

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** September 13, 2011

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

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

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan  
Vice President Roy Lester  
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher  
Board Member Gina Guma  
Board Member Darlene Tangney

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel  
and General Administration  
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum  
and Instruction  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer

**I. Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks – President Ryan**

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed new student delegates, discussed new Policy Review Committee and apologized to PTA regarding input on website.

Call to Order

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

Opening of schools went well; encouraging continued community input.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. DeVito, working with Mr. Sambo, discussed the new cost savings from the collaborative transportation relationship between Island Park School District (\$130,000) and Long Beach City School District (\$80,000) as a result of the expansion of its partnership.
- **Presentation** by Vincent Butera – 2011 NYS Assessments – ELA & Math (grades 3-5) Highlights include: Statistical data on passing rates, Benchmarks, Guiding Questions, Tools to Assess and Measure Student Progress and the Plan. Discussion followed. Presentation is online and on file with the District Clerk.

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

**Board of Education Comments**

- Vice President Lester questioned student performance comparisons to county and state this year to last year; comparison of data on girls specifically; whether classroom grading reflects large gap between the performance of girls to boys on testing; and ability of students who scored 3s to get assistance in becoming 4s.
- Board Member Gallagher expressed concern about the effectiveness of the special education program model given the large gap in the test results.
- Board Member Tangney asked about the letters being mailed out this week and the number of students receiving them; expressed concern regarding adequate staffing/support given the approximately 400 children who scored 1s and 2s; questioned whether results were expected.
- Board Member Guma asked about the need to adjust IEPs.
- President Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito and Mr. Sambo; expressed his dissatisfaction with reliability of standardized testing; opined that elementary schools are female institutions, and suggested FLES time might be better served with reading and math instructional time. School day needs to be looked at systematically; Congress needs to revisit No Child Left Behind.

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

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

- Maureen Vrona – 7 Oswego Avenue–noted strong HS data but questioned improvement of younger students; parent/teacher conferences too short to study student portfolios.
- Ar Rahamn Buskey – 252 W. Market Street – asked if schools/teachers have opportunity to change curriculum in advance of new tests to teach more effectively, appropriately.
- Kevin Heller – 230 W. Beech St – alarmed at test scores, suggested designing more challenging programs, commented that language is not an obstacle, interested in boy/girl performance gap.
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – had questions regarding test scores, encouraged classes for improved test-taking skills.
- Julia Katz – 138 Lido Blvd. – schools should focus on engagement, be less stressful; developmental factors affect outcomes.
- Gavin Enright – 103 Connecticut Ave – suggested lower scores for boys due to maturity/social factors.

**V. President Ryan called for a motion to APPROVE MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF AUGUST 30, 2011.**

**Motion to Approve Minutes of Board of Education Meeting and Executive Session of August 30, 2011**

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0

**VI. President Ryan called for Presentations of the Superintendent.**

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

President Ryan called for a motion on the recommendations in Certificated Personnel.

Motion by: Board Member Guma

Seconded by: Board Member Tangney

Approved: 5-0\*; 3-0 on VI.1 (f) and VI.1 (h)

Abstained: Gallagher & Lester on 1 (f)

Guma & Lester on 1 (h)

**Presentations of the Superintendent**

**1. Personnel Matters:  
Certificated**

**Pages: 4-7**

**2. Personnel Matters:  
Non-Certificated**

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

President Ryan called for a motion on the recommendations in Non Certificated Personnel.

Motion by: Board Member Guma

Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher

Approved: 5-0

New teacher Kelly Honerkamp was introduced.

## 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) Resignations

1. Name: Mary Beth Errico  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School  
Effective Date: September 6, 2011
2. Name: Tara Denk  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School  
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
3. Name: Kim Knox  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/middle school  
Effective Date: September 6, 2011

#### (b) Discontinuance

Name: Sally Dunne  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Blackheath  
Effective Date: September 6, 2011

#### (c) Rescissions

##### 1. Interscholastic Coaches

Name: Michael Jimenez  
Assignment: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Soccer Coach

Name: John Dunne  
Assignment: 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Soccer Coach

##### 2. Appointment: Team Leader for the Middle School – 2011-2012 School Year-Stipend: \$1,848.06 per annum (per team)

Name	Team
Shari Steier	6-2

#### (d) Amended Leave of Absence: Pregnancy/Maternity

Name: Monica Geller  
Assign./Loc: Foreign Language Teacher/high school  
Effective Dates: September 8, 2011-November 29, 2011  
Original Dates: October 11, 2011-November 28, 2011

