

MINUTES

- Date of Meeting:** March 8, 2011
- Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting
- Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Middle School Auditorium
- Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Gina Guma
Board Member Darlene Tangney
Board Member Roy Lester
- 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
Mr. Tom Ritzenthaler, CSArch
Mr. Robert Firneis, Savin Engineers
Ms. Mary Anne Sadowski, Ingerman Smith, LLP
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks – President Ryan

Call to Order

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, led community in the Pledge of Allegiance, congratulated PTSA including Mrs. Tangney and Mrs. Guma, for the HS Fashion Show, Jordan Ochs, Valedictorian and Sophia Xu, Salutatorian, and LB Ice Hockey Team on NYS Championship; discussed selection, screening process for Superintendent of Schools, and noted that the Budget Advisory Committee will be reporting at the March 22, 2011 meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Greenberg

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Greenberg welcomed everyone and encouraged public comments; preliminary screenings completed for administrative vacancies; two presentations this evening – proposed budget, still a work in progress until adoption on April 5, and the Lido complex construction. With construction starting in early April, wanted to give the community an opportunity to voice their concerns/suggestions.

Dr. Butera congratulated students on Odyssey of the Mind. All 3 elementary teams won 1st place. MS had 2 teams; One -1st place, other team 3rd place but won a special award at Regional competition. March 26, 4 teams going to state competition.

PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION – Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito

Highlights include: maintenance of all programs, use of reserve funds, staffing cuts based on enrollment and more efficient use of staff, and 0% tax levy increase. Presentation is on file with the District Clerk and available on-line.

Board Comments

- President Ryan noted that this is still a work in progress; voiced concern about fuel and gas expenses, snow removal was an increased expense last year.
- Board Member Lester questioned the increased cost of unemployment insurance, serial bonds, the extra cost to the district from the threat of litigation by the Lido Home Civic Association, and budget impact/class size.
- Vice President Gallagher asked about the comparison of excessing of teachers with other districts; student population change/decrease.
- Board Member Tangney asked about specific budget lines including custodial costs, overtime, security, clerical staff, shifts in coding, and absence of food service details.
- Board Member Guma suggested the possible use of our own security and questioned the reduction of substitutes.

Public Comment

- Steve Freeman – President LBCTA – impressive to present 0% tax levy; however asked for increase in budget to ensure adequate staffing, essential courses be maintained.
- Ellen Feldman- 68 Barnes Street – Representing BAC, thanked Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito for presenting budget and defined BAC composition and goals. Submitted documentation.
- Jeff Rabiner – 263 W. Beech Street – asked about stability of reserve funds; and adequate staffing for library/media center.
- Lynn Gergen – 511 Lido Boulevard – commended Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito on care of budget/monetary management but expressed disappointment in lack of line-by-line budget for public viewing.
- Julia Patz – 138 Lido Boulevard – as an art teacher, articulated her support for the staffing of art programs, creative thinking, and the Odyssey of the Mind.
- Damian Sciano – 453 West Beech Street – asked about the amount of reserve funds; discussed declining of student population; follow FAC suggestions including the closing of East School.
- Richard Schurin – 167 Jefferson Avenue, Island Park – asked the district to consider thinking more creatively in terms of monies collected from IP, specifically the transportation contract.

Public Comment (continued)

- Darlene Haut – 205 Blackheath Road – President, Lido Home Civic Association – voiced concerns over stadium size, costs, parking and safety. Their legal counsel is waiting for response from district.
- Brian Hassett – 14 Fairway Road – asked about the sale/availability of bonds.
- George Costello – 245 W. Pine Street – suggested that East School be closed and students redistributed to other elementary schools.
- Bill Snow – 733 East Pine Street – President, Group C – asked for fairness and equitable contract for Group C; 54% of members are part time, 73% residents of district; need settlement for budget projections.
- Joy McCarthy – 28 Wyoming Avenue – asked about K/Pre-K enrollment; need to know demographics and must make schools as attractive as possible so that people stay. Pay teachers, take care of our children and requested that no cuts be made to life skills program at HS.
- Lisa Mackay – 53 Curley Street – suggested that other elementary schools would become overcrowded if East School closed and property values could decline.
- Michelle Allen – 740 E. Walnut Street – questioned high district expenditure per student/student performance; requested formula.
- Jennifer Strauss – 27 Armour Street – concerned about finances/discontinuance of busing to Long Beach Catholic School for Pre-k.

Dr. Ryan polled the Board on the postponement of the Lido Complex Presentation but the Board agreed to continue.

