

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2016

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School – Main Office Conference Room

Members Present: President Roy Lester
Vice President Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: Board Member Darlene E. Tangney

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Sue Fine, Attorney, Harris Beach, PLLC

Vice President Mininsky called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:47 PM to discuss specific personnel and legal matters.

Motion to Go into Executive Session

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

President Lester called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:29 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by

Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 25, 2016

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2016

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

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

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Community

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Pledge/Call to Order

President Lester called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the public for coming out on such a cold night.

- *PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES – Dr. Kenneth Graham/Ms. Theresa Scudiero*

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS 2016/
EMPIRE STATE SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Teacher: Rachell Koegel

Chris Lester spoke about the program, and Charlotte Kasper and Anna Falvey read their award winning pieces.

Fragments Contributors:

*Sophie Allen
Demi Amideneau
Charlotte Kasper
Chris Lester
America Muratori*

*Emily Reilly
Alexandra Thursland
Noelani Tomicick
Max Tunney
Iain Wall*

Scholastic Art and Writing Awards:

Sophie Allen – Gold Key; Honorable Mention
Demi Amideneau- (3) Honorable Mention
Alyscia Batista – Silver Key
Lauren Bulik – Silver Key
Ava de Bruin – Gold Key
Colleen DiLello – Silver Key
Anna Falvey –(3) Gold Keys, (2) Silver Keys, (4) Honorable Mention
Kate Hanson – Silver Key
Morgan Harrington – Gold Key
Charlotte Kasper –Gold Key, (2) Silver Keys, (2) Honorable Mention
Jordan Landsman –Honorable Mention
Chysalis Mandell –(3) Silver Keys
Esther Molloy –Honorable Mention
Sarah Mullen – Honorable Mention
America Muratori –(3) Honorable Mention
Vinny Pagano –Silver Key
Emily Reilly – Silver Key, (3) Honorable Mention
Lucia Techera – Gold Key, Honorable Mention
Alexandra Thursland – Honorable Mention
Max Tunney- (3) Honorable Mention

II. Report of the Superintendent

Report of the Superintendent

- Mr. Weiss reported that the Assessment Forum, scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, was being renamed the Student Assessment Forum to avoid confusion with tax assessments.
- Professional Development Certificates were distributed to Mr. Lester, Mr. Mininsky and Mrs. Tangney.
- Kudos to the cast and crew for a great production of A Pajama Game.

Presentation – Draft Budget 2016-2017 Benefits – Mr. Michael DeVito, COO
Highlights include: Health Insurance, TRS and ERS, Benefits Budget Variance 2015-16 vs. 2016-17, Health Insurance Premium Rate Increases and Employee Retirement System.

This presentation is available on the district web site and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Student Organization Announcements

Student Announcements

- Chris Lester and Sophie Allen spoke about the lack of advertising of the mental health resources available at the HS. Psychologists' time is dominated by testing; no time is left for students with depression/anxiety. Dr. Morand is no longer available.
- Ms. Allen noted that students have less risky behavior when they are connected.
- Noelani Tomicick commented that students have to knock on the door; cannot schedule an appointment; hard to get hold of someone.
- Anna Falvey stated that there were a lot of resources, but more awareness is needed.

- Chris Lester emphasized a “districtwide awareness” was necessary.
 - President Lester suggested a bulletin board with mental health services listed, suggested the students speak with the Principal and thanked the students for their discipline and outstanding acting performances over the years.
 - Board Member Ryan commented that there are sixteen (16) mental health professionals and voiced concern that these observations were coming from the best LBHS students.
 - Superintendent Weiss noted that Health is now scheduled for 9th grade so students gain more knowledge about resources earlier.

IV. President Lester called for Board of Education Comments

Board of Education Comments

- Vice President Mininsky – asked if dental and vision costs were included in this report (no, just NYSHIP, HIP, regular medical insurance); gross number or net of employees (net)
- Board Member Vrona asked what kind of grants we get for benefits (Special Ed, Title 1 supplies come from grants); we must be clear when hiring grant funded employees (they sign an agreement); asked about vested employees (left and then retires).
- Board Member Ryan decides rates based on market rates; with market dropping, rates could increase again (rates already set for next year but could increase the following year); asked if there was any savings from HALB (not sure).
- President Lester asked if there was any impact from tax cap (if TRS or ERS moves 2% higher, we can get exemption); asked if there an oversight agency for rate increases for health insurance (don’t know).

