

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** May 18, 2021

**Type of Meeting:** Annual Meeting

**Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Middle School Cafeteria

**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  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. For Personnel & Administration  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations  
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction  
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 9:50 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. PRESENTATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Presentation of the Superintendent

**II.1. Superintendent Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF VOTE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LIBRARY BOARD PROPOSITIONS, TRUSTEES AND BUDGET.**

The Superintendent asked the District Clerk to read the final election results:

|                    | SCHOOL BUDGET       |                    | CAPITAL RESERVE     |                    | LIBRARY BUDGET      |                    | School Board     |                    |                     | Library Board        |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Total</i>       | <i>Prop 1 - Yes</i> | <i>Prop 1 - No</i> | <i>Prop 2 - Yes</i> | <i>Prop 2 - No</i> | <i>Prop 3 - Yes</i> | <i>Prop 3 - No</i> | <i>Sam Pinto</i> | <i>Alexis Pace</i> | <i>Pamela Banks</i> | <i>Anita LaSpina</i> | <i>Luther Pedersen</i> |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | 1115                | 245                | 1115                | 218                | 1089                | 185                | 937              | 759                | 618                 | 912                  | 152                    |

Pursuant to Education Law, the District Clerk recommends that:

- a. The Board declares candidate Sam Pinto having received the greatest number of votes for the one position of Trustee of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Long Beach, to be elected to the position of Trustee of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Long Beach for a term of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2021.
- b. The Board declares candidate Alexis Pace having received the second-greatest number of votes for the one position of Trustee of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Long Beach, to be elected to the position of Trustee of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Long Beach for a term of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2021.
- c. The Board accepts the vote on the proposed 2021-2022 school district budget for the City School District of the City of Long Beach as approved.
- d. The Board accepts the vote on the proposed Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures for the City School District of the City of Long Beach as approved.
- e. The Board declares candidate Anita LaSpina having received the greatest number of votes to be elected to the position of Trustee of the Long Beach Public Library, for a term of five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2021.
- f. The Board accepts the vote on the proposed 2021-2022 Library budget for the Long Beach Public Library as approved.

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

**Discussion:** Board Member Vrona congratulated the newly elected School Board and Library Board candidates. Vice President Ryan also congratulated Mr. Pinto, Ms. Pace and Mrs. LaSpina. Dr. Ryan expressed disappointment at low voter turnout, and suggested reviewing the possibility of reducing polling locations at a future Board meeting. Dr. Ryan also congratulated the District Clerk for running her first election. Mr. Pinto congratulated Ms. Pace and Mrs. LaSpina, and thanked the public for their support and confidence in re-electing him Board Trustee. President Posterli also congratulated Mr. Pinto, Ms. Pace and Mrs. LaSpina and thanked Dr. Banks for her efforts in running. President Posterli agreed with Dr. Ryan regarding considering reducing the number of polling sites. Board Member Vrona also agreed.

**III. Adjournment**

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President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn at 10:57 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Dolan, District Clerk  
May 18, 2021