LIDO COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW – Tom Ritzenthaler, Rob Firneis, and Michael DeVito, Presenters. Details of the project were presented with timelines. Presentation is on file with the District Clerk.

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

Board of Education Comments
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- Vice President Gallagher asked about utilization of swing space/timeline.
- Board Member Guma asked about switch gears and recommended some work be done in the summer when students are not in school.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only

Questions and Comments from the Public-Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only

- Mike Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – supports construction but suggested adjustments to construction working hours, concerned about pile driving, safety engineering consultants, height structure, and rodent extermination.
- Jim Youmins– 187 School Lane – questioned the restriction of fields/track during construction.
- Allison Barrett – 258 Fairway Road – voiced concern about screening workers, security, portable toilets, garbage, parking and eating by workers.
- Mindy Siegel - 45 Harrogate Street – recommended solar panels and going green.
- Brian Hassett – 14 Fairway Road – had questions regarding indoor/outdoor construction, holiday and High Holy Day construction, background checks on workers, and the trucking and delivery at the rear entrance.
- Karen McInnis – 102 Pennsylvania Avenue – recommended project manager do background checks on workers and/or sexual harassment training program for subcontractors.
- Jerry Hunt – 923 Oceanfront – would like contingency plan for children if air pollution and/or construction proves problematic.
- Jerry Moskowitz – 26 Reynolds Drive – suggested all school staff attend meeting re: concern regarding construction workers.
- Jill Butensky – 38 Fairway Road – is very excited about new construction and asked if the electrical systems will be upgraded to accommodate new technology.

V. Dr. Greenberg recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report for January 2011

President Ryan called for a motion.
Motion by: Vice President Gallagher
Seconded by: Board Member Guma
Approved: 5-0

VI. Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011 AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF FEBRUARY 8, AND 17TH, AND MARCH 1, 2011.

Approval of Minutes of Board of Education Meeting February 8, 2011 and Executive Sessions of February 8, and 17th, and March 1, 2011.

President Ryan called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Vice President Gallagher
Approved by: 5-0

VII. President Ryan called for Presentations of the Superintendent.

Dr. Greenberg recommended the approval of

- 1. Personnel Matters: Certificated**
- 2. Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated**

President Ryan called for a motion on the recommendations in Certificated Personnel and Non-Certificated Personnel.

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0; 3-1-1 (2.g); 4-1 (2.i)

Voted No: Board Member Tangney 2.(g), Board Member Lester 2.(i)

Abstain: Board Member Guma on 2.(g).

Presentations of the Superintendent

- 1. Personnel Matters:
Certificated
Pages: 6-8**
- 2. Personnel Matters :
Non-Certificated
Pages: 9-10**

Dr. Greenberg and members of the Board of Education wished Crescensio Morales best of luck on his retirement.

Tenure presentations were made for Stephanie Esposito by Mary Tatem and for Mandy Kovel by Brenda Young.

RESOLUTIONS

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

VII. 1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Crecensio Morales
Assign./Loc: Guidance Counselor/high school
Effective Date: June 30, 2011 close of day

(b) Resignations

1. Name: Deborah Luken
Assign./Loc: Full Time Teacher Assistant/high school-Nike
Effective Date: February 28, 2011 close of day
2. Name: Joanne Hammel
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school
Effective Date: February 18, 2011 close of day
3. Name: Nicole Maier
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school
Effective Date: January 13, 2011 close of day
4. Name: Patricia Firouznia
Assign./Loc: Foreign Language Teacher/high school
Effective Date: March 10, 2011 close of day

(c) Amended Request for Leave of Absence: Maternity

1. Name: Regina Scala Dean
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/middle school
Effective Dates: December 20, 2010-June 30, 2011
Original Dates: January 1, 2011-June 30, 2011
2. Name: Laura Borawski
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: February 25, 2011-March 14, 2011
Original Dates: January 12, 2011-February 24, 2011
3. Name: Alison Vaaler
Assign./Loc: Speech and Hearing Handicapped Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Dates: February 18, 2011-April 26, 2011
Original Dates: March 28, 2011-May 22, 2011

VII.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Request for Leaves of Absence: Maternity

1. Name: Jean Bogdan
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
2. Name: Tara Mele
Assign./Loc: Mathematics Teacher/middle school
Effective Dates: June 2, 2011-June 24, 2011
3. Name: Katherine McCullagh
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: June 3, 2011-June 24, 2011

(e) Request for Leave of Absence: Personal

Name: Beverly Monaghan
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school
Effective Dates: January 31, 2011-June 24, 2011
Reason: Pregnancy