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(e) Request for Leave of Absence: Personal**

Name: Kristina Ryan  
 Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school  
 Effective Dates: September 26, 2011-November 4, 2011  
 Reason: Maternity

**(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher**

Name: Meghan Gallagher  
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher/East School  
 Certification: Initial Childhood Education 1-6  
 Initial Early Childhood Education B-2 (in process)  
 Effective Dates: September 1, 2011-January 27, 2012 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
 Tenure Area: Elementary  
 Salary Classification: BA/Step 1 (\$60,237 per annum)  
 Reason: To replace Katherine McCullagh

**(g) Appointment: Part Time Mathematics Teacher (.5)**

Name: Kelly Honerkamp  
 Assign./Loc: Part Time Mathematics Teacher (.5)/middle school  
 Certification: Initial Mathematics 7-12  
 Initial Mathematics 5-9  
 Effective Dates: September 14, 2011-June 30, 2012 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
 Salary Classification: MA+30/Step 1 (\$34,835 per annum)  
 Reason: To meet a district need

**(h) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week  
 September 7, 2011 through June 22, 2012 (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/Step	Hourly Rate \$*
1. Karolyn Cregan	East	Level I	II/Step 3	18.37
2. Deidre Phelan	West	Level I	II/Step 1	16.90
3. Victoria Guma	Lindell	Level I	II/Step 1	16.90
4. Kara Shelley	Lindell	Initial Childhood Ed 1-6	II/Step 1	16.90

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

- (i) **Appointment: Advisors for High School Co-Curricular Activities 2011-2012 School Year**

<b>HS Clubs</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>\$ Stipend</b>
<b>Co-Curricular Activity (Comprehensive Arts)</b>		
1. Vocal Workshop	Michael Capobianco	4,534
2. Musical Production- Vocal Director	Michael Capobianco	3,022

- (j) **Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches/Fall 2011**

**Middle School**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1. 7 Boys Soccer	Kyle Pearl	4,523
2. 8 Boys Soccer	John Dunne	4,523

- (k) **Appointment: Odyssey of the Mind–Rate of Pay: \$54.97 per hour-for the 2011-2012 School Year-maximum 100 hours each**

1. Beverlee Bertinetti
2. Caitlin Fuentes

- (l) **Appointment: Team Leader for the Middle School – 2011-2012 School Year-Stipend: \$1,848.06 per annum (per team)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Team</b>
Robert Gallopini	6-2 split with D. Rabiner

- (m) **The following Mentor is recommended for approval for the 2010-2011 school year-Grant funded-Stipend \$1,200 per annum/per mentee**

Tamara Filloramo

- (n) **The following Mentor is recommended for approval for the 2011-2012 school year-Grant funded-Stipend \$1,200 per annum/per mentee**

Jeanne Richards

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

- (o) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2011-2012 school year:**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>
1.	Anita Bickman	Permanent Pre K-6
2.	James Bocca	Initial English Language Arts 7-12
3.	Daniel Cassidy	Initial Social Studies 7-12
4.	Elaina Infantino	Initial Visual Arts
5.	Lauren Kaminsky	Permanent Pre K-6
6.	Bruce Kaplan	Permanent Music
7.	Kara Novak	Initial Childhood Education 1-6 (pending)
8.	Grace Parisi	Professional Mathematics 7-12
		Professional Mathematics 5-9
9.	Courtney Schroedel	Initial Childhood Education 1-6
10.	Jessica Yandoli	Initial Mathematics 7-12

- (p) **Reclassifications:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Jennifer Cifarelli	Teacher/Elementary	MA+80	9/1/11
2.	Lori DeVivio	Teacher/Physical Education	MA+70	9/1/11
3.	Christina Dillard	Teacher/Special Education	MA+40	9/1/11
4.	Eric Heck	Teacher/Technology	MA+60	9/1/11
5.	Mandy Kovel	Teacher/Elementary	MA+10	9/1/11
6.	Eric Krywe	Teacher/Technology	MA+80	9/1/11
7.	Stacey Rice	Teacher/Reading	MA+10	9/1/11
8.	Jenna Schebler	Teacher/Mathematics	MA+10	9/1/11
9.	Lindsay Van Sickle	Teacher/Foreign Language	MA+30	9/1/11

