

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2020

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Vice President Tina Posterli
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway arrived at 4:38 PM

Members Absent: Board Member Dennis Ryan

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman

President Vrona called for a motion to go into executive session at 2:02 PM to discuss pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go
Into
Executive
Session

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Vice President Posterli
Approved: 4-0

President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 2:59 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Vice President Posterli
Approved: 4-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2020

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Audio – Phone-In

Members Present: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Vice President Posterli
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Members Absent: Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
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 3:02 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced that Dr. Ryan was not in attendance due to the loss of his brother, and congratulated the inductees to the National Junior Honor Society.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher announced that the Board was voting on the Budget Adoption today.

- Presentation – 2020-21 Budget –Final Budget Presentation with Revenue Projection
 - Presentation included the line-by-line budget

Highlights: JV hockey team restored, superintendent and assistant superintendents freezing salaries, cut travel/conference budget, capital projects, already in budget, are repurposed, prioritized student needs.

This presentation can be located on the district website.

BOE Comments

III. President Vrona called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Conway – thanked Mr. DeVito on the lean, student focused, budget; noted that the rainy-day fund will be helpful.
- Board Member Pinto thanked Mr. DeVito for the lean budget; voiced concerns about the unknowns.
- President Vrona thanked the staff, being sensitive to the community; sensible budget without cuts to mental health nor student programs; asked about state aid.

IV. President Vrona called for Student Organization Announcements

SO Announcements

None

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

- Danielle Karr – 10 Freeport Ave, Pt. Lookout – asked about cuts to programs/gym days (nothing affecting students has changed).

VI. President Vrona called for the Presentation of the Treasurer's Report for January 2020.

Treasurer's Report for February and March 2020

No action required.

VII. President Vrona recommended the Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions, Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 10, April 1, April 7, April 27, April 28 and May 1, 2020. President Vrona called for a motion.

Approval of Minutes - Exec & Work Sessions & Regular Meeting of March 10, April 1, 7, 2, 28 and May 1, 2020

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 4-0

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Presentations of the Superintendent

President Vrona called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Vice President Posterli
Approved: 4-0

Approval of:
1. Personnel Matters:
Certificated
Pages:

VIII.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

**2. Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated
Pages:**

President Vrona called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Vice President Posterli
Approved: 4-0

RESOLUTIONS

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

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Mindy Bloom
Assign./Loc.: Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2020
2. Name: Lori Burrell
Assign./Loc.: School Nurse/West School
Effective Date: June 30, 2020

(b) Resignations

1. Name: Joshua Yun
Assign./Loc.: Science Teacher/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2020
2. Name: Jeanne Renz
Assign./Loc.: Part-Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Date: March 27, 2020

(c) Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Serena Whitfield
Assign./Loc.: Special Education Coordinator/LBHS
Effective Dates: June 19, 2020-September 30, 2020 (on or about)
Reason: Maternity/FMLA
2. Name: Coleen Iobani
Assign./Loc.: Remedial Reading Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: Sept. 1, 2020-December 2, 2020 (on or about)
Reason: Maternity/FMLA
3. Name: Jeanne Larson
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
Reason: Medical

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Probationary Director of Science

Name: Cristie Tursi
 Assign./Loc: Probationary Director of Science Pre K-12/Districtwide
 Certification: Professional School District Leader (pending)
 Initial School Building Leader
 Professional Physics 7-12
 Effective Date: July 1, 2020
 End Date: June 30, 2024
 Tenure Date: July 1, 2024
 Tenure Area: Director of Science
 Salary Classification: \$135,000
 Reason: To replace Deborah Lovrich Schaub

(e) Appointment: Staff members to perform evaluations and attend meetings for summer 2020 as needed-Rate of Pay-according to contract-total maximum hours 150

Matthew Morand	Eva Mastrantuono	Dina Callahan
Paige Ankudovych	Stacey Durnan	Dayna Obidienzo
Janet Lotito	Maria Yaker	Darice Bynoe
Adriane Glassberg	Kerri Sinatra	Stephanie Mena
Samantha Lotito	Amanda Bernstein	Janna Arkow
Richard Rogers	Nicole Vasheo	Alison Vaaler
Thomas Gaynor	Jessica Chmurzynski	Seraphina D'Anna
Megan Scully	Daniel D'Ottavio	Maria Saraceni
Sherese Tronolone	Laura Ragona	Jeanine Sofield
Nicole Scorcia	Lauren Andersen	Stephanie Esposito
Denise Callahan	Gia Cody	Penny India
Susan Simons	Jackie Eiger	Tammy Neumann
Mariana Rotenberg	Kristin Basso	Rachel Lonergan
Jeanine Sorensen	Bonnie Scholfield	Gizelle Conroy
Jennifer Buonocore	Maria Arroyave	Laura Ragona

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Amended Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Marianne Bruno
Assign./Loc.: Bookkeeper/Business Office
Effective Date: June 30, 2020 close of day
Original Date: August 31, 2020

(b) Discontinuance

Name: Deborah Greenhut
Assign./Loc.: Provisional Library Clerk/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2020 close of day
Comment: Returns to Part Time Building Aide position

(c) Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Charlotte McColgan
Assign./Loc.: Account Clerk/PPS
Effective Dates: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
Comment: To accept another job in the district
2. Name: Ellen Stewart
Assign./Loc.: Account Clerk/Business Office
Effective Dates: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
Comment: To accept another job in the district
3. Name: Raquel Lopez
Assign./Loc.: Data Specialist/LBMS
Effective Dates: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
Comment: To accept another job in the district

