

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** September 24, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Executive Session

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Joseph Lilly Atty., Frazer & Feldman, LLP  
Mr. Al Chase, Interim Business Administrator

President Vrona called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:00 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

**Motion to Go Into  
Executive Session**

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

President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:50 PM.

**Adjournment**

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

## MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** September 24, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
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Mr. Albert Chase, Interim Business Administrator  
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk  
Members of the Public

Pledge/  
Opening Remarks

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

President Vrona opened the meeting at 7:02 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, thanked the staff for helping students through a tough week. Dr. Gallagher reiterated thanks to the LBHS and NIKE staff in particular.

Superintendent's Report

### II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Dr. Gallagher thanked everyone for their patience with communication. The District tried its best after verifying information. Staff members were addressing student and staff needs. There will be follow-up with Social/Emotional Learning, by standing, videos, and sharing. Refocusing efforts as educators and parents. We are grateful for the support of parents and PTA.

- **Presentation – Technology and Innovation -Dr. Romanelli and Dr. Kiley-Rendon**

*Highlights include: What is Innovation?, What It Looks Like in Education, The Research, Elementary, Middle School and High School learning and Beyond*

*Dr. Kiley-Rendon distributed merge cubes to the BOE members.*

This presentation can be located on the district website or in the office of the District Clerk.

**BOE Comments**

**III. President Vrona called for Board of Education Comments**

- Board Member Pinto was really impressed with the presentation: true learning with passion. It should be put on the website, especially the video game created by the student.
- Vice President Posterli was blown away; asked how all of this gets integrated into the full student picture when they already have IB, AP, etc. (interactive textbooks in IB, they can access the use of applications of merge cube; interactive approach. Dr. Gallagher noted that they are trying to build in systems with teacher input; must get the word out; shared spaces; collegial sharing; literally creating programs every day but not on a high level).
- Board Member Conway was also amazed; asked if all students had access (Elementary has innovation labs, MS has most students with video games, afterschool is Legos and Robotics, HS is about scheduling – K through 12 Discovery (all subjects); how many times per week (computer labs 1x with 6 day cycle but classrooms also have Ipads, Chromebooks, stations).
- Board Member Ryan thanked the presenters, especially for the merge cube. Need to use technology soulfully; attended Technology Committee meeting, noting Turkel at MIT, personality, technology and social media; cautions lessons learned from smartboards; be mindful of intersection of technology, social media and behavior; make sure there is learning and not just fun.
- President Vrona has trouble opening the Ipad; thought-provoking presentation; asked if teachers are using maker space and computer labs; HS – 11 students in robotics; asked how many courses/students (intro to coding, web development, IB computer class); plans for expansion of robotics (teams – 27 kids in extracurricular competing at Hofstra this year); loved quote on first page; love teacher innovation core; how do we experiment to determine usage (form goes to director; evaluates by checking in periodically); what makes ultimate decision (group collectively decides -mind maps across grade levels 7<sup>th</sup>); how do you manage the kids (student centered classrooms); how do we help with professional development with teachers who are afraid (take it slowly, optional, learn in a safe way); is there any student input (asking students to join district committees).

**IV. President Vrona called for Student Organization Announcements**

None

**SO Announcements**

**V. President Vrona called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only**

**Questions/Comments from Public –Tonight’s Agenda Only**

- Teresa McCarthy – 559 W. Beech St -thanked the presenters; we love to play; great way to learn; innovation labs, up to discretion of teachers; advocate for more innovation labs and less computer labs; MS game app – release for Parent/Teacher conferences; how do MS and HS choose their classes? Options for fall?
- Alexis Pace – 660 E. Olive St – loved presentation but skeptical; noted short story by Ray Bradbury – children and an interactive nursery; breakdown of communication; nice balance could be distracted if not organized; sixth grader – homework, Google classroom, lots of places have different information; streamline all tiers.
- Renae Ortsman – 84 Kentucky Ave – voiced concerns about screen time; takes away from

interpersonal interactions; meld old school with new school "literally building."