**VI.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Resignation**

Name: William Whittaker  
Assign./Loc: Full Time Building Aide/NIKE  
Effective Date: September 1, 2011

**(b) Appointment: Part Time Food Service Worker**

Name: Cassandra Miles  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Food Service Worker (17.5 hrs per week)/high school  
Effective Dates: September 6, 2011  
Salary Classification: \$11.99\* per hour  
Grade/Step: Grade 1/Step 1  
Reason: To replace Corinne DiBari  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(c) The following Per Diem personnel are recommended for approval for 2011-2012 school year:**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1.	Daniel Butler	Clerical
2.	Melissa Merman	Teacher Assistant



**VI.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY #6121: SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF DISTRICT PERSONNEL.**

**First Reading of Revised Policy #6121: Sexual Harassment of District Personnel**

No action required.

**VI.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the FIRST READING OF POLICY #7551: SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS.**

**First Reading of Policy #7551: Sexual Harassment of Students**

No action required.

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

**VI.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS.**

**Approval of Special Education Agreements**

**(A) AGREEMENT WITH WEST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Agreement with West Islip Union Free School District**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with the West Islip Union Free School District (“West Islip”) for special education services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with West Islip for special education services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute the agreement with West Islip on its behalf.

**(B) AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION**

**Agreement with The Devereux Foundation**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with The Devereux Foundation (“Devereux”) for special education for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Devereux for special education services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and

**AGREEMENT WITH WEST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (continued)**

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

**VI.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS.**

**Approval of Staff  
Development Agreement**

**(A) AGREEMENT WITH KUZMICH CONSULTING SERVICE**

**Agreement with Kuzmich  
Consulting Service**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with Kuzmich Consulting Services, Inc. (“Kuzmich”) for staff development services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Kuzmich for special education services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and

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

**(B) AGREEMENT WITH SCHOLASTIC, INC.**

**Agreement with  
Scholastic, Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with Scholastic, Inc. for professional development services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Scholastic, Inc. for professional development services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute the agreement with Scholastic Inc. on its behalf.

**President Ryan called for a motion on VI.5 and VI.6 (A) and (B).**

**Motion by: Board Member Guma**

**Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Approved: 5-0; 3-2 on VI.6 (B)**

**Voted No: President Ryan, Vice President Lester on VI.6 (B)**

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VI.7, VI.8 and VI.9.

- VI.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the DESIGNATION OF SABRINA BRANCACCIO-CANTORE AS PETTY CASH APPOINTEE FOR PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Designation of Sabrina Brancaccio-Cantore as Petty Cash Appointee for Pupil Personnel Services Department

- VI.8 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPOINTMENT OF SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OFFICER.

Appointment of Section 504 Compliance Officer

Appointment of Sabrina Brancaccio-Cantore as Section 504 Compliance Office for students and staff, effective October 1, 2011.

- VI.9 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON/DIRECTOR (PPS) FOR PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR.

Appointment of Chairperson/Director (PPS) for CPSE, CSE and Sub-Committee for SE for the 2011-12 School Year

Appointment of Sabrina Brancaccio-Cantore as Chairperson/Director (PPS) for Pre-School Special Education Committee, Committee for Special Education and Sub-Committee for Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year effective October 3, 2011.

President Ryan called for a motion on Items VI.7, VI.8, and VI.9.

Motion by: Vice President Lester  
Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher  
Approved: 5-0

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VI.10, VI.11 and VI.12.

- VI.10 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.

Acceptance of Donations

- (A) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF LONG BEACH FOOTBALL

Acceptance of Donation from The Friends of Long Beach Football

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (continued)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of a camera and tripod for the Long Beach High School Football Program to be left under the supervision of Mr. Arnold Epstein with an approximate value of \$6,300.00 from Mr. Rob Richards and The Friends of Long Beach Football.

**(B) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM BEACH  
TENNIS USA**

**Acceptance of  
Donation from Beach  
Tennis USA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of beach tennis equipment with an approximate value of \$199.00 from Beach Tennis USA.

**VI.11 Superintendent Weiss recommended the PAYMENT OF  
LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES.**

**Payment of Legal Bills:  
Legal Services**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$9,572.68 to the firm of Ingerman Smith LLP for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011.