(d) Appointment: Probationary Payroll Clerk– 12 months

Name: Ellen Stewart
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Payroll Clerk/Business Office
Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Probationary End Date: June 30, 2021
Salary Classification: \$58,993 per annum -Subject to negotiations
Grade/Step: Grade V/Step 14
Reason: To replace Deborah Gordon

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Probationary Bookkeeper– 12 months

Name: Charlotte McColgan
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Bookkeeper/Business Office
Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Probationary End Date: June 30, 2021
Salary Classification: \$58,993 per annum-Subject to negotiations
Grade/Step: Grade V/Step 14
Reason: To replace Marianne Bruno

(f) Appointment: Provisional Secretary I-Bilingual – 12 months

Name: Raquel Lopez
Assign./Loc.: Provisional Secretary I-Bilingual/Transportation
Department
Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Salary Classification: \$43,927 per annum-Subject to negotiations
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 7
Reason: To replace Judy Fishman

(g) Annual Re-Appointment: Lead School Nurse

Name: Mary Beth Thurston
Assign./Loc: Lead School Nurse/Districtwide
Effective Dates: September 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 (or earlier at the
district's discretion)
Stipend: \$9,443.69 per annum-Subject to negotiations

(h) BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby approves an agreement reached by the School District and the Long Beach School Employees Association for an employee discussed in executive session dated April 17, 2020

(i) BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby approves an agreement reached by the School District and the Long Beach School Employees Association dated May 4, 2020

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through VIII.8.

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – BOCES TECHNOLOGY

**Agreement – BOCES
Technology**

WHEREAS, in support of the New York State Education Department's Long Range Plan For Technology in Elementary and Secondary Education in New York State, Nassau BOCES and the School District are participating in Nassau BOCES' Learning Technology Project Planning service(s), shared cooperative services which build on the concept of curriculum-driven technology and cooperative learning, (herein "Shared Services"), and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to continue to expand its participation in Shared Services through the addition of equipment as listed in Exhibit A; which shall be connected to the existing networks within the School District, and which will be installed at mutually agreed upon sites within the School District (herein the "Participating Sites"); and

WHEREAS, the School District requires certain computer equipment, software and/or other services to participate in Shared Services within the Participating Sites, and such equipment, software and services constitute expenses necessary for providing educational services to the School District; and

WHEREAS, BOCES is willing to provide certain computer equipment and services to the School District, subject to and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the agreement with Nassau BOCES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

**Adoption of Budget
2020-2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$145,192,632.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF SECTION 1716 OF EDUCATION LAW: 2020-21 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

**Adoption of Tax Report
Card**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2020-21 Property Tax Report Card, with a budget of \$145,192,632 and corresponding tax levy of \$105,880,305.

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF REVISED LEGAL NOTICE

**Approval of Revised
Legal Notice**

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to changes in the date and rules of the School and Library Board election, the Board of Education accepts the modifications to the legal notice.

VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Acceptance of
CSE/CPSE
Recommendation**

VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

**Approval of Payment of
Legal Bills: Legal Services**

A) FRAZER & FELDMAN, LLP

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,033 to Frazer & Feldman, LLP for the monthly retainer for legal services for the period of February 1 through February 29, 2020.

B) THOMAS VOLZ

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,333.33 to Thomas Volz, PLLC for the month retainer for the period of February 1 through February 29, 2020 and \$207 for extraordinary legal expenses for the month of January 2020.

President Vrona called for a motion on Items VIII.3 through VIII.8.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Vice President Posterli
Approved: 4-0

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

Board of Ed – New/Old Business

- Board Member Conway thanked Dr. Gallagher for her parent outreach; asked about mental health help for staff (Compassion Center – PPS, mindfulness, yoga); asked if all students had wi-fi (available to anyone who asks – some students are disengaged); Cuomo needs \$61 billion from the federal government -please contact our representatives and request they advocate for the schools; names should be posted on website (Kathleen Rice promised to advocate).
- Vice President Posterli asked about the details of the upcoming board/budget election which is different this year. (will cost district extra \$30,000; absentee ballot only; posted on website; postcards going out.
- President Vrona suggested in addition to the website and social media, if the Herald has been involved (no); should we send a letter to the government about the costs (no reimbursement expected); willing to write a letter on behalf of the Board (no vote necessary); what are we doing about driver's ed (5 hour completion; no driving classes, negotiation with state; something will be posted on website); status of

message board (broken and turned off – needs outside electrician); graduation plans (2 meetings with class reps and HS administrators survey students requested, first week in August maybe but cannot do anything live; some kids off to boot camp in August. June 8 each senior and faculty in a car-walk on stage in cap and gown; will use photos for virtual ceremony. PTA had lawn signs made).

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

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None

XII. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey expressed his gratitude on the budget adoption; has the confidence of teachers.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – President Epstein thanked everyone for their hard work.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – CCPTA Co-Presidents Ackerman and McCarthy units busy working on teacher appreciation week; will be hosting virtual candidates forum using League of Women Voters; PTA continues to deliver food for 132 students; continues to accept donations; 3 days per week, lines of people, families in need.

XIII. President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn at 3:44 PM.

Motion by: Vice President Posterli
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 4-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
May 27, 2020