(f) Request for Leave of Absence: Child Care

Name: Christina Stevens
Assign./Loc: Reading Teacher/Lido/Lindell Schools
Effective Dates: September 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

(g) Request for Leave of Absence: Adoption

Name: Claire Stanek
Assign./Loc: Social Studies/high school
Effective Dates: September 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

(h) Adjusted Leave of Absence: Personal

Name: Mary Carlucci
Assign./Loc: Temporary Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: March 14, 2011-May 1, 2011 (or earlier with medical clearance)
Original Dates: January 31, 2011-March 14, 2011 (or earlier with medical clearance)
Reason: Medical

(i) Appointment: After School ASD Program –Temporary Teacher Assistant– 2010-2011 School Year-Rate of Pay: According to contract

Anthony Gullo-substitute

VII.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL *corrected page

- (j) **Appointment: Special Olympics Coaches 2010-2011 school year- \$53.63 p/h**
Maximum 40 hrs each

1. Stephanie Esposito
2. Stacey Durnan

- (k) **Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for Spring 2010**

Name	Position	Stipend
1. Nicola Brugueras	7 th Grade Softball	\$4,595
2. Maureen Harker	Volunteer MS Gymnastics	N/A
3. Scott Hosemann	7 th Grade Baseball*	\$4,595
4. John Dunne	8 th Grade Baseball*	\$4,595

*Rescind John Dunne 7th grade Baseball

- (l) **Appointment: Advisors for High School Co-Curricular Activity 2010-2011 School Year**

Advisors	Activity	Stipend
P. Bruno/J. Gallinaro	Anti-Bully Club	\$2,949 split (prorated)

- (m) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2010-2011 school year:**

Name	Certification Area
1. Kristina Ryan	Initial Social Studies 7-12
2. Michelle Wolinsky	Initial Childhood Education 1-6

- (n) **Recommendation for Appointment on Tenure** the teachers listed below are eligible for appointment on tenure in the area and on the date indicated. They have been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory in their total professional performance.

Name	Tenure Area	Date
1. Stephanie Esposito	Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education	4/7/11
2. Mandy Kovel	Elementary	5/17/11

VII.2. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Annice Wilder
Assign./Loc: Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: May 3, 2011

(b) Resignation

Name: Frances Trivone
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: February 18, 2011 close of day

(c) Request for Leave of Absence

Name: Mary Kinsella
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/West School
Effective Dates: February 8, 2011-June 30, 2011

(d) Request for Catastrophic Leave of Absence

Name: Jose Garcia
Assign./Loc: Bus Driver/Transportation
Effective Dates: March 24, 2011-To be determined

(e) Amended Request for Leave of Absence: Maternity

Name: Allison Silverberg
Assign./Loc: School Nurse/Lindell School
Effective Dates: March 4, 2011-June 30, 2011
Original Dates: April 18, 2011-June 30, 2011

(f) Appointment: Probationary Cleaner (12 months)

Name: Travis Brush
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Cleaner/West School
Effective Date: March 9, 2011
Probation End Date: March 9, 2015
Salary Classification: \$34,190* per annum (prorated)
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To replace Christopher Genduso
*Subject to negotiations

VII.2. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(g) Appointment: Full Time Assistant Cook Manager/Pizza Maker (10 months)

Name: Dragoslav Karadzic
Assign./Loc.: Full Time Assistant Cook Manager/Pizza Maker/middle school
Effective Date: March 9, 2011
Probation End Date: March 9, 2015
Salary Classification: \$24,337* per annum (prorated)
Grade/Step: Grade III/Step 3
Reason: To meet a district need
*Subject to negotiations

(h) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide

Name: Clara Morrobel
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Building Lunch 15 hours per week/Lido school
Effective Date: March 9, 2011
Salary Classification: \$13.95* per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To replace Catherine Goger
*Subject to negotiations

(i) Appointment: Lifeguard for Competitive Surf Club 2010-2011 School Year

Advisor	Activity	Rate	Maximum Hours
Anthony Balsamo	Ocean Lifeguard/Substitute	\$25.00 p/h	as needed

Dr. Greenberg recommended in a combined vote, Items VII.3, VII.4, and VII.5.

VII.3 Dr. Greenberg recommended the ADOPTION OF PROPOSED POLICY NO. 6510P: RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE AND DENTAL COVERAGE.

Adoption of Proposed Policy No. 6510P: Retiree Health Insurance and Dental Coverage

VII.4 Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Approval of Agreement with the George Junior Republic Union Free School District

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with The George Junior Republic Union Free School District (“George Junior”) for special education services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with George Junior for special education services for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Chief Operating Officers to execute the agreement with George Junior on its behalf.

