students are more likely to seek services; also mentioned psychiatric institutions helping if given space in school districts.
- Carol Catanzaro – 93 Pennsylvania Ave- asked if the field trips were already included in the budget (only \$4K); supports E. Vrona's push for vaping plan.
- Anne Conway – 119 Audrey Drive – vaping was a problem at MS but it seems to have been resolved; education is the key; Dr. Dewey will be speaking on January 28.

**VI. President Ryan called for the Presentation of Treasurer's Report for November 2018.**

No action required

**Treasurer's Report for  
November 2018**

**VII. President Ryan called for Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting of December 13 and December 21, 2018.**

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bodnar

Seconded by: Board Member Pinto

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Minutes –  
December 13 and  
December 21, 2018**

**VIII. Presentations of the Superintendent**

**Presentations of the  
Superintendent**

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.1 and VIII.2.

**VIII.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters:  
Certificated.**

**VIII.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel  
Matters: Non-Certificated.**

President Ryan called for a motion on Items VIII.1 and VIII.2.

Motion by: Vice President Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Personnel  
Matters: Certificated  
Pages: 5-7**

**Non-Certificated  
Pages: 8**

### 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) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Lynn Dean  
Assign./Loc: Physical Education Teacher/LBMS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
1. Name: Phyllis Flaum  
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/LBMS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
2. Name: Betsabe Montoya  
Assign./Loc: Foreign Language Teacher/LBMS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
3. Name: Elizabeth Sherlock  
Assign./Loc: ENL Teacher/LBHS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
4. Name: Michele Vais  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
5. Name: Donna O'Neill  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019

**VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(b) Resignations**

1. Name: Christy Ambrosini  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS  
Effective Date: December 17, 2018 close of day
2. Name: Elizabeth Rohrmeier  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School  
Effective Date: December 7, 2018 close of day
3. Name: Denise Cacace  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Date: December 31, 2018 close of day
4. Name: Elisana Moreira  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School  
Effective Date: January 8, 2019 close of day
5. Name: Alexandra Nelson  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Pre K Teacher/Lido Pre K  
Effective Date: January 10, 2019 close of day

**(c) Leaves of Absence**

1. Name: Gari Ann Harris  
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/East School  
Effective Dates: April 8, 2019-May 31, 2019 (on or about)  
Reason: Maternity
1. Name: Ann Wiemann  
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/LidoSchool  
Effective Dates: March 21, 2019-May 16, 2019 (on or about)  
Reason: Maternity
2. Name: April Andrews  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Pre K Teacher/Lido Pre K  
Effective Dates: February 11, 2019-March 25, 2019 (on or about)  
Reason: Maternity

**VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(d) Amended Leave of Absence**

Name: Debra Pearce  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Dates: September 28, 2018-February 15, 2019  
Original Dates: September 28, 2018-November 5, 2018  
Reason: Medical

**(e) Amended Appointment: Per Diem School Social Worker**

Name: Rachel Lonergan  
Assign./Loc: Per Diem School Social Worker/West School  
Effective Dates: November 30, 2018-February 1, 2019\* (subject to change at the district's discretion)  
Reason: \*extended date

**(f) Appointment: Interscholastic Coach 2018/2019 School Year**

Michael Medrano-Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach-Stipend \$6,575  
**\*rescind Lenny Lafouche**

**(g) The following Per Diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the 2018-2019 school year**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>
Catherine Brodsky	Permanent N-6 Permanent Special Education

## VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

1. Name: Edward Gennusa  
Assign./Loc: Custodian/LBHS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
2. Name: Masako Yoshida  
Assign./Loc: Bus Driver/Transportation  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019

### (b) Resignations

1. Name: Jaylon Vega  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS  
Effective Date: December 7, 2018 close of day
2. Name: Christopher Spinner  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS  
Effective Date: January 2, 2019 close of day
3. Name: Katherine Leggio  
Assign./Loc: Support Staff/ALC  
Effective Date: January 4, 2019

