

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2021

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: LBMS Music Room

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

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. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction

Absent: Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman

President Posterli called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:01 PM to discuss pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go
Into
Executive
Session

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:04 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 5-0

MINUTES

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Place of Meeting: LBMS Auditorium

Members Present: President Tina Posterli
Vice President Dennis Ryan
Board Member Maureen Vrona
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

Pledge/
Opening Remarks

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

President Posterli called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Posterli welcomed everyone and praised the High School production of Pippin and the Middle School Science Symposium.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher turned the meeting over to Michael DeVito for the Budget Presentation on Benefits, Debt Service, Legal and Insurance.

Michael DeVito presented the 2021-22 Budget Presentation on Benefits, Debt Service, Legal and Insurance. Highlights include in Benefits, State Retirement, Teachers Retirement, Disability Insurance and Medical Insurance; Serial Bonds and Other Debt Service; Legal Services, including district general counsel, labor counsel, construction counsel and hearing officer; Unallocated Insurance and Workers' Compensation, which is comprised of actual claims paid, 3rd party administrator fee and premiums for excess workers' comp; Transfer to Other Funds, including Transfer to Capital for Transportation, Transfer to Capital for Facilities, Unused Prior Transfer to Capital (originated from either a project that was planned and approved that the district decided to forego, or project

was completed with surplus funds remaining), Transfer to School Lunch Fund and Transfer to Special Aid Fund (school's share of summer special education program costs for in district and out of district students, plus transportation; Capital Projects.

Full PowerPoint presentation is available on the District Board of Education website.

III. President Posterli called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Vrona stated that, regarding insurance, there is little control over rate increases – isn't that basically true to most of tonight's presentation (yes)? Thanked the Board Capital Projects subcommittee.
- Board Member Pinto thanked Mr. DeVito for including photos of capital projects so that the public could get a better understanding of them . Asked how State Aid would impact the 0.83 % tax increase. (If we get more state aid, allows us to use less of our savings, or expand program).
- Vice President Ryan if we have sufficient cyber insurance, and Mr. DeVito stated that some of the sublimits are too low, working on an application now to increase them. Would auditors be pleased (yes)? Dr. Ryan also asked for a breakdown of the legal costs, and asked if disciplinary hearings are down this year (yes, drastically).
- Board member Conway stated with addition of pickleboard courts, the middle school tennis courts can be used year round. Asked how STAR funding will effect the budget, and Mr. DeVito replied that the State gives the district money reduced by STAR exemptions. If the State stops STAR reimbursements, the community would have to make up the difference.
- Board Member Vrona stated the budget will be adopted at the April 13th Board meeting, and Board member Conway asked for an additional meeting to review the budget. Additional meeting will be on April 7th (work session). Mr. DeVito will have more information on State Aid at that time.

IV. President Posterli called for Student Organization Announcements

None

SO Announcements

V. President Posterli called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today's Agenda Only

Questions/Comments from Public –Tonight's Agenda Only

- None

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

**Approval of:
Personnel Matters: Certificated**

President Posterli called for a motion.

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

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

**Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated**

President Posterli called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Vice President Ryan

Approved: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

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

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Patricia Nyman
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: March 25, 2021

(b) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the 20/21 school year

Position	Coach	Stipend
Varsity Hockey	Noel Henck	3972
Varsity Hockey	Keith Casey	3972

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Mary Ellen Condon
Assign./Loc. Secretary I/LBMS
Effective Dates: June 30, 2021

Name: Paul Contratti
Assign./Loc. Groundskeeper/Buildings and Grounds
Effective Dates: September 20, 2021

(b) Discontinuance

Name: Brian Horne
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS-COVID
Effective Date: April 14, 2021

Name: Brett Ramnarine
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS-COVID
Effective Date: April 14, 2021

Name: Jaclyn Imrek
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS-COVID
Effective Date: April 14, 2021

(b) Discontinuance (continued)

Name: Traci Taylor
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Aide/West School-COVID
Effective Date: March 23, 2021

(c) Leave of Absence

Name: Daphney Desamours
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Food Service Worker/Lindell School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
Reason: Child Care

(d) Appointment: Part Time Building Aide (17.5 hours per week)

Name: Derrell Tolbert
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Building Aide/LBMS
Effective Dates: April 15, 2021-June 30, 2021 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Grade/Step: Grade 1A/Step 5 (\$19.52-Subject to negotiations)
Reason: reduced in place

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2020-2021 school year.

