

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 10, 2015

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Darlene E. Tangney
Vice President Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Roy J. Lester
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent – C & I
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Vivian Fiallo, Director, World Languages & ELL Programs
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

Call to Order/Pledge

I. Pledge/Call to Order/Opening Remarks-President Tangney

President Tangney called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, congratulated Fragments on their 10 awards, the outstanding production of Shrek with its diverse cast, Joanne Rea and the LBSEA on their receipt of the NYSUT SRP Local of the Year Award, and LARC students on their top scores,

Report of the Superintendent

II. Report of the Superintendent – David Weiss

- President Tangney and School Board Member Vrona were recognized for the Level 1 Board Achievement Awards by NYSSBA's School Board U Recognition Program.
- Mr. Weiss reiterated the snow day process: 6 AM posting on the website first; no "non-events" are posted. Some improvements were made to Parentlink; check email, text messages; upgrading browser. Dr. Graham notifies news outlets.
- Mr. Weiss congratulated sports teams: boys basketball team, hockey team, girls basketball, 17 wrestlers in county tournament, 5 swimmers in states, gymnastics in county, state track qualifiers.
- Mr. Weiss extended heartfelt thanks to all the retirees and congratulated them on moving forward on their next road of endeavors.

- **Presentation – Overview of the Amendments to the CR Part 154**
Presented by: Dr. Kenneth Graham and Ms. Vivian Fiallo
Highlights include: CR 154 Amendments, Part 154 Vocabulary, New Terminology, Revisions to CR Part 154 in areas, New Regulations, ENL Class Requirements, Special Education Requirements, Graduation Requirements, Implications. The Presentation can be located on the district website and in the office of the District Clerk.
- **Presentation – Superintendent’s Draft Budget 2015-2016 Options for Consideration**
Presented by: Michael DeVito
Highlights include: Budget Goals, Draft Budget Versions 1 and 2, Tax Levy, and District’s Fiscal Health. Presentation can be located on the District website or in the office of the District Clerk.

III. **Board of Education Comments on Presentations**

Board of Education Comments

Board Comments on Presentation - Overview of 154 Changes

- Board Member Lester asked about how letters are written to parents in other languages. (contracts with BOCES for pool of translators); asked if other countries do this (England and Canada).
- Board Member Ryan questioned the number of languages in Long Beach (6 or 7); concerned about selection of schools; test scores; self-contained Kindergarten; ENL goes back to the old method of segregation (DW – parental choice); another unfunded mandate. (There are 166 K-12 students; K has 30-35 register). Dr. Ryan asked how many of our students have command of the language (most of our students are born in the US); likes the Special Ed piece and language fluency.
- Vice President Mininsky asked if the projected costs for the mandate were included in the upcoming budget (yes).
- Board Member Vrona asked about the ENL student population (166), about current practices, and the length of stay. (pullout, HS stand alone, ESL classroom; bilingual TAs travel with less proficient ESL students, average 3 years but need 5-7 for content language).

Board Comments on Presentation - Draft Budget

- Board Member Lester asked about the limit with the cap; taking money out of reserves even for that.
- Board Member Ryan appreciated succinct presentation; grateful for CTA minutes; technology at HS; dislikes split teaching at 4 schools; wants additional strings teacher; NIKE needs attention; questioned value of 2 part-time REACH counselors.

Board Comments on Presentation - Draft Budget (continued)

- Vice President Mininsky asked if any programs were cut or trimmed (no), any staff reductions other than retirements (no), unnecessary bus runs – asked to be notified in the future.
- Board Member Vrona – questioned version 2 which states that there will be an increase in budget of \$818K yet the tax levy increase will be by \$3 million (using less reserves more tax dollars; TRS and ERS less contribution, health costs increasing less, cheaper to hire new staff than retirees). Ms. Vrona asked when the cost per pupil presentation was going to be (March 24).
- President Tangney asked what an air handler was (air circulators), the replacement of entire seats at HS and cost (yes \$150K); expressed her disappointment with the HS sound system.

IV. President Tangney called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only

Questions and Comments from the Public

Public Comments on 154 Presentation

- Dale Greenstein – 522 W. Olive Street – expressed need for support of these students as much as possible.
- Andrew Rossi – Neptune Blvd – supports no reduction in staff; asked about the timelines for construction at the HS.

Public Comments on Draft Budget Presentation

- Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – asked about revenue decrease (lower tuition payments for IP students at HS).
- James Hodge – 95 E. Fulton St – requested the district try to hire more minority candidates to replace retirees.

Student Organization Announcements

V. Student Organization Announcements

- Ally Thursland asked that the HS library be open after school until 4:45 – 5 PM; athletes need place for early dismissal.
- Chris Lester also supports library for those who need to study and cannot do so at home.
- Sophie Allen also expressed her support for increased library hours; also requested additional transportation for walkers on bad weather days; transportation an issue for clubs; morning drop-offs are congested; sexual/racial harassment at HS; difficult to get to staff who are booked up.