### (c) Terminations

1. Name: Steven Rush  
Assign./Loc: Per Diem Cleaner/Districtwide  
Effective Date: December 12, 2018
2. Name: Josh Kranitz  
Assign./Loc: Cleaner/LBMS  
Effective Date: January 10, 2019 close of day

### (d) Leave of Absence

- Name: Janet Hauser  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School  
Effective Dates: December 18, 2018-February 4, 2019

### (e) Appointment: Part Time Occupational Therapist Assistant

- Name: Christina Schultz  
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Occupational Therapist Assistant/LBCRS  
License: NYS Occupational Therapist Assistant  
Effective Dates: January 22, 2019-June 30, 2019  
Salary Classification: \$30 per session-not to exceed \$900  
Reason: Grant Funded

### (f) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 18/19 school year.

- | Name             | Position |
|------------------|----------|
| Julianna Ramirez | Clerical |



**VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #6121 – SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE**

No action required.

2nd Reading – #6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

**VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #7522 – CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT**

No action required

2nd reading - #7522 Concussion Management

**Dr Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.5 through VIII.9.**

**VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Acceptance of Audit Report/CAP

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District, based on the recommendation of the District's Audit Committee, accepts the [Audit Report and Management Letter] for the year ended June 30, 2018 as presented by the District's independent external auditor, Jill Sanders, approves the Corrective Action Plan and authorizes and directs the Administration to implement the Corrective Action Plan.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to file a certified copy of this resolution and the District's Corrective Action Plan with the Commissioner of Education and the Office of the State Comptroller.

**VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

Acceptance of Donation

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of t-shirts from the Long Beach-USA Wrestling Club to the first 200 fans in attendance at the "white out" varsity wrestling meet verses Baldwin.

**VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Acceptance of Recommendations of CSE/CPSE

**VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES**

Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services

**A) 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 \$1,282.50 to Ingerman Smith, LLP for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of November 1 through November 30, 2018.

**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 \$4,257 for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of September 1 through October 31, 2018.

**C) THOMAS VOLZ, LLC**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized expenditures in the amount of \$3,396 for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of November 1 through November 30, 2018.

**D) FRAZER & FELDMAN, LLP**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$15,537.61 for extraordinary legal services for the period of September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

**VIII.9 Dr. Gallagher 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>
LB Aware	Community Forum	LBMS Auditorium	Monday, Jan 28, 2019
USA/LB Wrestling	Wrestling Tournament	LBHS Gym, FACS room	Sunday, Feb 3, 2019 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**President Ryan called for a motion on Items VIII.5 through VIII.9.**

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

**BOE Comments**

**IX. President Ryan called for Board of Education Additional New/Old Business**

- Board Member Bodnar congratulated the students and staff on the wonderful concerts, congratulations to retirees; requested update on HS internet connectivity (shifted access points; revamping servers); asked if notebooks were in budget (yes).
- Vice President Vrona voiced concerns over the use of Chromebooks with the internet issues.

- President Ryan reiterated his support for the Regeneration competition and asked if we were competitive (yes – all contests have specific criteria; our science research students do well; it can be made a priority); it would generate better publicity for LB.
- Mr. Bodnar asked for a listing of student accomplishments in science research.
- Board Member Pinto asked how the Wrap Program is being done in the classrooms (administering exams now, a concrete assessment measure, working with Hofstra, end of the year will have qualitative and quantitative data).
- Dr. Ryan asked when the state of the auditorium seats at Lindell will come up for review (February 28 – capital projects and food services).
- Mrs. Vrona asked if that will include discussion about A/C and ventilation (yes). Shout out to Talia Fernandez, Presidential Scholar.

**X. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public.**

Public Comment

None

**XI. Announcements:**

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey thanked and congratulated the retirees, thanked the presenters, BOE and CTA committee on procedures.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA -Long Beach Schools Employees' Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

**XII. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM.**

Adjournment

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

**Minutes submitted by:**

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
February 14, 2019