Name	Position
Brett Ramnarine	Cleaner
Risa Centenni	Clerical

(f) Completion of Probationary Appointments

The staff members listed below have completed their probationary appointment and has received a satisfactory evaluation and is hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name: Lisa Marry
Assign./Loc.: Data Administrator/PPS-Lido School
Effective Date: March 27, 2021

(f) Completion of Probationary Appointments (continued)

Name: Dina Muratori
Assign./Loc.: Secretary I/PPS-Lido School
Effective Date: March 24, 2021

(g) BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby approves an agreement reached by the School District and an employee discussed in executive session dated March 11, 2021.

VI.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the FIRST READING OF POLICY #5633 GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS

No action required. Dr. Ryan volunteered to go through policy manual and make it gender neutral.

First Reading – Policy #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

VI.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #6410 STAFF USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES

Adoption – Revised Policy #6410
Staff Use of Computerized
Information Resources

President Posterli called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 5-0

VI.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #6411 STAFF USE OF EMAIL IN THE DISTRICT
No action required.

Second Reading – Policy
#6411 Staff Use of Email in
the District

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Items 6-8 together.

President Posterli called for a motion.

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

VI.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED DISTRICT-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN 2021

Adoption the Updated
District-Wide Health and
Safety Plan 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the updated District-Wide Health and Safety Plan 2021.

VI.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF SEQRA – LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AND TYPE II DETERMINATION

Approval of SEQRA-Lead
Agency Designation and
Type II Determination

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the LONG BEACH PUBLIC Schools (Board of Education) is considering improvements at the East School, Lido Middle School, and Lindell School, High School and Bus Garage

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes

EAST SCHOOL

1. Exterior Masonry Reconstruction and Cornice Replacement

• **LIDO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1. Asbestos Ceiling Replacement
2. Lighting replacement
3. Tennis Court Reconstruction

• **LINDELL SCHOOL**

1. Exterior Reconstruction and Cornice Replacement

- **LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**
 1. Roof and Flashing Replacement

- **BUS GARAGE**
 1. Window Replacement
 2. Exterior Building Replacement and Reconstruction

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Consideration Law, Article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1), (2), the "*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*", *replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*", are Type II actions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by John A Grillo Architect PC, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1), (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

VI.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE

Approval Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure
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WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that there is a need to undertake certain capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations in the District's buildings and facilities, to commence during the 2021-2022 school year ("Project") in an amount not to exceed \$4,904,800 as described in the District's 2021-22 Capital Project Report ("Report") on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that a proposition be presented to District voters authorizing the expenditure of available funds from the District's 2018 Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the district clerk to include the following proposition in the legal notice of the upcoming election and to place it on the May 18, 2021 ballot:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate and expend a sum not to exceed \$4,904,900, representing monies from the 2018

Capital Reserve Fund for the following purposes: school building and district-wide site improvements, renovations and/or alterations consisting of site work at Long Beach High School, including drainage, asphalt and sidewalk bridge installation; asbestos ceiling replacement and tennis court resurfacing at Long Beach Middle School; interior masonry work at Lindell Elementary School; interior column reconstruction and exterior wall reconstruction at East Elementary School; exterior wall and window replacement at the Bus Garage; ("Project"); all of the foregoing to include site improvements, furnishings, equipment, apparatus, machinery, demolition and other incidental work or improvements required in connection therewith, as well as preliminary and other costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education determines that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change is made to the scope of the Project. Because the funds to be expended hereunder are from the Capitol Reserve Fund, approval of this proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the district."

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Items 9-10 together.

