

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2016

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School – Teachers’ Faculty Room

Members Present: President Roy Lester
Vice President Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney arrived at 5:52 PM
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, HR
Ms. Susan Fine, Attorney, Harris Beach LLP

President Lester called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:45 PM to discuss specific personnel and legal matters.

Motion to Go into Executive Session

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

President Lester called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:31 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: President Lester
Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
March 31, 2016

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2016

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School Cafeteria

Members Present: President Roy Lester
Vice President Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona
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. Sabrina Cantore, Executive Director, Pupil Services
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 7:37 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and commented on how nicely East School is decorated.

II. Smart Schools Investment Plan Hearing

Smart Schools Investment Plan Hearing

An overview of the plan was presented by Mr. DeVito.
No comments from the public.

III. Report of the Superintendent

Report of the Superintendent

Work Session Topic #1 – Special Education Staffing

Presentation: Draft Budget 2016-17 Special Education Staffing – Michael DeVito and Sabrina Cantore

Highlights include: Special Ed Services, Pupil Personnel Services, In District Special Ed Staff Compensation, In-District Special Ed Students, Speech Teachers, Psychologists and Social Workers, Special Ed Contractual Services.

Work Session Topic # 2 – Facilities (Operations and Maintenance)

Presentation: Draft Budget 2016-17 Facilities (Operations and Maintenance)
Michael DeVito, presenter

Highlights include: Operations Analysis, Maintenance Analysis, and Contractual Salaries Analysis

These presentations can be located on the district website and in the office of the District Clerk.

Board of Education Discussion

IV. Board of Education Discussion on Work Session Topic

- Board Member Ryan voiced concerns about inequity of distribution of special education students amongst the elementary schools; Lindell has too many and Lido has too few; special classrooms were built at Lido for PT/OT.
- Board Member Tangney asked what we spend on security (\$1.2 million), more cameras (yes – upgrading and HS field)
- Vice President Mininsky asked if the equipment lost during the storm was covered by insurance (FEMA – must account for expense, separate ledger – spent \$100 million on preservation plan)
- Board Member Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito on his format of a series of presentations; asked what happens if HALB does not close (students could go to another school and we pay); voiced concerns about HS security (overdo it at night); asked if we look at allocation of services at each school (yes – constant dialogue with Principals); asked if the new fields required less maintenance (yes); is the maintenance person at administration a new hire (no).
- Dr. Ryan noted that there are 16 social workers and 8 nurses and none of them attended the hospital forums.
- Board Member Vrona noted the significant increases in the special education budget (yes).
- Vice President Mininsky asked about the Summit security contract (first year no increase – must pay prevailing wage); questioned the higher referral rate (parent based) and whether students just needed extra help or had real diagnoses.
- President Lester asked how many Island Park students we have (209); how many are special ed (25); whether that was a low percentage (almost the same); what kind of equipment was needed for special ed students (augmented speech); questioned the maintenance increase (preservation plan was for about \$100 million but district needed \$350 million); cost of Smart board (\$2,500 - \$3,000); cheaper alternatives (no).
- Dr. Ryan asked if TA and teacher aides were included in costs (no); the most expensive student cost (\$150K) and in-district (\$100K).

Questions and Comments from the Public – Work Session Topic Only

V. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Amy Powers – 408 Oceanfront – noted that Lido has 1.8 social workers, but does not get full use because Pre-K uses them; larger population at Lido/Pre-K (fewer special ed students and Pre-K is covered under Lido staff).

- Dale Greenstein – 522 W. Olive Street – asked if students took home equipment (yes), do we charge if students from another district cost more than normal (yes), and what do we do when districts don't pay (all paid up now).
- Joanne Rea – 90 Connecticut Avenue – asked when Common Core was brought in (2009-10, fully implemented in 2012-13); has it impacted special education (subjective).
- Gerri Maquet – 523 E. State Street – asked on average how many students are classified every year and how does that impact the budget (grows, no impact on already identified students, only new programs cost more).

VI. Board of Education Comments
None

Board of Ed Comments

X. Announcements

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1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – thanks for the presentation.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Karen Sauter thanked Michael DeVito and Sabrina Cantore
3. LBSEA Long Beach Employees' Association – Group C – Joanne Rea thanked presenters.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Thanks.

XI. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM.
Motion by: Board Member Tangney
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
March 31, 2016