

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: August 14, 2012

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting – Work Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Roy J. Lester, Esq.
Vice President Darlene Tangney
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Stewart Mininsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Robert Firneis, Savin Engineers
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

- I. **Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks – President Lester**
President Lester called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Motion to Open:** Board Member Gallagher
Seconded: Vice President Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Call to Order

- II. **Superintendent's Report -Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer**

Superintendent's Report

In the absence of Superintendent Weiss, Mr. DeVito presented the Superintendent's Report.

- Meeting was called by Board Member Gallagher to discuss specific construction considerations pertaining to the HS ceiling alternates regarding cosmetic changes and additional costs.
- Mr. Firneis of Savin Engineers was in attendance to answer questions.
- Mr. DeVito presented a power outage status update regarding an inadvertent excavation error which affected the District network and telephone operations on August 14th.

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

Board of Education Comments
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- Board Member Gallagher discussed the three options for consideration: the whole HS carport ceiling, the HS door replacement and the HS lobby security.
- Consensus was that only the ceiling was being addressed at this meeting. Costs for spray on insulation and consequences of waiting were considered. Costs - \$2,590,000 for general construction, \$287,000 Palace Electric and \$305,000 for Ultimate Power. \$3,182,000 total + \$980,000 held for 30 days
- Vice President Tangney voiced her disapproval regarding the urgency of some construction decisions and construction change orders.
- President Lester had issues with aluminum panels; did not want to spend the money on what he considered cosmetic changes.
- Board Member Gallagher expressed his support for the full ceiling and use of the Capital Reserve Fund which does not require asking the public for more money.
- Board Member Mininsky had questions about the ceiling heating units in the HS lobby.
- Board Member Ryan felt that making this decision was a rush to judgment, speculative. Voiced concern about the parking at the HS and the impact on the Lido Civic homeowners.
- President Lester and Board Member Ryan did not support the change order.
- Vice President Tangney, Board Members Gallagher and Mininsky stated they would accept the change order to be presented on the August 27th agenda.
- Board Member Mininsky asked about the creation of the Capital Reserve Fund and the exclusive use of those funds.
- Board Member Gallagher spoke about the possible tax certiorari liability.
- Board Member Mininsky requested a change order index/log.
- Vice President Tangney asked for confirmation on a public vote of 45 days from the August 27th presentation.
- Board Member Ryan is disappointed that Long Beach has not been acknowledged in Newsday for all the new construction and preservation; requested a locker room update; and commented about being held hostage to the construction crews.
- Vice President Tangney asked about the MS floor change order.
- MS and HS walk-through will take place on August 16th at 4 PM.

IV. President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

None

V. President Lester called for Announcements.

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Steve Freeman stated that he and Mr. Snow walked through the buildings and had doubts about the readiness of the HVAC systems. Units are currently being installed but HS would be without AC or ventilation if not installed by the start of school. Thanked Dr. Butera on the settlement on the APPR; noted the lack of a posted agenda created speculation.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group -- No comment
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – No comment
4. Parent/Teacher Association– No comment
5. Student Organization – No Comment

VI. President Lester called for Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any.

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- Board Member Ryan reiterated his opposition to the hiring of an additional .2 administrator with a \$2,500 stipend for the IB program at the MS.
- Vice President Tangney questioned the abrupt dismissal of summer hires for custodial work when per diems are paid at a substantially higher rate.
- Board Member Ryan asked about the climate survey.
- Vice President Tangney and Board Member Ryan will be attending the subcommittee meeting with Island Park. Board Member Mininsky will be the alternate.
- Board Member Ryan requested information on the costs per student.
- Board Member Gallagher asked that the September 11 meeting be changed but the other members declined to move the meeting to another date.
- Issues to be investigated: HS parking spaces, custodial summer hires, change orders, cut wire, heating units and costs per student.
- Vice President Tangney asked about the removal of trees by East School.

- VII. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM.**
Motion by: Board Member Gallagher
Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky
Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
August 27, 2012