President Posterli called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Approved: 5-0

VI.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN POLLING LOCATION FOR THE MAY 18, 2021 ANNUAL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

Approval of Change in Polling Location for May 18, 2021 Annual Election and Budget Vote
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WHEREFORE, the Long Beach City School District is currently divided into five (5) election districts, namely:

LINDELL SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
225 W. PARK SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
EAST SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
EAST SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
LIDO/MS SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
POINT LOOKOUT SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2604 of the Education Law, given that the polling location of the 225 W. Park Avenue School Election District is unavailable for the 2021 school election and budget vote, the Board seeks to change the location of said election district to the Long Beach Public Library, said election district to be named the 111 W. Park School Election District.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 2604 of the Education Law, upcoming school district elections of this School District shall be held in the five (5) election districts, whose boundaries and designated polling places are as follows:

LINDELL SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
LINDELL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
601 LINDELL BOULEVARD, CITY OF LONG BEACH

This election district embraces the territory bounded on the West by a line parallel to and sixty (60) feet westerly from Malone Avenue, on the North by Reynolds Channel, on the East by the center line of Lafayette Boulevard and on the South by the Atlantic Ocean.

111 W. PARK SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY
111 WEST PARK AVENUE, CITY OF LONG BEACH

This election district embraces the territory bounded on the West by the centerline of Lafayette Boulevard, on the North by Reynolds Channel, East to the center line of Long Beach Boulevard and South to the Atlantic Ocean.

EAST SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
EAST SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
456 NEPTUNE BOULEVARD, CITY OF LONG BEACH

This election district embraces the territory bounded on the West by the center line of Long Beach Boulevard, on the North by Reynolds Channel, East to the easterly bounding line of the City of Long Beach, and on the South by the Atlantic Ocean.

LIDO/MS SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
LIDO COMPLEX AUDITORIUM LOBBY
239 LIDO BOULEVARD, LIDO BEACH, NEW YORK

This election district embraces the territory of the area known as Lido Beach, bounded on the West by a line commencing due east of the City of Long Beach, on the North by Reynolds Channel, on the

East by the west property line of Hempstead Town Park and on the South by the Atlantic Ocean.

POINT LOOKOUT SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT
BISHOP MALLOY RECREATION CENTER
15 PARKSIDE DRIVE, POINT LOOKOUT, NEW YORK

This election district embraces the territory of the area known as Point Lookout, bounded on the West by the west property line of Hempstead Town Park, on the North by Reynolds Channel, on the East by the easterly boundary line of Point Lookout and on the South by the Atlantic Ocean.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this change of polling location districts for the purposes of voting on School District elections shall be effective for the 2021 Annual Election and Budget Vote and thereafter, pursuant to the Education Law.

VI.10 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF 2021 SCHOOL ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE AS AMENDED

Approval of 2021 School Election Legal Notice

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2021 School Election Calendar for the School Board/Budget Election to be held on May 18, 2021 as it appears with the materials accompanying the agenda.

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Items 11-14 together.

President Posterli called for a motion.

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

VI.11 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF RE-BID – BOILER REPLACEMENT LIDO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Award of Re-Bid – Boiler Replacement at Middle School

WHEREAS, the District placed a legal notice advertising a bid for Boiler Replacement at the Long Beach Lido Middle School in the official district papers on February 11, 2021, and provided bid documents to Best Climate Control Corporation, Dominion Construction Corporation, Hirsch & Co., LLC, JNS Heating Service, Inc., and Thermo Tech Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on the Roof Replacement at Long Beach Middle School which bids were opened publicly on March 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Best Climate Control Corporation was the lowest priced responsible bidder, see below, on the Boiler Replacement at the Long Beach Lido Middle School Bid;

BOILER REPLACEMENT BID – Opened 3/4/2021 @11:00AM	
Contractor	Bid Amount
Hirsch & Co., LLC	\$433,000
Dominion Construction Corp.	\$398,000
JNS Heating Service, Inc.	\$385,000
Thermo Tech Construction	\$358,200
Best Climate Control Corp.	\$324,483

