

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** December 11, 2012

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

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

**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. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

**I. Call to Order – President Lester**

President Lester called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and discussed the progress of the school district.

Call to Order

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

Thanked everyone; parents, staff, and administrators, for their parts in trying to bring normalcy back to our schools particularly when their own circumstances are so difficult. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be back to MS some time next week; 6, 7, 8, will be out of the HS. HS students will be back on schedule; Lido back after the holidays; West to Lindell in mid-January.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Board Member Ryan supports the Superintendent, who along with other superintendents drafted a letter requesting the relaxation of testing and APPR but not the relaxing of instruction; voiced displeasure with the testing requirements; need to take anxiety level down. Noted great track event with 15 teams.

Board of Education Comments

**III. Board of Education Comments (continued)**

- Board Member Gallagher expressed his concern about the loss of school days and how it would put district at a disadvantage for testing.
- President Lester agreed, and thought it was inequitable.

**IV. President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only.**  
None

Questions and Comments  
from the Public

**V. President Lester called for APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27.**

Approval of Minutes of Board  
of Ed Regular Meeting of  
November 27, 2012

President Lester called for a motion.

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

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

Presentations of the  
Superintendent

**VI.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended THE APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: CERTIFICATED AS AMENDED.\***

Item VI.1 (o) 2 & 3 were withdrawn

President Lester called for a motion.

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

1. Personnel Matters:  
Certificated  
Pages: 3-6
2. Personnel Matters:  
Non-Certificated  
Page: 7

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

Item VI.2 (c) was withdrawn

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Mininsky  
Seconded by: Vice President Tangney  
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.

### V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

#### (a) Resignation

1. Name: Valerie Stewart  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school  
Effective Dates: December 7, 2012 close of day

#### (b) Rescission: Appointment Interscholastic Coach for Winter 2013

- Name: Lori DeVivio  
Sport: Varsity Basketball Coach  
Effective Date: Immediately

#### (c) Leave of Absence: Catastrophic

1. Name: Carol Todaro-Bitetto  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School  
Effective Dates: October 26, 2012-December 11, 2012 am
2. Name: Katherine McCullagh  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School  
Effective Dates: December 4, 2012 pm-TBD (maximum 140 days)

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

- Name: Marcelina Santiago  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lindell School  
Effective Dates: December 3, 2012-January 27, 2013

#### (e) Leave of Absence: Child Care

- Name: Denise Dunigan  
Assign./Loc: Family and Consumer Science Teacher/middle school  
Effective Dates: February 1, 2013-June 30, 2013

#### (f) Amended Leave of Absence: Child Care

- Name: Stephanie Meyer  
Assign./Loc: Art Teacher/Lido School  
Effective Dates: January 24, 2013-January 30, 2013  
Original Dates: October 18, 2012-January 23, 2013

**V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(g) Leaves of Absence: Medical**

Name: Carol Todaro-Bitetto  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School  
Effective Dates: December 11, 2012 pm-March 24, 2013

**(h) Leave of Absence**

Name: Beverly Downing  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School  
Effective Dates: December 4, 2012-January 1, 2013  
Reason: Personal

**(i) Appointment: Interscholastic Coach for Winter 2013**

Name: Kristin Ciccone  
Sport: Varsity Head Basketball Coach  
Stipend: \$9,455

**(j) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher**

Name: Kyle Pearl  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education  
Teacher/middle school  
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6  
Supplemental Services Students with Disabilities  
7-12 Generalist  
Initial Childhood Education 1-6  
Effective Dates: February 1, 2013-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the  
district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions-General Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$68,332\* per annum) prorated  
Reason: To replace Cindy LaPenna  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(k) Appointment: Regular Substitute Family and Consumer Science Teacher**

Name: Ilyssa Leeper  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Family and Consumer  
Sciences Teacher/middle school  
Certification: Initial Family and Consumer Sciences  
Effective Dates: February 1, 2013-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the  
district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Home Economics  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 3 (\$70,825\* per annum)  
Reason: To replace Denise Dunigan  
Comment: Recalled from preferred eligibility list, returns to  
high school effective 9/1/13  
\*Subject to negotiations

**V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**\*amended page0**

**(l) Appointment: Part Time Regular Substitute Family and Consumer Science Teacher (.6)**

Name: Jonathan Mosenson  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher/high school  
Certification: Initial Family and Consumer Sciences  
Effective Dates: February 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
Salary Classification: 0.6 of BA/Step 1 (\$36,142\* per annum) prorated  
Reason: To replace Ilyssa Leeper  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(m) Appointment: Full Time Teacher Assistant**

