

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** March 10, 2015

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Place of Meeting:** Lindell School Auditorium

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

**Members Absent:** Board Member Maureen Vrona

**Others Present:** Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent – C & I  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

**Call to Order/Pledge**

**I. Pledge/Call to Order - President Tangney**

President Tangney called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report of the Superintendent**

**II. Report of the Superintendent – David Weiss**

- Superintendent Weiss discussed school finances and the state.
- **Presentation – Superintendent’s Draft Budget 2015-2016- Benefits**  
**Presented by: Michael DeVito**  
Highlights include: Budget Goals, Draft Budget Versions 1-4, Proposed Tax Levy, Health, ERS and TRS. The presentation can be located on the district website and in the office of the District Clerk.

**Board of Education Comments**

**III. Board of Education Comments**

- Board Member Lester questioned the \$333,000 interest savings decrease because of the repayment of the RAN note, the decrease in employee benefit costs, \$1.6 million with additional staff, costs of new staff (3 new ENL and Special Ed staff), \$2.7 million includes \$1.5 million in salaries and step increases. (10 new people \$1 million)

**Board of Education Comments (continued)**

- Board Member Ryan asked about the 36 cent hourly increase for security guards and whether or not we should send out an RFP (rate is prevailing wage so no need), how we evaluate performance; noted that the additional staffing should not be considered automatic; questioned use of REACH counselors, 2 part-timers and their effectiveness, continuity, roll over concerns; reiterated the need for polling place consolidations, East and West locations, the COAST program; emphasized the need for a separate Human Resources department.
- President Tangney requested the HR materials for the next meeting.

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

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – asked to explain why the budget is going up 1% while the tax levy is 3.19% (running low on reserves); suggested raising prices on school lunches to trim deficit (did that last year); asked about Items 6 and 7, contracts, on the agenda (PILOT program, wireless at elementary schools)
- Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – congratulated Dr. Newman on the recommendation for tenure; questioned January test prep on agenda (extra); reiterated his concern that 28 absences is too high.
- Anne Conway – 118 Audrey Drive – commended the idea of literacy and math coaches and asked about contract and qualifications; supports daily guided reading.
- Joanne Myer – 94 Michigan St – questioned food services.
- Juta Silvestri – 21 Harmon Street- voiced concerns about Council for Unity (new process in place).

**V. Student Organization Announcements**  
None

**Student Organization Announcements**

**VI. Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

**Approval of Minutes of BOE Executive Session and Regular Meeting of February 24, 2015**

**Vice President Mininsky called for a motion.**  
**Motion by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Seconded by:** Vice President Mininsky  
**Approved:** 4-0

**VII. Presentations of the Superintendent**

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

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Lester

Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky

Approved: 4-0

1. Personnel Matters:  
Certificated  
Pages: 4-6

Dr. Newman was congratulated on her appointment of tenure.

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

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Lester

Seconded by: Board Member Ryan

Approved: 4-0

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

1. Name: Deborah Smith  
Assign./Loc: Coordinator of Special Education/LBHS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2015 close of day
2. Name: Tasha Swittenberg  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School  
Effective Dates: March 5, 2015 close of day

#### (b) Leave of Absence

Name: Kristi Gerhard  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lido School  
Effective Dates: May 4, 2015-June 30, 2015  
Reason: Maternity

#### (c) Amended Leave of Absence

Name: Katie Duguay  
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/East School  
Effective Dates: December 15, 2014-June 30, 2015  
Original Dates: December 19, 2014-April 12, 2015  
Reason: Maternity

#### (d) Amended Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Annemarie DeLiso  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/LBMS  
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6  
Initial Childhood Education 1-6  
Effective Date: January 28, 2015-June 30, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-  
General Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA+30\*/Step 1 (\$69,669\*\* per annum)  
\*Reason: Receipt of transcripts  
\*\*Subject to negotiations

**VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(e) Appointment: Regular Substitute Full Time Teacher Assistants**

1. Name: Jane Ryan  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Full Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS  
Certification: Level I Teacher Assistant  
Effective Dates: March 11, 2015-June 24, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Salary Classification: Grade IV/Step 1 (\$23,466 per annum) prorated  
Reason: To replace Jean Marie Marciano  
Comment: Leave of absence from current part time teacher assistant position.
  