Discussion continued on the last subject. There is a hotline for harassment; students need to be informed about protocol; students need to feel safe and comfortable. Students should use proper channels (Student Government, PTSA) for many issues. It was suggested that students use ANY adult in the building for support.

**VI. PRESENTATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT,
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FUND AND CLAIMS
AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014.**

Financial Reports for
December 2014

No action required.

**VII. Superintendent Weiss recommended the
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 17, 2014 AND JANUARY 17, 2015.**

Approval of Minutes of BOE
Executive Sessions and
Regular Meeting of
December 17, 2014 and Jan
17, 2015

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 5-0

VIII. Presentations of the Superintendent

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

President Tangney called for a motion.

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

1. Personnel Matters:
Certificated
Pages: 5-8

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

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 5-0

2. Personnel Matters:
Non Certificated
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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: Paula Polumbo Starsky
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day
2. Name: Mildred McCarthy
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day
3. Name: Beverlee Bertinetti
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lido and Lindell School*
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day
4. Name: Carmine Verde
Assign./Loc: Social Studies Teacher/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day
5. Name: Vivian Fiallo
Assign./Loc: Director of World Languages and ELL
Programs/Districtwide
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day

(b) Rescission

- Name: John Anfossi
Assign./Loc: Middle School Track Coach
Effective Date: Spring 2015

*corrected

(c) Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Francesca Gillam
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: January 5, 2015-January 30, 2015
Reason: Medical
2. Name: Elizabeth Moriarty
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School
Effective Dates: January 30, 2015-May 24, 2015
Reason: Educational
3. Name: Diana Armada
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: April 14, 2015-May 25, 2015
Reason: Maternity
3. Name: Jenna Berto
Assign./Loc: Mathematics Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: May 21, 2015-June 30, 2015
Reason: Maternity

(d) Amended Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Katie Duguay
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: December 14, 2014-March 29, 2015
Original Dates: December 19, 2014-April 12, 2015
Reason: Maternity
2. Name: Lauren Behan
Assign./Loc: English Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: November 4, 2014-February 9, 2015
Original Dates: November 4, 2014-February 10, 2015
Reason: Maternity

(e) Appointment: Part Time Speech and Hearing Handicapped Teacher (.6)

Name: Amanda Ricotta-Kiefel
Assign./Loc: Part Time Speech and Hearing Handicapped Teacher (.6)/LBHS
Certification: Initial Speech and Language Disabilities
Effective Dates: February 2, 2015-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Salary Classification: .6 of MA/Step 2 (\$40,999* per annum) prorated
Reason: To meet a district need
Comment: Currently (.4)
*Subject to negotiations

(f) Appointment: Part Time Special Education Teacher (.1)

Name: Michael Corrigan
 Assign./Loc: Part Time Special Education Teacher (.1)/LBHS
 Certification: Permanent Special Education
 Effective Dates: February 2, 2015-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Salary Classification: 0.1 of MA+80/Step 15 (\$11,694* per annum)
 Reason: To meet a district need
 Comment: In addition to full time position
 *Subject to negotiations

(g) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Name: Kristina Ryan
 Assign./Loc.: Permanent Substitute Teacher/LBHS
 Certification: Initial Social Studies 7-12
 Initial Students with Disabilities 7-12-Generalist
 Effective Dates: February 11, 2015-June 23, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Rate of Pay: \$215.01* per day
 Reason: To replace Erin Santoro
 *Subject to negotiations

(h) Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistant 17.5 hours per week-ESL

Name	Location	Certification	Grade II/Step	Hourly Rate \$	Start Date
Gloria Shea	LBMS	Perm Special Ed Perm Pre K-6 Perm Bilingual Extension	Step I	17.24	2/11/15

(i) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week-effective start date through June 24, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion) According to CSE recommendation or 504 plan. Rate according to contract.

Name	Location	Certification	Grade II/Step	Hourly Rate \$	Start Date
1. Jennifer Otero	Lindell	Level I TA	Step I	17.24	2/11/15
2. Paola Morales	East	Level I TA	Step 1	17.24	2/11/15

(j) Appointment: Interscholastic Spring Coaches-2015-*Subject to negotiations

Position	Coach	\$ Stipend*
1.V Boys Spring Track Assistant	Daniel Quinn	5067
2.V Girls Golf	John Anfossi	6065
3.Volunteer Softball Coach	Heather Pomilio	n/a
4.Volunteer Lacrosse Coach	Patrick Olsen	n/a
5.Volunteer Lacrosse Coach	William Fuller	n/a
6.Volunteer Lacrosse Coach	Charles Arnone	n/a

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (k) **Appointments: Coaches for Special Olympics-Spring 2015-Rate of pay \$54.97* per hour-*subject to negotiations**

Name	Maximum Hours
1. Stacey Durnan	50
2. Sean Miller	50
3. Stephanie Esposito-substitute	as needed

- (l) **Appointment: After School Extended School Day/ASD Program –Temporary and Substitute Teacher Assistant– 2014-2015 School Year-Rate of pay according to contract**

