

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 8, 2016

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach High School Library

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.

Members Absent: None

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

Call to Order/Pledge

I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board President

President Mininsky called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Report of the Superintendent

- Mr. Weiss reported that last night was a great night: carnival, homecoming and football game which we won 34-13. Thanked Mr. Epstein and staff, safe night, big crowd, incident free.

III. Presentations of the Superintendent:

1. APPROVAL OF DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION

WHEREAS, service was made on the District Clerk in Application of Weitzman, *et alia*, v. Long Beach City School District, *et alia*, Index No. 606835/2016, and the proceeding names several employees of the School District as respondents; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the proceeding arising from the exercise of powers of said respondents within the scope of their employment by the School District and/or the performance of duties of said respondents within the scope of their employment by the School District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811, David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, Randie Berger, Dayna D'Alessio, Aimee Teemer, Kathleen Casey, Joanne Rea and Raquel Lopez have submitted timely written requests for legal defense and indemnification in the matter; and

WHEREAS, the proceeding seeks no damages, but only pre-action disclosure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, Randie Berger, Dayna D'Alessio, Aimee Teemer, Kathleen Casey, Joanne Rea, and Raquel Lopez solely to the extent that their actions arose in the exercise of their powers and/or performance of their duties as employees of the Long Beach City School District, but not for any actions taken in their capacities as private citizens or out of their duties as officers or representatives of any collective bargaining organization and hereby designates and appoints Harris Beach PLLC to represent the School District and those individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend any other named respondent in said proceeding who timely submits a written request in accordance with the provisions of Education Law § 3811 or otherwise meet the statutory requirements for defense solely for actions that arose in the exercise of his or her powers and/or performance of his/her duties as an employee of the Long Beach City School District and will designate and appoint Harris Beach PLLC to represent those individuals.

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bodnar

Seconded by: President Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

BOE Comments – Additional Business

IV. Board of Education Comments-Additional New/Old Business

- Board Member Ryan asked about the pep rally (smoothly – 90% of students dressed in school colors).
- Board Member Vrona asked about band preceding football game (cheerleaders); asked about parent requesting crossing guards.

Board Member Vrona made a motion directing the Superintendent to send letters of support to officials on behalf of the school district in support of Mrs. Arte's suggestions regarding crossing guards.

Seconded by: Vice President Tangney

Approved: 5-0

Board of Education Comments-Additional New/Old Business (continued)

- President Mininsky noted that there was a survey done two (2) years ago that claimed it was unwarranted.
- Mrs. Vrona commented that since the cameras were removed people are speeding again. (Mr. Weiss mentioned changing the entrance and exits to Lido Complex). Mrs. Vrona's concern is for the safety of walkers/bikers not vehicles.
- Vice President Tangney asked if we changed a bus stop in East Atlantic Beach (yes).
- Dr. Ryan asked about signage at the Lido Complex (checking with architects); requested summer parking update (had security guards, notices effective, permits for golf course). Would like to continue to consolidate polling locations. (District Clerk will provide voting results from last election).

V. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

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VI. President Mininsky Called for Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Keith Harvey congratulated everyone on last night's success; events like that promote a sense of community; many teachers and their families in attendance; thanks for curriculum.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association –None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None
5. Student Organization – None

VII. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 9:28 AM.

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

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: _____

Carole Butler, District Clerk
November 10, 2016