

MINUTES

- Date of Meeting:** January 26, 2010
- Type of Meeting:** Special Meeting and Worksession
- Place of Meeting:** Middle School Cafeteria
- Members Present:** President Lynn Gergen
Vice President Darlene Tangney
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Gina Guma
- Members Absent:** None
- Others Present:** Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent –
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Mary Tatem, Director of Special Education/Pupil
Personnel Services
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk
Members of the community

PART I: SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order – President Gergen

- ◆ Called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Praised the students' performances at the holiday concerts and commended the Music Department in its entirety.

Vice President Tangney, having attended all the concerts, also praised these performances

Call to Order

- II.** President Gergen called for public comment on tonight's agenda. There were no comments.

III. Dr. Greenberg recommended the following:

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Personnel Matters
Certificated**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel action.

1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Appointment: Probationary Remedial Reading Teacher

Name: Stacey Rice
Assign./Loc: Probationary Remedial Reading Teacher/Middle School
Certification: Initial Literacy (5-12)
Initial Literacy (B-6)
Initial Childhood Education (1-6)
Effective Date: March 1, 2010
Ending Date: February 28, 2013
Tenure Date: March 1, 2013
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$62,506 per annum) prorated
Reason: To replace Stacey Long

President Gergen called for a motion on item III. 1. (a).

**Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher
Approved: 5-0**

President Gergen called for a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:12 PM.

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

President Gergen called for a motion to open the Worksession at 8:12 PM.

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

Part II: Worksession

I. President Gergen called for Turf Field Discussion.

Dr. Greenberg recalled the meeting on December 8, 2009 when there was a lengthy presentation regarding the different materials that could be used on the surface of our athletic fields. Tonight's discussion centers on the renovation/restoration of the surface of one of the two fields – the athletic field behind the Middle School. The other field, the High School athletic field, will be considered next summer. We are at a point where the architect needs to prepare a bid for the construction manager. Dr. Greenberg asked the Board to indicate the preferred surface that the district could name in the bid specifications. After some discussion, the Board's consensus was that the surface they prefer is field turf. The bids should be out by February.

II. President Gergen opened the discussion on Board Policy.

Dr. Greenberg indicated we have all of the New York State mandated policies and he and his administrators will be putting together a corrective action plan that will be submitted to the comptroller within 90 days; this will include some recommended though not mandated policies.

The Board's policy review procedure was discussed. The procedure agreed upon is to go through the Policy Manual and prioritize in this way:

1. Policies that are omitted
2. Policies that need revision
3. Policies that should be deleted
4. Policies that should be added

Board Member Ryan referred to the Tobacco Policy as an example of a policy that bears a sense of urgency as it relates to chewing tobacco and how that will apply to students and athletes

Dr. Greenberg indicated a similar view on the Internet and Acceptable Use Policy to see that it adequately addresses issues that surface via Facebook.

III. President Gergen called for Public Comment on the Worksession Topics.

Mindy Warshaw – 15 Boyd Street

Expressed concern about the field surface choice

Commented on the procedures for updating the Policy Manual

IV. President Gergen called for Board of Education Comments.

Board Member Gallagher referred to a newspaper article on the increased use of heroin and asked Dr. Greenberg for more information on the District's approach to the problem. Dr. Greenberg informed that the District is actively engaged on this issue. Dr. Tatem informed the Board that she met today with Messrs. Restivo and Epstein and Ms. Cuttler on a district level and that she attended the Nassau County Inter-Agency Meeting at South Nassau Community Hospital today for the purpose of getting more agencies involved.

Dr. Greenberg informed that in response to LBHS student, Gavin Enright, two "Teen Night Out" events are scheduled. Dr. Tatem said that the District is working to expand activity possibly at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

Board Member Ryan emphasized the inclusion of Point Lookout and Island Park.

Ms. Linda Morgenstern, LBHS Co-President, attended the Oceanside meeting last week. She followed up by speaking to the presenters; information was worthwhile. Ms. Morgenstern and Ms. Cathy Musk created a website to contact them to share concerns and ideas on how to get the community involved.

Ms. Warshaw suggested that speakers address the subject with students.

Board Member Ryan emphasized the need to look at wellness – not to be reactive.

Ms. Andrea Wayne, CCPTA Co-President, informed that there will be a Collaborative Town Hall Meeting at the Long Beach Library with Dr. Dewey on March 16.

- V. President Gergen called for a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM.
Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Vice President Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by

Eileen Lilly, District Clerk
February 2, 2010