2. Name: Runnie Myles  
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Full Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS  
Certification: Level II Teacher Assistant  
Effective Dates: March 11, 2015-June 24, 2015 (or earlier at the district's discretion)  
  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Salary Classification: Grade IV/Step 1 (\$23,466 per annum) prorated  
Reason: To replace Lauren Schneider  
Comment: Leave of absence from current part time teacher assistant position.

**(f) 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.Kathleen Janosky	LBMS	Permanent N-6	Step I	17.24	3/11/15
2. Ethel Yarwood	LBMS	Level I TA	Step 1	17.24	3/18/15
3.Nancy Yarwood	LBMS	Level I TA	Step 1	17.24	3/11/15
4.Roseann Palazzo	Lido	Level I TA	Step 1	17.24	3/11/15
5.Brianna Carnevale	LBHS	Initial Spanish 7-12	Step 1	17.24	3/11/15
6.Rosalie Isola	West	Permanent N-6	Step 1	17.24	3/11/15

**(g) Appointment: Parent Trainer for the 2014-2015 School Year-Rate of Pay-\$68.34\* per hour-\*subject to negotiations**

Michelle Donovan

**(h) Appointment: Special Education Teacher for After School Extended School Day/ASD Program-2014-2015 School Year-Rate of Pay-\$73.03\* per hour-\*subject to negotiations**

Richard Rogers

**VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(i) Appointment: Special Olympics Teacher Assistants– 2014-2015 School Year-Rate of pay according to contract**

1. Aileen Monahan
2. Maureen Clarke
3. Atitya Dendy-substitute

**(j) Appointment: January Regents Test Preparation for the 2014-2015 school year-rate of pay\$73.03\* per hour-maximum 15 hours each \*Subject to negotiations**

Tamara Richards

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

Louie Ann Murphy

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b>
Christina Nader-Kile	Permanent N-6

**(m) Reclassifications:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Randi Baier	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+20	2/1/15
2.	Kathleen Coners	Teacher/Elementary	MA+10	2/1/15
3.	Daniel D'Ottavio	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+20	2/1/15
4.	Caitlin Fuentes	Teacher/Elementary	PhD	2/1/15
5.	Kerry McNichols	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+10	2/1/15
6.	Yasmeen Valentin	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+70	2/1/15
7.	Melissa Zimmerman	Teacher/Elementary	MA+60	2/1/15
8.	Anthony Balsamo	Teacher/English	MA+30	2/1/15
9.	Steven Bialick	Teacher/English	MA+40	2/1/15
10.	Gianna Cody	Teacher/S&HH	MA+20	2/1/15
11.	Michelle Frank	Teacher/English	MA+70	9/1/14
12.	Jeanne Sofield	Teacher/Special Ed	MA+30	2/1/15

**(n) Recommendation for Appointment on Tenure** the staff member listed below is eligible for appointment on tenure in the area and on the date indicated. She has been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory in her total professional performance.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Francine Newman	Secondary Vice Principal	7/1/15

**VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Termination**

Name: Juana Reese  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Food Service Worker/LBHS  
Effective Date: February 9, 2015  
Reason: abandoned position

**(b) Amended Leaves of Absence: Catastrophic**

Name: Melinda McLaughlin  
Assign./Loc: Sr. Keyboard Specialist/LBMS  
Effective Dates: February 5, 2015-March 9, 2015  
Original Dates: February 5, 2015-February 13, 2015

**(c) Recommend** that the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to amend the terms and conditions of employment for the following staff members.