**VI.12 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF USE  
OF SCHOOLS.**

**Approval of Use of  
Schools**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of 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 Ryan called for a motion on Items VI.10, VI.11 and VI.12.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Seconded by: Vice President Lester**

**Approved: 5-0**

**VI.13 ADDENDUM - Superintendent Weiss recommended the RECISSION OF AWARD OF BID #485: MUSIC INSTRUMENTS & ACCESSORIES.**

**Rescission of Award of Bid #485: Music Instruments and Accessories**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) placed legal notice advertising a bid for music instruments & accessories (Bid #485) in the official district paper on May 26, 2011, and mailed bid documents to 23 vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for music instruments & accessories, which bids were opened publicly on June 23, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education on July 19, 2011, determined that NEMC was one of the lowest responsible bidders on the music instruments & accessories (Bid #485); and

**WHEREAS**, NEMC has informed the District that due to mathematical errors it requests their bid award be rescinded;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the award to NEMC on the music instruments & accessories (Bid #485).

**President Ryan called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Guma**

**Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Approved: 5-0**

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

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

- Michael Abneri- 94 Regent Dr - thanked district for meetings, fair discussions, resolved some issues; asked that contractors start at 8 AM, not 7 AM.
- Heidi Weitz – 85 Blackheath Rd – asked about updated evacuation plans, parking lot holes, Blackheath entry/exit, policy on changing of classes in HS, calculator incident.
- Darlene Haut – 205 Blackheath Rd – thanked Superintendent for meetings, concerned about adequate insurance coverage, reasonable perimeters.

**Announcements**

**VIII. President Ryan called for Announcements.**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Steve Freeman welcomed new members, asked about Kuzmich, requested costs be included in minutes; interested in legal award of bid.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Mr. Arnold Epstein – No Comments
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Mr. Bill Snow welcomed everyone back, commended buildings and grounds and custodial staff for condition of schools under Lahey, DeVito, Weiss; contract negotiations tomorrow; hoping for equitable and swift settlement.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Ms. Jackie Miller/Ms. Geri Maquet CCPTA Co-Presidents thanked everyone for wonderful opening of schools; PTA has Ms. Pemberton and Mr. Anisansel scheduled to explain common core standards; questioned monitoring of '2s', effectiveness of traffic patterns, changing of classes at HS; students excited about seeing Supt. Weiss at elementary schools and HS.
5. Student Organization/Delegates – David Velez – thanked Board for invitation to participate at Board meetings; felt 1<sup>st</sup> day went smoothly; freshmen overly enthusiastic. Ashita Patel – held activities fair, club members were showcased; Gavin Enright – detailed upcoming Senior Spirit Week and Homecoming Day.

Superintendent Weiss thanked all of the employees for their tireless efforts in getting our schools ready for the opening of the 2011-12 school year.

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

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

- Board Member Tangney supports 8 AM start time for construction; appreciates Student Delegates at Board of Education meeting, and thanked everyone on behalf of Lynn Gergen; recognized Surf Club for Magnolia Park clean up; thanked Steve Lahey and buildings/grounds staff and custodians for opening of schools; teachers stayed until midnight; wanted public informed about reason for rat outside of Administration Building; asked about security for students/netting around Lido playground.
- Board Member Guma welcomed everyone back, wishing much success, thanked the staff, requested information on Pre-K count and Catholic School Pre-K busing.
- Board Member Gallagher was upset about calculator incident; sympathized about early construction hours, congratulated crew. Hoping for wonderful year for educational accomplishments.
- Dr. Ryan thanked teachers and instructional staff; asked about Quiksilver impact on schools – traffic, attendance.

Supt. Weiss explained that testing would be changed for this year, from 3 days to 2 days and would be given the week after students return from Spring Recess which could impact test scores negatively.

Quiksilver surfing competition was streamed into HS cafeteria and commons. Gold medalist Torah Bright spoke to students about perseverance/pain. No traffic issues. Highest HS absentee rate was on Friday (finals) when 100 students were out. Students exhibited sense of pride. Supt. Weiss is looking to capitalize on future opportunities with Quiksilver and Roxy, multinational corporations, and the Quiksilver Foundation for business/marketing/art students, if they return to Long Beach.

**X. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 9:45 PM.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Seconded by: Vice President Lester**

**Approved: 5-0**

**Adjournment**

Minutes submitted by:

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
October 11, 2011