

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2016

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Lindell Elementary School Auditorium

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Asst. Superintendent – C & I
Ms. Marcia Mulé, Director, Alternative & Adult Programs
Ms. Gina Reddock, Asst. Administrator, A & AP
Ms. Lisa Wright, Coordinator, Literacy Zone
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board President

Call to Order/Pledge

President Mininsky called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Report of the Superintendent

- In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Mr. Weiss read a proclamation acknowledging the efforts and commitment of our School Board.
 - CCPTA Co-Presidents Gerri Maquet and Jackie Miller, on behalf of all of the PTAs, presented the School Board with a gift basket in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the school district.

**Work Session Topic: Report on External Programs-
ADL, Continuing Ed and Saturday AM Enrichment**

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on External Programs

Presentation: LB Adult Learning Center, Continuing Education & Saturday Morning Enrichment – Marcia Mulé, Gina Reddock and Lisa Wright

Highlights include: Long Beach Adult Learning Center Mission Statement, Services, Our Students, Program Offerings, National External Diploma Program, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Town of Hempstead Department of Occupational Resources – DOOR, SNAP Employment and Training Venture, Literacy Zone, 1st Annual Career and Resource Fair, Parent-Child Home Program, Revenue 2015-2016, Actual Expenditures; Continuing Education – 25 Classes Offered, Revenue and Expenses 2015-2016; Saturday Morning Enrichment, Offerings and Revenue and Expenses.

Presentation is available on-line and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topic

BOE Comments on WS Topic

- President Mininsky complimented Ms. Mule and staff on its wonderful presentation; asked where additional monies could be found in the budget (rolled over into following year, deferred revenue).
- Board Member Vrona asked about the waiting list (15-25 for day; 35 for night - mostly ELLs who work during the day; every class has a waiting list); asked if the DOOR program was open to Long Beach school district people not just Long Beach residents (yes); how many students in the SNAP program (50-70 per year); union 1199 is no longer affiliated- on-line (doesn't need program); how many participants in Literacy Zone (200) and how do people find out about it (flyers, word of mouth, social media); how many people in the Parent-Child program (10 families – capped); completely funded (yes); is employee funding determined by state (yes); would expenditures increase with additional students (already had staff reductions); would more space increase classes (yes); needs to see space; questioned participants in continuing ed (fall and spring about 495; need flexibility for rate of wages for teachers; classes never run without making profit); asked about costs of staff in program (projected vs. factual); put “up to” on agenda.
- Vice President Tangney thanked everyone for the presentation which answered a lot of questions; noted that any time she walked into ALC there was a passion and dedication and pride; highest level of leadership; Ms. Mulé has expanded the program; it is her favorite graduation; great stories; what timeframe has the most students (lowest level at night since many students work during the day); asked if they had considered using a Long Beach school at night (transportation is problematic, need resources, dependent on school: they really need to have a home); split location won't work (no). Asked if we ever had an expenditure line in the budget (no need since they are self-funded).

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Topic

**Questions and
Comments from Public**

- Gloria Ferrera – staff member – 18 years ago fell in love with Adult Learning Center; got HS diploma; passed citizenship exam, now a staff member; pleaded for new home for program.
- Lena Walker – student - came to NY from Virginia during Brown v. Board of Education period; program means everything to her.
- George Richardson – received his HS diploma this week; grateful to staff, BOE; came from Jamaica with no hope and teachers showed him he could be useful; proudly posted his diploma on the internet; ALC is the best; wants to give back.
- Allan Payne – attended other programs but never received the attention he got at ALC; unlike other programs that only focus on those they expect to succeed; commutes every day from Rockaway; teachers extend themselves beyond their limits; they deserve better facilities.
- Ana Cabrera – started program in September; need to learn English; everyone helps you there; has a lot of dreams.

Mr. Weiss has been looking for a new location since Superstorm Sandy; trying to cut a deal with landlord; maybe tax break would help; someone needs to donate property.

V. Presentations of the Superintendent – Action Items

Action Items

Superintendent Weiss recommended in a combined vote Action Items V.1 and V.2.

1. APPROVAL OF STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

**Approval of Stipulation of
Settlement**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby accepts the Stipulation of Settlement Agreement between Employee 3671 and the Long Beach City School District, dated October 24, 2016, and authorizes the Superintendent and Board President to sign the Agreement.

2. APPROVAL OF DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUESTS

Action Items

WHEREAS, service was made on the District Clerk in Weitzman, *et alia*, v. Long Beach City School District, *et alia*, Index No. 607596/2016, and the action names several employees of the School District as defendants; and

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811, David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, Randie Berger, and Joanne Rea have submitted timely written requests for legal defense and indemnification in the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby agrees to defend and indemnify David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, and Randie Berger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declines to defend and indemnify Joanne Rea, as the allegations concerning her do not arise within the scope of her employment in or performance of duties for the District, but instead arise either in her capacity as a union official and/or individual capacity, as determined by the Board of Education and the School District's insurer, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints counsel assigned by the District's insurer to represent the School District, David Weiss, Sabrina Cantore, and Randie Berger.

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Vice President Tangney

Approved: 3-0

BOE Comments

VI. President Mininsky called for Board of Education Comments

- President Mininsky thanked Marcia Mulé once again for her insight; he was deeply touched by the student comments.
- Board Member Vrona thanked the PTA and staff for their gifts and their work.
- Vice President Tangney thanked the PTA and staff for their dedication and partnership with the school district.

Mr. Weiss announced the 1st annual car and tech show on Saturday, October 29 from 9 AM – 1 PM.

VII. President Mininsky Called for Announcements

1. Parent/Teacher Association – CCPTA Co-Presidents Jackie Miller and Gerri Maquet – thanked Marcia Mulé and the Adult Learning Center for their wonderful presentation and wished them continued success with their program; once again thanked the BOE for their work and dedication.
2. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey thanked the BOE for their time and commitment.
3. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Sean Murray thanked the BOE members for their partnership and vision, and for their hard work.
4. Long Beach Schools Employees Association –None

5. Student Organization – None

VIII. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM.
Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Vice President Tangney
Approved: 3-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
November 10, 2016