

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 26, 2017

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School Cafeteria

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

Members Absent: President Stewart Mininsky

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Asst. Superintendent – C & I
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board Vice President

Call to Order/Pledge

Vice President Tangney called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance in President Mininsky's absence.

II. Report of the Superintendent

Work Session Topics: 2017-18 Budget

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Preparation – HS Staffing & Special Ed

Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation: HS Staffing

Highlights include: Food Service Review, Future Capital Projects Review, HS Curriculum Review, HS Instructional Costs, NIKE program costs, HS program, HS teachers, HS Department staffing, 3 Year View of HS and NIKE

Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation: Special Education

Highlights include: PPS, Special Ed Services, In-District Special Ed Teachers, Speech Teachers, Contractual Services, Out of District Special Ed Students.

Presentations are available on-line and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topic

BOE Comments on WS Topic

- Board Member Ryan asked if summer school was included in the presentation (no); were projections made now for September (yes and extra monies allotted); supports an administrator being MYP coordinator, same with IB; asked for current enrollment figures by grade regularly; requested update on REACH which was grant funded at one time including quality and quantity of services; requested smaller class sizes; hoping that students transitioning from West School to Lido School are given ample notice; asked how that affects staffing (one less teacher); should discuss funding for special education with Assemblywoman Miller and Senator Kaminsky at upcoming meetings with them.
- Board Member Vrona noted the 2 year trend of double digits tapering off; asked about budgeted increase for the last year; expected greater decrease; asked about forecast on special education code.
- Dr. Ryan explained how difficult it is to forecast special education costs (i.e. new students move into neighborhood); asked where homebound teaching was noted (contractual, vendor codes); state needs to take burden off districts.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Work Session Topic

**Questions and
Comments from Public**

- Kim Miller – parent – contractual services line shows decrease but there is in increase in costs (student numbers not linked to costs)
- Alexis Pace – 660 E. Olive – consider additional transportation costs for move of West students to Lido; voiced concerns about lack of exposure to special needs students at West and East; offered to help.

V. Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Ryan reiterated his desire for a HS printed newspaper; electronic news had no articles on the election; only twelve (12) articles posted (lack of student interest in print; pursuing video media news program); suggested discontinuing print version of Connections (decreasing from 8 to 4 but BOE can decide to discontinue).
- Board Member Vrona noted that when she was on the Facilities Advisory Committee the issue of regulating the heat by opening the windows was mentioned.

VI. Vice President Tangney Called for Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association –President Joanne Rea asked about fiscal stress and how it is determined.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None
5. Student Organization – None

VII. Vice President Tangney called for a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 9, 2017