Name: Miguel Rodriguez  
Assign./Loc: Full Time Teacher Assistant/Lido School  
Certification: Continuing Teacher Assistant  
Effective Date: December 12, 2012  
Ending Date: December 11, 2015  
Tenure Date: December 12, 2015  
Tenure Area: Teacher Assistant  
Salary Classification: \$32,233\* per annum  
Grade/Step: Level II/Step 9  
Reason: CSE recommendation  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(n) Appointment: Special Education Teachers for After School Extended School Day/ASD Program-2012-2013 School Year-Rate of Pay-\$73.03\* per hour-\*subject to negotiations**

1. Janna O'Brien
2. Megan Scully

**(o) Appointment: Parent Training/Transition Program-Variou School Buildings/Student Homes-2012-2013 School Year-Rate of Pay-\$68.34\*-  
\*subject to negotiations**

Christopher Brown

**V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(p) Appointment: After School Extended School Day/ASD Program – Temporary/Substitute Teacher Assistants– 2012-2013 School Year-Rate of pay according to contract-\*subject to negotiations**

1. Lauren Schneider
2. Amy Deelee
3. Jessica Cantelmo
4. Marisol Burgos
5. Patricia Buschi
6. Zoe Casey
7. Eileen Costelloe
8. Kelly Dass
9. Melissa Irizarry
10. Stephanie Kornacki
11. Kim Leone
12. Melissa Merman
13. Candida Mossa
14. Susanne Paganini
15. Cathy Palmer
16. Maria Perrone
17. Tara Roesch
18. Megan Salerno
19. Joann Stegman
20. Michael Spiritis
21. MaryBeth Uehlinger

**(q) The following Per Diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the 2012-2013 school year**

|    | <b>NAME</b>       | <b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>         |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Jaclyn Forman     | Provisional School Counselor K-12 |
| 2. | Danielle Giordano | Initial English (pending)         |

**(r) Recommendation for Appointment on Tenure the staff members listed below eligible for appointment on tenure in the area and on the date indicated. They have been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory in their total professional performance.**

|    | <b>Name</b> | <b>Tenure Area</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|----|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Stacey Rice | Remedial Reading   | 3/01/13     |
| 2. | Tara Roesch | Teacher Assistant  | 3/10/13     |

**V.2. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**amended page**

**(a) Resignations**

1. Name: Anthony Causi  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Food Service Worker/high school  
Effective Date: December 5, 2012
2. Name: Carmen Grullon  
Assign./Loc: Bus Driver/Transportation  
Effective Date: December 14, 2012

**(b) Leaves of Absence**

1. Name: Frances Innella  
Assign./Loc: Full Time Food Service Worker/high school  
Effective Dates: December 12, 2012-February 6, 2013  
Reason: Family Illness
2. Name: Debbie Posey  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School  
Effective Dates: December 10, 2012-January 31, 2013  
Reason: Medical

**(c) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2012-2013 school year**

| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>POSITION</b>     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Anthony Causi | Food Service Worker |

- VI.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #5740: QUALIFICATIONS OF BUS DRIVERS.**

No action required.

**Second Reading of  
Policy #5740:  
Qualifications of Bus  
Drivers**

- VI.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #6170: SAFETY OF STUDENTS (FINGERPRINTING CLEARANCE OF NEW HIRES).**

No action required.

**Second Reading of Policy  
#6170: Safety of Students  
(Fingerprinting Clearance of  
New Hires**

- VI.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #6217: PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION: 175 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT.**

No action required.

**Second Reading of Policy  
#6217: Professional  
Certification: 175 Hours of  
Professional Development  
Requirement**

- VI.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #6450: THEFT OF SERVICES OR PROPERTY.**

No action required.

**Second Reading of  
Policy #6450: Theft of  
Services or Property**

- VI.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT.**

**Acceptance of Audit Report**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Long Beach Public Schools Audit Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the School District's Independent Audit Report prepared and certified by Cullen & Danowski, covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a certified copy of the Long Beach Public School District's Independent Audit Report for 2011-12 be filed with the Office of Education Management Services at the State Education Department.

**President Lester called for motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Seconded by: Vice President Tangney**

**Approved: 5-0**



**VI.8 Superintendent Weiss recommended the  
ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDERS (A - E)**

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| <b>Acceptance of Change<br/>Orders A-E</b> |
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**A) CHANGE ORDER #4 WITH ULTIMATE POWER (Contract #9-LBHS-3)**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged Ultimate Power for mechanical work at Long Beach High School pursuant to an award on May 27, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract to furnish all labor and materials to install (35) flex collars on existing air handler units in 7 MER rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from Ultimate Power, Inc.;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #4 (Contract #9-LBHS-3) to the contract with Ultimate Power, Inc. for the additional cost of \$25,061.32; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 4 (Contract #9-LBHS-3) to the contract with Ultimate Power, Inc. on its behalf.

