

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** February 28, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Executive Session

**Place of Meeting:** Administration Building Large Conference Room

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan  
Vice President Maureen Vrona  
Board Member Perry Bodnar  
Board Member Sam Pinto  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
Dr. Ayesha McArthur, Interim Asst. Supt. for C & I  
Mr. Timothy Mahoney, Atty, Frazer & Feldman

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

Motion to Go Into  
Executive Session

**Motion by:** President Ryan  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Bodnar  
**Approved:** 5-0

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:20 PM.

Adjournment

**Motion by:** President Ryan  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Bodnar  
**Approved:** 5-0

**Minutes Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Carole Butler, District Clerk  
March 14, 2019

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** February 28, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Work Session

**Place of Meeting:** Lido Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.  
Vice President Maureen Vrona, Esq.  
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.  
Board Member Sam Pinto  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
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Mr. Timothy Mahoney, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman

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

Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Ryan opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher congratulated Mr. Romanelli on his successful defense of his thesis (Dr. Romanelli)

- Presentation of Certificates
- *Fragments Literary Magazine 2018: Life of a Star*
  - Gold Medal with All Columbia Honors for Essentials from CSPA (*Columbia Scholastic Press Association*)
  - Gold Medal: All New York Empire State School Press Association Awards
  - First Place with Special Merit for Outstanding Theme from American Scholastic Press Association
  - First Class with One Mark of Distinction in Editing and Writing from National Scholastic Press Association

- Fragments Staff:
  - Maya Arengo
  - Uma Arengo
  - Alyscia Batista
  - Lauren Bulik
  - Paige Carpenter
  - Nicole Celis
  - Nicole Codianni
  - Tyler Collinson
  - Sarah Halley
  - Anna Xiao
- *Columbia Scholastic Press Association-Individual Awards*
  - Columbia Gold Circle
    - Thomas Miller –*Ramblings*
  - Fiction: Honorable Mention:
    - Daisy Willard-*Twisted Cinder*
  - Nonfiction: Silver
    - Jack Palmer-*Falling to Pieces*
  - Poetry: Gold
    - Sarah Halley *Thank You*
    - Jessica Thursland *C'est Mon Monde*
  - Poetry: Silver
    - David Newman *Claudia in Vernazza*
  - Specialized Content: Bronze
    - Maya Arengo *Quartet 1*
  - Layout -Single Page: Silver
    - Nicole Codianni
- Rachell Koegel -outstanding support for student achievement
- *Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars*
  - First Place District 1, Third Place in New York State
    - Saoirse Marx "Why I honor the American Flag"
- *Stranger Sagas Writing Contest*
  - Honorable Mention
    - Yashoda Jaikaran "Come of Age"
- *Lake Effect National High School Poetry Contest*
  - *Andrea Dispo*
- *Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Winners 2019- Poetry*
  - Uma Arengo, Silver Key, Honorable Mention "Will I Be Dirt" and "Pisces"
  - Benjamin Armus, Silver Key "E<sup>p+1</sup>=0"
  - Alyscia Batista, Silver Keys (2), Honorable Mention "A Summer Filled with Sweat," "Manzanilla" and Tu Amor es mi Vida
  - Samantha Breen, Silver Key "change"
  - Tyler Collinson, Honorable Mention "Vagrants and Vagabonds"
  - Jason Ferrante, Silver Key "Sun Drunk"
  - Matthew Landsman, Silver Key "Incarcerated"
  - Victoria Lugo, Honorable Mention (2) "Changing Colors" and "Los Muertos"

- Esther Molloy, Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention “Charcoal Woman,”  
Meu Fiho Nao e Meu” and “If We Could Make the Bluebells Look Right”
  - Jordan Moses, Honorable Mention “Clair de Lune”
  - Anna Xiao, Gold Key, Honorable Mention “When the Monsoon Rain Comes”  
and “Europe”
- Work Session Topic – Inter-Fund Transfers 2019-2020 Budget Presentation- Capital Projects  
and Food and Nutritional Services – M. DeVito, S. Lahey and J. Grillo, S Kamlet

Highlights include: Inter-Transfers, Proposed, Recently Approved and Prior Capital  
Projects, School Lunch Fund, Revenue and Expenses, Revenue Analysis

This presentation may be found on the district website and in the office of the District  
Clerk.

<b>Board of Education Comments</b>
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### III. Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Posterli asked about food service option 2 (not recommended).
- Board Member Bodnar thanked the presenters; happy to hear about deficit going down so  
we can put off any talk of privatizing; replacing middle school line is how much; HS comfort  
station – confirming that we received \$250,000 and are adding \$176,000 so the total will be  
about \$425,000 (yes).
- Vice President Vrona thanked the presenters; impressed with declining deficit in food service;  
net gain to school lunch fund – do we have extra monies (without subsidy of \$329,000); could  
we use a line item for the service line (for deficit); could we build one at Lindell for \$150,000;  
using \$250,000 for seats at Lindell and then at another point costs are \$350,000; replacing  
every seat in auditorium, why replacing carpet.
- President Ryan asked for an update on status of bulkhead at HS (waiting for approval of  
redesigned plan); security question in a good place (yes); food services presentation labor  
costs \$250k deficit to \$150k includes those costs (yes) thanks; dirtiest word in LB is bond – in  
terms of interventions, what if we did it one school at a time for AC; MS auditorium smell,  
could fans remediate stench (look into it); is HS sound system not capital; would like to hear  
from public.
- Mrs. Vrona noted that Blackheath work contingent on Town of Hempstead approval  
although we are paying for it.

<b>Public Comment</b>
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### IV. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public

- Tami Ackerman – 1 West Penn St – very excited that the district is putting in the budget for  
upgrades to the Lindell auditorium since many organizations also use the auditorium.
- Boris Livschiz – 136 Lido Boulevard – slide 14 profit on food service after Sandy, overcapacity  
of food service, trim staff; 21<sup>st</sup> century can we use more automation; attendance and  
planning, electronically for food service (help with planning).
- Corey McLaughlin – 117 Avon – feedback on traffic; president of Lido PTA, speaking for  
majority, we need it.
- Alexis pace – 660 E Olive St – please elaborate on pipes at MS; is it urgent; it is really hot shift  
in the past couple of years (priorities).

- Keith Harvey – President LBCTA – have not commented on line items yet but we sincerely hope that you move forward with the HS and Lido Complex safety plans as proposed (board decides priority after all proposals are made).

**V. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments Old/New**

**BOE Comments**

**WALK ON Resolution**

**DENIAL OF STUDENT APPEAL**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby denies the appeal from the January 22, 2019 decision of the Superintendent of Schools, following a student disciplinary hearing, regarding the student #18075 named in confidential attachment.

**President Ryan called for a motion.**

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

- Board Member Bodnar congratulated students and teachers on the awards tonight and congratulated students and staff on Fiddler on the Roof.

**VI. President Ryan called for Announcements**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. Long Beach Schools Employees' Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None
5. Student Organization - None

**VIII. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM.**

**Adjournment**

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

**Minutes submitted by:**

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
March 14, 2019