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

Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight’s Agenda

- Keith Harvey – CTA President – asked for more information on HALB is moving later than expected (unanticipated remediation of facility).

VI. Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report and the Extraclassroom Bank Reconciliation of December 2015

Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report

VII. Approval of Minutes of Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting for January 28 and February 3, 2016.

Approval of Minutes for Exec Sessions and Regular Meeting – January 28 and February 3, 2016

President Lester called for a motion.

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

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

VIII.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated.

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky
Approved: 4-0

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Certificated
Pages: 6-8

VIII.2 Superintendent Weiss recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated.

President Lester called for a motion.

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

Approval of 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) Resignation

Name: Tara Ambrosi
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Long Beach Catholic School
Effective Date: December 23, 2015 close of day

(b) Leave of Absence

Name: Ilyssa Berman
Assign./Loc: Family and Consumer Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: June 4, 2016-June 30, 2016
Reason: Maternity

(c) Amended Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Sharon Gamble
Assign./Loc: Family and Consumer Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: September 1, 2015-June 30, 2016
Original Dates: September 1, 2015-January 29, 2016
Reason: Medical
2. Name: Alison Salgado
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: October 30, 2015-June 30, 2016
Original Dates: October 30, 2015-February 22, 2016
Reason: Maternity

(d) Amended Appointment: Probationary Director of Humanities

Name: Theresa Scudiero
Assign./Loc: Probationary Director of Humanities/Districtwide
Effective Date: January 25, 2016
End Date: January 24, 2019
Tenure Date: January 25, 2019
Tenure Area: Director of Humanities
Comment: Amended effective date and name change

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Regular Substitute Family and Consumer Science Teacher

Name: Carrie Stern
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Family and Consumer Science Teacher/LBMS
 Certification: Initial Family and Consumer Science
 Effective Date: February 1, 2016-June 30, 2016 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Tenure Area: Home Economics
 Salary Classification: BA/Step 2(\$63,571*per annum) prorated
 Reason: To replace Sharon Gamble
 *Subject to negotiations

(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Dayna Obidienzo
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/LBMS
 Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 7-12
 Initial Biology 7-12
 Effective Dates: January 7, 2016-June 30, 2016 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions
 General Special Education
 Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$67,154* per annum)
 Reason: To replace Christine Dillard
 Comment: Originally appointed as a Permanent Substitute
 *Subject to negotiations

(g) Amended Appointment: Part Time Interim Director of Humanities

Name: Wayne Cronk
 Assign./Loc: Part Time Interim Director of Humanities/Districtwide
 Salary Classification: At a fee basis rate of \$200.00 per. Total fee not to exceed \$9,000.00* amended
 Reason: To meet a district need

(h) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week January 4, 2016 through June 24, 2016 (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 II/Step	Hourly Rate*
Jeanne Renz Transfer originally appt. to LBCRS at 15 hours per week	West	Level I TA	II/6	21.01

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (i) **Appointment: Accompanist for Winter and Spring LBMS Concerts– 2015-2016**
School Year-Rate of pay according to contract not to exceed 12 hours.

Andrew Frey

- (j) **Reclassifications:**

	Name	Assignments	New Class	Effective Date
1.	Anthony Balsamo	Teacher/English	MA+50	2/1/16
2.	Ilyssa Berman	Teacher/Home Ec	MA+20	2/1/16
3.	Stephanie Bragino	Teacher/Math	MA+50	2/1/16
4.	Tara Mele	Teacher/Math	MA+40	9/1/15
5.	Mary Miller	Teacher/Phys Ed	MA+40	2/1/16
6.	Noelle Policastro	Teacher/Music	MA+10	2/1/16

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Richard Behr
Assign./Loc: Head Custodian/West School
Effective Date: September 30, 2016
2. Name: Nancy Hopkins
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: February 5, 2016 close of day

(b) Amended Appointment: Probationary Head Custodian

Name: Christopher Genduso
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Head Custodian/LBHS
Effective Date: July 1, 2015
Stipend: \$800.00* per annum
Reason: LBHS pool operator
*Subject to negotiations

(c) Appointment: Probationary Secretary I (12 months)