**B) DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER #9 WITH STALCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
(Contract 9-LBHS-1)**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged Stalco Construction, Inc. ("Stalco") for mechanical work at Long Beach High School pursuant to an award on June 7, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for a credit in the amount of \$17,900.94) as a back charge for replacing abated flex collars; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from Ultimate Power, Inc.;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #9 (Contract #9-LBHS-1) to the contract for a credit with Stalco in the amount of \$17,900.94; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 9 (Contract #9-LBHS-1) to the contract with Stalco on its behalf.

**C) CHANGE ORDER #16 WITH MPCC CORP. (Contract #8-LCXAR-1)**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged MPCC Corp. ("MPCC") for general construction work at the Lido Complex pursuant to an award on April 5, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for lintel support, removal of expansion joint blocking to install roof anchors, additional truss, removal and reinstallation of unstable existing 8" CMU walls, extra work in Area G North Corridor and chopping of unforeseen concrete; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from MPCC; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #16 (Contract #8-LCXAR-1) to the contract with MPCC for the additional cost of \$17,890.97; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 16 (Contract #8-LCXAR-1) to the contract with MPCC Corp. on its behalf.

**D) CHANGE ORDER #5 WITH HIRSCH & COMPANY, INC. (8-LCXAR-2)**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged Hirsch & Company, Inc. ("Hirsch") for plumbing work at the Lido Complex pursuant to an award on April 5, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for pipe additional waste and water, relocation of storm drain, installation of electric water coolers, relocated water lines, replacement of missing drain parts, furnishing flasing rings, drain piping, and installation of roughing and hook up to an ice machines; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from Hirsch; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #5 (Contract #8-LCXAR-2) to the contract with Hirsch for the additional cost of \$13,542.32; and

**D) CHANGE ORDER #5 WITH HIRSCH & COMPANY, INC. (8-LCXAR-2) (continued)**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 5 (Contract #8-LCXAR-2) to the contract with Hirsch & Company, Inc. on its behalf.

**E) CHANGE ORDER #5 WITH MAINLINE ELECTRIC (Contract #8-LCXAR-4)**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged Mainline Electric ("Mainline") for electrical work at the Lido Middle School/Lido Complex pursuant to an award on April 5, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract to provide power and fire alarm connections, a data outlet, power to existing air dryer, changing of surface mount speakers, installation of door controllers, rerouting of lightning protection, temporarily connecting PA system, and adding circuit breakers; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from Mainline; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order # 5(Contract #8-LCXAR-4) to the contract with Mainline for the additional cost of \$20,116,18; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 5 (Contract #8-LCXAR-4) to the contract with Mainline on its behalf.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the generous donations (see attached list) to the Long Beach City School District.

**President Lester called for motion on Change Orders A-E.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Gallagher

**Seconded by:** Vice President Tangney

**Approved:** 5-0

**VI.9 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.**

**Acceptance of Donations**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts donations in money and/or goods from people and/or companies in support of the district's recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy (see attached list) to the Long Beach City School District.

**President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky**

**Approved: 5-0**

Donor Discussion included types of donors, thank you letters, Friends of LB Schools, acknowledgments, Billy Crystal, 12/12/12 concert, Robin Hood Foundation

**VI.10 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS AS AMENDED.\* Request #4 was withdrawn.**

**Approval of Use of Schools**

**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/rescheduled based on building construction schedules.

**President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gallagher**

**Seconded by: Vice President Tangney**

**Approved: 5-0**

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

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

- Ari Pine – 159 Magnolia Blvd – voiced his concerns about curriculum and the leniency in the review process.
- Gerald Snow – 238 W. Market St. – asked about the length of time students could remain with the district even if they have been relocated out of town.

**VIII. President Lester called for Announcements.**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Steve Freeman congratulated the tenures, thanked everyone for their contributions, expressed excitement at being back at MS; best wishes for the holidays.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Mr. Arnie Epstein congratulated the tenures and wished everyone happy holidays.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Ms. Jackie Freeman congratulated tenures; reiterated the incredible dedication demonstrated by Group C employees to the school district
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Ms. Andrea Wayne CCPTA Co-President thanked the staff, teachers, everyone for getting the schools up and running so quickly, parents for respecting the rules and regulations; congratulated tenures; and enjoyed the movie.
5. Student Organization – No Comments

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

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

None

**X. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM.**

**Motion by: Board Member Ryan**  
**Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky**  
**Approved: 5-0**

**Adjournment**

Minutes submitted by:

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
January 8, 2013