Aileen Monahan

- (m) **Appointment: Advisor for High School Co-Curricular Activity effective January 20, 2015-February 9, 2015-*Subject to negotiations**

NAME	ACTIVITY	*STIPEND
Andrew Frye	High School Musical	\$3779 prorated

- (n) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers is recommended for approval for the 2014-2015 school year**

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
1. Angela Ragona	Initial Childhood Education 1-6
2. Christopher Zelles	Initial Social Studies 7-12 Initial Social Studies 5-9
3. Courtney Schmaeling	Initial Music

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leaves of Absence: Catastrophic

Name: Melinda McLaughlin
Assign./Loc: Sr. Keyboard Specialist/LBMS
Effective Dates: February 5, 2015-February 13, 2015

(b) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2014-2015 school year

Name	Position
1. Henry Bonilla	Bus Driver
2. Linda Lewis	Bus Driver
3. Sophia Fogarazzo	Teacher Assistant
4. Rita Kelly	Lunch Aide

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote, Items VIII.3 and VIII.4.

VIII.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT.

Approval of Special Education Agreement with Devereux

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement with the Devereux Foundation for tuition and related special education services for a total amount of approximately \$57,000 for the period of January 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with the Devereux Foundation for related special education services and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

VIII.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Approval of health and welfare services – Hempstead, N. Merrick, Uniondale

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into health and welfare services agreements with Hempstead School District, North Merrick UFSD and Uniondale UFSD for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the agreements with Hempstead School District, North Merrick UFSD and Uniondale UFSD for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute these agreements on its behalf.

President Tangney called for a motion on Items VIII.3 and VIII.4.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky

Seconded by: President Tangney

Approved: 5-0

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote, Items VIII.5 – VIII.9.

VIII.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

Approval of Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the requested budget transfer in the amount of \$53,000 from out of state special education tuition to NYS non-public school tuition.

Acceptance of Donations

VIII.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of approximately \$340 from Box Tops to the Long Beach Middle School and West Elementary School and \$1,416 from the Friends of the Arts for equipment, food and services related to the LBHS musical.

VIII.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (CPSE) AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

Acceptance of
Recommendations of
CSE/CPSE

VIII.8 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

Approval of 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 \$11,567.24 to the firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of December 1 through December 31, 2014.

VIII.9 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS.

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 Tangney called for a motion on Items VIII.5, VIII.6, VIII.7, VIII.8 and VIII.9.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 5-0

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Long Beach/Lido Little League	Baseball and Softball	LBMS Gymnasium	Feb 16 – June 27, 2015 Fridays 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Long Beach/Lido Little League	Baseball and Softball	LBMS Athletic Fields 8, 9 and 10	Feb 16 – June 28, 2015 Monday - Friday 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Long Beach/Lido Little League	Baseball and Softball	West School Gymnasium	Feb 23 – June 9, 2015 Tuesdays 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Long Beach/Lido Little League	Baseball and Softball	LBHS Athletic Field 3	Feb 16 – June 28, 2015 Monday - Friday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
East End Civic Association	Meeting	East School Cafeteria	Feb 11 – June 10, 2015 Wednesday (1x mo.) 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM
Nassau County	Storm Recovery Fair	LBHS Cafeterias	Tuesday, Feb 24, 2015 4 :00 PM – 9:00 PM
NY Coalition for Transportation Safety	Ped & Bike Safety Program	East School Cafeteria	April 21 – May 28, 2015 Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

IX. President Tangney called for Board of Education - Additional Comments - New/Old Business.

Board of Education – New/Old Business Comments

- Board Member Vrona noted that 57 musicians were at All-County and that they were amazing; inquired about 5th grade committee monies (must be out of the schools and separate); requested an update on the food services committee; asked if improvements were budget neutral (no); attended Nassau County Superintendents’ Financial Forum and NYSSBA Conference on 3020a and APPR.

X. President Tangney called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

Questions and Comments from the Public

- James Hodge – 95 E. Fulton St – reiterated need to hire for diversity; he will continue to advocate for Long Beach; something must be done at NIKE; need better communication between school and parents/students in special education; urged school district to ensure encouragement from teachers for student success.
- Byron Williams – questioned need for sports volunteers to be certified.

XI. President Tangney called for Announcements.

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association- President Steve Freeman congratulated retirees, party is on May 20th, waiting for invitation to Food Services Committee; teachers want to participate; does not appreciate NIKE bashing; passing/graduation rates are good; should have a meeting on NIKE.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –President Epstein congratulated retirees, environment at HS can always improve; plenty of students trust adults; although staff is busy a student in distress can always be helped; guidance handles many problems; Principal Stroud is reaching out; staff needs to be educated regarding transportation.
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association – President Joanne Rea expressed disappointment at handling of Food Services Committee; students could be picked up by increasing drivers' hours.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

Discussion continued on Food Services Advisory Committee.

XII. President Tangney called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:11 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 5-0

XIII. President Tangney called for a motion to adjourn at 10:40 pm.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by: _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 24, 2015