**Name**

1. Kaja Gula Thomas
2. Barbara O'Brien
3. Patricia Carlucci
4. Maureen Creagh
5. Susannah Familette

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1. Ron McHenry	Teacher Assistant
2. Cari Howell	Teacher Assistant
3. Nicole Connelly	Teacher Assistant
4. Brittany Dara	Teacher Assistant

**VIII.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #7110: ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**Second Reading of Policy #7110 Attendance Policy**

No action required.

**Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.4 through VIII.7.**

**VIII.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT- LOCUST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Approval of Spec Ed Agreement – Locust Valley**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement with the Locust Valley School District for special education related services in the amount of over \$15,000 per student for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015;

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

**VIII.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT – COUNCIL FOR UNITY**

**Approval of Spec Ed Agreement – Council for Unity**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement with the Council for Unity for social and emotional learning workshops in the amount of \$500 per day, not to exceed \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with the Council for Unity and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

**VIII.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF ..... AGREEMENT – RUSKIN, MOSCOU, FALTISCHEK, PC**

**Approval of Spec Ed Agreement – Ruskin, Moscou, Faltischek**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement with Ruskin, Moscou, Faltischek, PC for an analysis of assessed evaluation increases, evaluation of tax consequences, and preparation of presentations in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with Ruskin, Moscou, Faltischek, PC and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to executive the Agreement on its behalf.

**VIII.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – TECHNOLOGY – BOCES – PROJECT #22-433379 FINANCED**

**Approval of Agreement –  
BOCES Technology**

**WHEREAS**, in support of the NYS Education Department’s Long Range Plan for Technology in Elementary and Secondary Education in NYS, Nassau BOCES and the Long Beach City School District are participating in Nassau BOCES’ Administrative and Instructional, shared cooperative learning, (herein “Shared Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District wishes to acquire additional equipment which shall be connected to the existing networks within the School District, and which will be installed at mutually agreed upon sites within the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District requires certain computer equipment, software and services to participate in the Shared Services and shall pay \$538,776.72 over a five year period ending March 1, 2020 for the approximate cost of the equipment and services over the length of the contract;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement between Long Beach City School District and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (BOCES) for the period April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with BOCES and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

President Tangney called for a motion on Items VIII.4 through VIII.7.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan  
Seconded by: President Tangney  
Approved: 4-0

**VIII.8 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DEDUCT CHANGE ORDERS**

**Acceptance of Deduct  
Change Orders**

**A) DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER # 10 WITH AMBROSIO & COMPANY, INC. (CONTRACT #9-LBHS-2) LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL – PHASE 4**

**Deduct Change Order  
#10 with Ambrosio**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) has engaged Ambrosio & Company, Inc. (“Ambrosio”) for plumbing 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 \$29,593.54 for unused allowance; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Deduct Change Order #10 (Contract #9-LBHS-2) to the contract for a credit with Ambrosio in the amount of \$29,593.54; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 10 (Contract #9-LBHS-2) to the contract with Ambrosio on its behalf.

**B) DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH TELE-MEASUREMENTS  
LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-MEDIA STUDIO**

**Deduct Change Order #1  
with Tele-Measurements**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) has engaged Tele-Measurements for multi-media studio work at Long Beach High School pursuant to an award on August 18, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for a credit in the amount of \$6,032.00 for unused allowance; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Deduct Change Order #1 to the contract for a credit with Tele-Measurements in the amount of \$6,032.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Tele-Measurements on its behalf.

**C) DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER # 12 WITH MAINLINE ELECTRIC  
(CONTRACT #8-LCXAR-4) LONG BEACH MIDDLE  
SCHOOL/LIDO COMPLEX –PHASE 3B**

**Deduct Change Order  
#12 with Mainline Electric**

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) has engaged Mainline Electric (“Mainline”) for electrical work at Long Beach High School pursuant to an award on April 5, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for a credit in the amount of \$41,121.59 for unused allowance; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Deduct Change Order #12 (Contract #8-LCXAR-4) to the contract for a credit with Mainlie in the amount of \$41,121.59; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 12 (Contract #8-LCXAR-4) to the contract with Mainline on its behalf.

President Tangney called for a motion on Item VIII.8 (a) – (c).