VI.12 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID – ELECTRICAL RECONSTRUCTION

Award of Bid – Electrical Reconstruction

WHEREAS, the District placed a legal notice advertising a bid for Electrical Reconstruction at the Long Beach Lido Middle School in the official district papers on February 11, 2021, and provided bid documents to Andersen Electric, Polaris Electrical Construction Corp., and Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on the Electrical Reconstruction at Long Beach Middle School which bids were opened publicly on March 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Best Climate Control Corporation was the lowest priced responsible bidder, see below, on the Electrical Reconstruction at the Long Beach Lido Middle School Bid;

ELECTRICAL RECONSTRUCTION BID – Opened 3/4/2021 @11:00AM	
Contractor	Bid Amount
Polaris Electrical Const. Corp.	\$38,800
Andersen Electric	\$38,500
Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$21,000

VI.13 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS

Payment of Legal Bills – Frazer & Feldman, Thomas Volz

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 \$24,921.45 to Frazer & Feldman for legal services for the period of December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, \$3033.00 for monthly retainer for legal services for February 2021 and \$3033.00 for monthly retainer for legal services for March 2021.

B) LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS M. VOLZ, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3333.33 to the Law Office of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC for monthly retainer of legal services for the period of February 2021, \$3333.33 for monthly retainer of legal services for March 2021 and \$116.02 for February 17, 2021.

VIII.14 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

Approval of Use of Schools Applications

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 and/or rescheduled based on building schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
City of Long Beach Youth and Family Services	Summer Camp	Middle School Athletic Field #11 & #12 Middle School – Veterans Field	June 28, 2021 – August 20, 2021 Weekdays 7:00am – 4:00pm
Beach Baseball Camps and Clinics, LLC	Baseball Skills Training Camp	High School Alumni Field High School Baseball Field/Softball Field	June 28-July 9, 2021 Weekdays only 8:30am – 2:30pm
LB Ballers	Youth Baseball	Middle School Field 9 – SE BB	March 23 – June 30, 2021 Tues, Thurs, Fri 6:00pm – 8:00pm Sundays 9:30am – 11:30am
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Youth Lacrosse Camp	Middle School Veterans Field and Field House Bathrooms	July 5 – July 9, 2021 Weekdays 8:00am – 3:30pm

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

**Board of Ed Additional
New/Old Business**

- Board Member Conway asked about the greenhouse construction, and Dr. Romanelli replied that construction should be under way after spring break.
- Board Member Conway asked for clarification regarding regents exams, and Dr. Romanelli replied that the State is applying for a waiver from the SED and even if waiver not accepted, State will only be offering 4 regents exams this year– Algebra I, Living Environment, Earth Science and English. They would not be a requirement. Students who do take them will have option of having grade on transcript. Ms. Conway asked if that means that students don't have to take the regents if they don't want to? Dr. Gallagher said that's the way it looks at the moment, but reaching out to State for further clarification.
- Board Member Pinto asked how the CDC plan changes our plan? Dr. Gallagher replied that barriers are no longer required, trying to cancel the order, we are going to install what we do receive, reduces distance to 3', will still use barriers in cafeteria and other classrooms that require close contact, such as science labs. Social distancing requirement for musical instruments and chorus reduced to 6'. No impact on transportation.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public stated why West and Lido are being asked to once again be the "late schools", starting at 9:35 and ending at 3:55, puts parents and teachers in a pinch. Why asking same 2 schools to have to do that again? Dr. Gallagher said reduces stress on transportation department. Driver shortage across Long Island. Agrees it is not ideal, and will revisit it. Not set in stone. This member of the public stated it was not transparent (not intentional). Dr. Gallagher stated that information should not have gone out, since it had not yet been finalized. Board Member Pinto wanted clarification, it is not a Covid issue, it is a transportation issue (Dr. Gallagher said yes).
- A member of the public reiterated that the late start schools put a financial burden on parents – have to hire babysitters, etc.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey recognized the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto

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

Minutes submitted by: _____
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
March 23, 2021