VII.5 Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH VHB ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, PC

Approval of Amendment of Agreement with VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, PC

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) entered into an agreement with VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. on August 24, 2010 for environmental consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the August 24, 2010 agreement to increase the amount of services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the amendment to the August 24, 2010 agreement to increase the amount of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute said amendment on its behalf.

President Ryan called for motion on Items VII.3, VII.4 and VII.5.

Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: President Ryan
Voted No: Board Member Lester
Approved: 4-1

Dr. Greenberg recommended in a combined vote Items VII.6, VII.7, VII.8, VII.9, VII.10 and VII.11.

**VII.6 Dr. Greenberg recommended the AWARD OF BID #882:
BOILER REPAIR.**

Award of Bid #882: Boiler Repair

WHEREAS, the District placed legal notice advertising a bid for boiler repair (bid #882) in the official District papers on February 3, 2011, and mailed bid documents to ten vendors; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for boiler repair, which bids were opened publicly on February 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Almore Corporation was the lowest responsible bidder on the boiler repair (bid #882);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Almore Corporation was the lowest responsible bidder for boiler repair (bid #882) and approves the award of the boiler repair (#882) to Almore Corporation.

**VII.7 Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF
DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT.**

Approval of Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposition of obsolete computers. These computers will be evaluated for the donation program or for disposal.

VII.8 Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSONS AND ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION ON MAY 17, 2011.

**Appointment of
Chairpersons and
Election Inspectors for
Annual Budget Vote and
Election on May 17, 2011**

BE IT RESOLVED, the upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the appointment of Inspectors of Election at the rate of \$72.00 per day, Polling Place Chairpersons at the rate of \$96.00 per day (8 hour day), Inspectors at nursing homes at the rate of \$12.00 per hour as well as \$15.00 per hour for the one-hour training session for the Annual School Election scheduled for May 17, 2011.

VII.9 Dr. Greenberg recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES.

**Payment of
Legal Bills: Legal
Services**

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$24,761.01 to the firm of Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011.

VII.10 Dr. Greenberg recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION.

**Acceptance of
Recommendations
of CSE**

VII.11 Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS.

**Approval of Use of
Schools**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools, as attached, not to conflict with District events. However, please note that events may have to be modified/rescheduled based on building construction schedules.

President Ryan called for a motion on Items VII.6, VII.7, VII.8, VII.9, VII.10, and VII.11.

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

VIII. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

Questions and Comments from the Public

- Jill Cherlin – Special Education Teacher – MS – is concerned about loss of great teachers; students will lose music, art, library; special ed students will have less help in larger classrooms.

IX. President Ryan called for Announcements.

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Steve Freeman
Zero budget is amazing, small tweaks could restore journalism, congratulations to Mr. Morales on retirement, congratulations to Stephanie Exposito, union rep for HALB and Mandy Kovel on their tenure.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Mr. Michel Richez
Congratulations to S. Exposito and M. Kovel on tenure, Morales on his retirement, Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito and staff, on budget presentation and plan. PPS Group supports proposed budget. Hopes that Group C and Board can come to an equitable settlement soon.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Mr. Bill Snow
Congratulations to retirees, tenure recipients, Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito on 0% tax levy; group will help bring out vote to pass budget.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Ms. Gerri Maquet and Ms. Jackie Miller
Thanks for the presentation, reminded everyone that budget is presented at PTA meetings. Questioned Pre-K, K Center, Lido playground. Great budget-- concerned that students continue to receive great education. Congratulations to tenure recipients, Mr. Morales. March 27, 2011, CCPTA is hosting Scholarship Brunch from 12-3 at Billy's Beach Café – proceeds go towards 12 graduating seniors' scholarships.
5. Student Organization – No Comments

X. President Ryan called for Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any.

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

- Board Member Tangney questioned cuts in programs and whether BAC would receive line-by-line budget.
- Vice President Gallagher explained that this budget was a result of 4-5 years of planning; was done using strategy. Thanks to the team; heartfelt sympathy for excessed teachers. Reminded everyone that budget process is on-going and he is looking forward to BAC presentation.
- Board Member Guma thanked Mr. DeVito and staff for their excellent budget presentation. Happy to see Island Park parent in attendance; will take a look at transportation issue. She also reiterated that safety is #1 priority. Congratulations to new tenures and new baby. Good luck to Mr. Morales.

XI. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 11:13 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk

March 22, 2011