Name: Mary Ellen Condon
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Secretary I (12 months)/LBMS
Effective Date: July 1, 2016
Probation End Date: January 1, 2017
Salary Classification: \$53,730* per annum
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 15
Reason: To replace Joanne McLoughlin
*Subject to negotiations

(d) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide (15 hours per week)

Name: Bryan Singh
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: February 12, 2016
Salary Classification: \$14.23* per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To replace Nancy Hopkins
*Subject to negotiations

(e) Completion of Probationary Appointment

The staff member listed below has completed her probationary appointment, and has received a satisfactory evaluation and is hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name: Patricia Henry
Assign./Loc.: Sr. Keyboard Specialist/LBMS
Effective Date: March 1, 2016

VIII.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #8270 COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

Adoption of Revised Policy
#8270 Computer Network and
Internet Acceptable Use

President Lester called for a motion.

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

VIII.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE WITH STALCO PRESERVATION PLAN PHASE 4 HS

Acceptance of Construction
Change Directive with Stalco
Phase 4 HS

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

WHEREAS, the District directs modification to the existing contract for a lump sum increase in the amount of \$125,000 for the installation of field net footings;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Construction Change Directive #2 to the contract with Stalco for the increased cost of \$125,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Construction Change Directive No. 2 to the contract with Stalco on its behalf.

President Lester called for a motion.

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

VIII.5 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN.

Approval of Smart
Schools Investment
Plan

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District ("District") desires to enter into an agreement with New York State to receive \$1,997,097 from the Smart Schools Bond Act to spend on technology; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Board of Education approves the preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan and, after the required 30-day public posting, hearing and comment period, will review the final SSIP and approve its submission to NYSED;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the expenditures of \$1,997,097 from the Smart Schools Bond Act to spend on technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute the agreement with New York State on its behalf.

President Lester called for a motion.

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

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.6 and VIII.7.

VIII.6 Superintendent Weiss recommended the **ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION.**

Acceptance of CSE and CPSE Recommendations
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VIII.7 Superintendent Weiss recommended the **PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES**

Approval of Legal Bills: Legal Services
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A) **THOMAS M. VOLZ, PLLC**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$6,427.50 to the Law Offices of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of November 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

B) **HARRIS BEACH PLLC**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$4,155.50 to the firm of Harris Beach PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

C) **INGERMAN SMITH, LLP**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$17,078.41 for legal services rendered during the period of December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

President Lester called for a motion on Item VIII.6 as amended and Item VIII.7.

Removal of Student #230073 on Item 6.

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

VIII.8 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Long Beach Catholic Regional School	Athletic Games and Practices	Lindell School Athletic Field 2	March 1 – June 2, 2016 Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Skudin Surf Camp	Swimming Instruction	LBHS Pool	August 8 -12, 2016 Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky	Hospital Forum	Lindell School Auditorium	Mon., February 29, 2016 7:00 – 9:30 PM
Long Island Aquatic Club	Team Practice	LBHS Pool	Wed., Feb 24, 2016 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 4-1; 3-2 on Skudin Camp
Voted No: President Lester

BOE – Additional New/Old Business

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

- Board Member Vrona asked about the timeline for the ceiling in the HS auditorium (soon); asked about the status of the 20% grades and if it was contingent upon the January Regents results; next steps (six tests, state still adjusting scale – meeting with Mr. Stroud and math teachers soon); asked if 3-8 testing could be posted (appendix sent home 3 weeks ago); forum (sent email – parent link).

Questions and Comments from the Public

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – Lido Homes Civic Association – would have appreciated being invited to meeting with Town of Hempstead as a good neighbor policy (school district concern – asked town to contact Lido Homes Civic); asked about Regents; and asked if BOE was taking a position opposing the rebate for IStar (yes).
- Janice Doherty, Diane Harran, Jennifer Albergo, Erica Reidel – wanted to follow-up on recess issue (meetings to deal with creative ways to schedule and prioritize); suggested FLES push in.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey congratulated students, retirees and appointees, postponed two meetings and rescheduling; hoping for an equitable and sustainable budget.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA Long Beach Employees' Association – Group C – Joanne Rea enjoyed the students, thanked retirees for their service.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

XII. Board Member Ryan called for a motion to move to Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

**Executive
Session**

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 5-0

XIII. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 9:56 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: _____

Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 25, 2016