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky  
Seconded by: President Tangney  
Approved: 4-0

Approval to Rescind Rejection  
of Change Order #2  
Maccarone

VIII.9 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL  
TO RESCIND VOTE TO REJECT CHANGE ORDER #2  
WITH WITH MACCARONE PLUMBING  
(Contract # 1-W-DWSR-2) WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – STORM RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education voted to reject Change Order #2 with Maccarone Plumbing (Contract #1-W-DWSR-2) West Elementary School – Storm Restoration Project by a 2 (two) to 1 (one) vote with 1 (one) abstention on the February 24, 2015 agenda;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education rescinds its initial vote and asks that the motion by presented again on this, the March 10, 2015, agenda.

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky  
Seconded by: President Tangney  
Approved: 4-0

Acceptance of Change Order  
#2 with Maccarone

VIII.10 Superintendent Weiss recommended the  
ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH  
MACCARONE PLUMBING (Contract # 1-W-DWSR-2) WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – STORM  
RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) has engaged Maccarone Plumbing (“Maccarone”) for plumbing work at West Elementary School pursuant to an award on April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the District’s architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract to include cafeteria server rough-in to coordinate with final food service equipment layout; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order # 2(Contract #1-W-DWSR-2) to the contract with Maccarone for the additional cost of \$3,064.18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 2 (Contract 1-W-DWSR-2) to the contract with Maccarone on its behalf.

President Tangney called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky  
Seconded by: President Tangney  
Approved: 4-0

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.11 and VIII.12.

VIII.11 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
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VIII.12 Superintendent Weiss recommended the  
APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS.

Approval of Use of Schools
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**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.

**APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Long Beach Civil Service	Exam	LBHS Rooms 319, 320, 326, 327	Sat., March 14, 2015 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Long Beach Civil Service	Exam	LBHS Rooms 209, 210, 244, 245	Sat., March 28, 2015 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
City of Long Beach Youth & Family Services	Tennis Program	Lido Gymnasium	Feb. 24 – March 17, 2015 Tuesdays, 3:30 Pm – 5:30 PM
City of Long Beach Recreational Department	Portable Ice Skating Event	West School Front Playground	March 13-15, 2015 Fri. 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM Sat. & Sunday 12 noon- 8:00 PM

President Tangney called for a motion on Items VIII.11 and VIII.12.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan  
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney  
Approved: 4-0

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

**Board of Education – New/Old  
Business Comments**

- Board Member Ryan commented on the District Technology Committee meeting and asked about a 5 year plan; where are we and where do we need to be; asked about the status of the library hours (within weeks).
- Board Member Lester noted how advanced the students at UCLA are with technology compared to us; asked when students will have accounts (being done now).

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

**Questions and Comments  
from the Public**

- Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – asked for direction regarding the opting out process for students (letter will be sent home).
- Anne Conway – 119 Audrey Drive – does not consider these tests as fair assessments.
- Steve Freeman – CTA President – state tests are not on material learned; results are unknown; many Superintendents and Principals disagree.

**XI. President Tangney called for Announcements.**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association- Vice President Karen Bloom congratulated Dr. Newman, welcomed Ms. DeLiso.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –President Arnie Epstein expressed interest in the Technology Committee and encouraged staff to get involved; congratulated Dr. Newman.
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association – Treasurer Barbara Vahey congratulated Dr. Newman.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – LBHS President Gerri Maquet congratulated Dr. Newman, noted that she always responds immediately; questioned Excused and Unexcused Absences in the Attendance Policy; inconsistencies in elementary and secondary schools; asked about the future of the Human Resources department; questioned late change order; curriculum should drive assessment; asked about testing feedback; congratulated Mr. Epstein on his amazing job performance; mentioned Morning Madness Fashion Show on March 25 and CCPTA Scholarship Brunch on March 22 where the monies go to 15 scholarships.

**XII. President Tangney called for a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by:** Board Member Lester  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Approved:** 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
April 14, 2015