**VI. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Dr Gallagher recommended in a combined vote, Items VI.1 and VI.2.**

**VI.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of  
Personnel Matters: Certificated**

**Approval of:  
1. Personnel Matters:  
Certificated  
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**VI.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of  
Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated**

**President Vrona called for a motion on Items VI.1 and VI.2.**

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

**Approval of Personnel  
Matters: Non-Certificated  
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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Resignation**

Name: Stephanie Kornacki  
Assign./Loc: Probationary Art Teacher/LBHS  
Effective Date: September 20, 2019  
Comment: *Resignation from Animee Club effective 9/20/19*

**(b) Rescissions**

1. Name: Alison Clements  
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/East School  
Effective Date: August 25, 2019
2. Name: Kristina Ryan  
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/LBHS  
Effective Date: September 10, 2019

**(c) Leaves of Absence**

Name: Natasha Korzeniewski  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS  
Effective Dates: September 23, 2019-December 13, 2019 (on or about)  
Reason: Educational

**(d) Amended Appointment: 9<sup>th</sup> grade Team Leaders for the LBHS – 2019-2020 School Year- Stipend: \$1,923.16 per annum (per team)**

Team B: Tara Brady  
*rescind Jay Spitz*

**(e) Amended Appointment: Advisor for LBHS Co-Curricular Activity 2019-2020 School Year**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Anti Bullying Club	Geoffrey Noss <i>Rescind Kristina Ryan</i>	1573

**(f) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2019-2020 school year**

- | <b>NAME</b> | <b>CERTIFICATION AREA</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|
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**VI.2 NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Resignation**

Name: Margaret Holland  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/West School  
Effective Date: September 23, 2019 close of day

**(b) Rescission**

Name: Xianhua Chen  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Bus Driver/Transportation Department  
Effective Date: September 9, 2019

**(c) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week Start Date through June 26, 2020 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.**

Name	Building	Step	Hourly Rate	Start Date	Reason
Catherine Rochford	LBCRS	1	16.67	09/18/19	504
Destiny Hurt	LBMS	1	16.67	09/18/19	IEP
Hailey Shapiro	Lido School	1	16.67	09/18/19	IEP
Anthony India	Lido School	1	16.67	09/18/19	IEP
Ashley Rizzo	Lido School	1	16.67	10/01/19	IEP
Kettybella Fairless	LBCRS	1	16.67	10/02/19	504
Joanne Cobett	LBMS	1	16.67	10/02/19	IEP

**(d) Appointment: Part Time School Bus Driver (30 hours)**

Name: Rory Redd  
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Driver-30 hours/Transportation  
Effective Date: September 19, 2019  
Probationary End Date: September 18, 2023  
Salary Classification: \$25,827 per annum  
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 1  
Reason: To replace X. Chen

**(e) Appointment: Part Time Bus Aide (18.75 hours per week)**

Name: Nora Torres  
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation  
Effective Date: September 11, 2019  
Salary Classification: \$15.56 per hour  
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 2  
Reason: To meet a district need

**(f) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 19/20 school year.**

- |    | <b>Name</b>     | <b>Position</b> |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Davante Patten  | Cleaner         |
| 2. | Margaret Wagner | Clerical        |

**VII. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any**

- Board Member Ryan noted that he was very impressed with the Pre-K parents at the last meeting who sought solutions regarding bus passes being too confusing; when can we expect to see clearer bus passes (they are being redesigned and will be reprinted and reissued by end of October, November).
- Board Member Conway mentioned that there was a mess-up at the MS with some students taking the same classes for two years in a row (students review their schedules prior to the school year); when and how do we teach grammar (embedded into units, adopting program); remedial reading (started already). Great job on LBHS open school night.
- Board Member Pinto discussed the presentation he made, along with Mr. Epstein, the week prior on "heart screening" for MS athletes. It will take place on October 26. If slots are not filled, other students will be offered the service. Part of a \$400,000 grant.

**Questions and Comments from the Public**

**VIII. Questions and Comments from the Public**

- Alexis Pace – 660 East Olive St – asked specifics of the heart screening (questionnaire, professionals, EKG, heart sounds, ECG, referrals to cardiologist); spoke of adaptive bands for special needs children.
- Ms. O'Brien – if you want your daughter to be successful, set goals; great divide in MS; elite groups, but no special needs groups; adaptive bands might require an additional teacher.
- Renae Ortsman – 84 Kentucky Ave – students need unstructured play time; too much work and not enough fun in first grade (working on it); opposes religion in schools (tell principal).

**IX. Announcements**

**Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Co-President Tami Ackerman asked for presentations to be updated on website.

**X. President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Pinto  
**Seconded by:** Vice President Posterli  
**Approved:** 5-0

**Adjournment**

**Minutes submitted by:**

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
October 10, 2019