

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 27, 2021

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Library Multipurpose 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
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
Mr. Jack Vobis, President, Island Park BOE
Ms. Kathleen McDonough, Vice President, Island Park BOE
Mrs. Diana Caracciolo, Trustee, Island Park BOE
Mr. Ray Miley, Trustee, Island Park BOE
Mr. Vincent Randazzo, Superintendent of Schools, Island Park
Dr. Allison Offerman-Celentano, Assistant Superintendent,
Island Park
Mr. Idowu Ogundipe, School Business Administrator, Island
Park

President Posterli called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:00 PM to discuss pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go
Into
Executive
Session

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

President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

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

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Date of Meeting: April 27, 2021

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Tina Posterli
Vice President Dr. Dennis Ryan
Board Member 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
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Mr. Jack Vobis, President, Island Park BOE
Ms. Kathleen McDonough, Vice President, Island Park BOE
Mrs. Diana Caracciolo, Trustee, Island Park BOE
Mr. Ray Mile, Trustee, Island Park BOE
Mr. Vincent Randazzo, Superintendent of Schools, Island Park
Dr. Allison Offerman-Celentano, Assistant Superintendent,
Island Park
Mr. Idowu Ogundipe, School Business Administrator, Island
Park
Members of the Public

Pledge/ Opening Remarks

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

President Posterli called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Posterli congratulated the HS Varsity Hockey Team on becoming Nassau County Champions and to the Boys Volleyball Team for advancing to the Nassau County Finals; welcomed the Island Park Board of Education and Administration and members of the public.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Gallagher stated that over the last year and a half, we have been doing a lot of work regarding setting a common vision, what we want our student graduates to do and be when they leave Long Beach High School. The Curriculum Committee was focused on setting a "Profile of a Graduate" – qualities we want our graduates to have. Dr. Gallagher then asked Dr. Romanelli to present this evening's presentation, "Profile of a Graduate".
- Dr. Romanelli gave some background on past years; started off last year reading the book ' "What Schools Could Be", looked at the best work being done in schools across the country. Discussions led to a Long Beach Teacher Innovation Corp.
- Curriculum Committee focused around how we prepare an educational system that prepares our students for the future. Committee read many articles, many discussions; Google study – most important characteristics were "soft skills", like being a problem solver, critical thinking skills, communication skills. The "Profile" will be used as a "North Star", focused on ensuring that our students graduate as hard working, independent and resilient critical thinkers, equipped with strong self-management and conflict resolution skills, will be effective communicators and will embrace effective technology as it develops while keeping an open mind and valuing diverse perspectives.

Full PowerPoint presentation is available on the District Board of Education website and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. President Posterli called for Board of Education Discussion on Work Topic

BOE Discussion

- Board Member Conway asked how we can ensure that this will be presented equitably across the district. Dr. Romanelli replied, video explanations on the website, visiting buildings, team will share information across the district. Ms. Conway stated she thinks it's wonderful that it starts with Pre K.
- Vice President Ryan stated 10 years ago, didn't understand why the district had to write a mission statement. The "Profile" should align with the mission statement. Dr. Romanelli replied that that is definitely something the committee is going to look into. Dr. Ryan said he had issue with "comfortable with technology" – would like the word "balance" in the "Profile"; Dr. Ryan concerned that literacy is not included in the "Profile", in particular financial literacy. Dr. Romanelli agreed that "balance" should be added.
- Board Member Pinto agreed with Dr. Ryan regarding financial literacy; doesn't see "responsibility" in the "Profile"; looking forward to how this will be developed/satisfied against the structure of the State mandates.
- President Posterli asked what an example of a program that would support the "Profile". Dr. Romanelli replied we would look to ensure students have opportunities for independent learning, for example. Ms. Posterli asked how would this be measured for each student? Dr. Romanelli replied that the first step would be to look at each student's self-assessment and use it as a baseline for assessment.

IV. President Posterli called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Work Session Topic Only

Questions/Comments from Public –Work Session Topic Only

- None

V. President Posterli called for Board of Education New/Old Business, if any.

BOE New/Old Business

- Board Member Ryan thanked Dr. Kiley-Rendon for being at the meeting and assisting with technology, and asked Dr. Gallagher for an update on Summer School. Dr. Gallagher stated they have selected the Summer School Principal – Dr. Romanelli added that there are 2 separate summer school programs - Math Literacy 2-8 and traditional grades 6-12 for students who need it to pass the course. No projected enrollment numbers right now, but are inviting at least 100 students per grade level to attend.
- Board Member Vrona stated there are budget presentations on the website; what are the plans for the videos? Mr. DeVito stated there should have been a social media “blast” to make sure the community is aware. Also presenting to all of the PTA’s via Zoom Thursday at 7pm.
- Board Member Pinto thanked Dr. Kiley-Rendon for YouTube rollout. Asked about elementary start times - 9:10am – 3:30pm for all elementary schools. Board Member Pinto asked about the full time student rollout; Dr. Gallagher said it went well. Board Member Pinto asked about construction costs of projected capital projects; Mr. DeVito replied that architect included escalation cost in proposals.
- Board Member Conway also concerned about financial literacy; Dr. Gallagher stated there are already classes students can take, but there are plans to provide students with more opportunities to be introduced to these topics. Board Member Conway asked what is in place for our Senior to make the end of year memorable? Dr. Gallagher replied the High School Team has worked hard to make sure they have provided multiple ways to have a great last few weeks, ie, prom on the beach, outdoor graduation, potential senior trip, renting wedding tent to have end of year ceremonies.

VII. Questions and Comments from the Public

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- None

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – Welcomed the Island Park School Board and Administration.
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 the regular portion of the work session and go into executive session at 8:04 PM.

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

President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:17 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
April 27, 2021