

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2021

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Vice President Anne Conway
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Sam Pinto

Absent: Board Member Alexis Pace

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Board member Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:30 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:50 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2021

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Vice President Anne Conway
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Alexis Pace

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC
Ms. Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Dr. Ryan thanked the PTAs for their gifts in honor of School Board Recognition Week and thanked them for their support. Tami Ackerman of Central Council PTA thanked the Board for their leadership and for their dedication and hard work. Dr. Ryan also thanked the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association for their gift; Keith Harvey of the LBCTA thanked the Board for the work towards meeting the needs of the students. Dr. Ryan also remarked what a nice celebration last week's Homecoming and subsequent Wall of Fame Induction was. Five first responders were recognized.

Superintendent's Report

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Dr. Gallagher introduced Dr. Radice, Director of Literacy, to present The Writing Process presentation. Dr. Radice started with the elementary grades; highlights include a comparison of writers and teachers in Year 1 of the Teachers College Writing Units of Study Implementation (2020-21) and Year 2 (2021-22), engaging in process with a purpose (grades K-2 and grades 3-5), publishing student work as a time for writers to celebrate, reviewed tools to support writers during the writing process, such as anchor charts, classroom space, teacher demonstrations. Dr. Radice then discussed the secondary grades; highlights include a comparison of writers and teachers in Year 1 of the Teachers College Writing Units of Study Implementation (2020-21) and Year 2 (2021-22), described the process of launching the Teachers College Writing Units of Study, how work is supported in grades 7-12, such as with goal-setting conferences to begin the school year. Dr. Radice described the "New Research Trajectory" for grades 9-12, students will engage in the research process in content area classes. Dr. Radice described the course Writing Graphic Novels, with the visit by author Jerry Craft, and

the Journalism course, where writers simulate a publication career environment in class. Lastly, she described the Writing Seminar course, noting a partnership with Nassau Community College; Long Beach students were recognized in a recent article in Education Leadership magazine.

The Writing Process in Long Beach Public Schools presentation is on the District Website and in the Office of the District Clerk.

Dr. Radice presented a Student Showcase video of students describing what it is like to be writers in Long Beach Public Schools.

The Student Showcase Presentation on The Writing Process is on the District Website.

BOE Comments

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Vice President Conway asked Dr. Radice if she has all of the resources she needs, and Dr. Radice replied each year classroom libraries should be updated, so that is a continuous resource that is needed, but at the start of this school year, the students have everything they need, classroom libraries look beautiful. Mrs. Conway asked how much time students have to participate in writing and Dr. Radice replied 45 minutes. Mrs. Conway asked what other positive changes has she seen and Dr. Radice replied that student voice, they talk about their process and the students have identities as readers and writers. Mrs. Conway asked about the Nassau Community College, Dr. Radice replied they looked at the remedial program at NCC to implement changes at the high school level so students can enter college at college level. Dr. Gallagher stated they are trying to align their 12th grade writing course so students can receive 6 SUNY credits.
- Mrs. Vrona if we are only doing that with NCC with the ENL students? Dr. Radice replied that all of the 12 grade students can participate. Mrs. Vrona happy to see grammar is included in the writing program and asked if students are learning cursive writing, and Dr. Radice replied yes, in third grade.
- Board Member Pinto asked how we are preserving the tangible skill of writing, and Dr. Radice replied that the teachers in the language department “embrace print”.
- Board President Ryan said that he had expressed doubt in implementing the Teachers Writing program during Covid, and Dr. Radice stated that they were extremely instrumental in staff development. Dr. Ryan also remarked on the importance of the short essay, and Dr. Radice stated that they are part of Regents Exams. Dr. Ryan asked if students are getting enough opportunities for writing within the LARC program, and Dr. Radice replied that writing is integrated into LARC.

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

None.

**Student Organization
Announcements**

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

- None

**Questions/Comments from Public –
Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only**

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes of Executive Session and Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021

Approval of Minutes for Exec Session & Reg. Meeting of October 12, 2021

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Gallagher asked the District Clerk to read the Resolution regarding the appeal of a student suspension:

Determination of Suspension Appeal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby denies the appeal of the suspension of a student identified in Confidential Attachment "A" dated October 22, 2021 and authorizes the Board President to notify the parent of its decision in writing.

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

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

Presentations of the Superintendent Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

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

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Vice President Conway

Discussion: Dr. Ryan asked what is the Choose Love Formula and Dr. Romanelli replied that is the theme of our ESL Program that was rolled out in the elementary, middle and high School. Dr. Ryan commented that we consider offering the music programs some enrichment.

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) **Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week Start date through June 24, 2022 (or earlier at the district’s discretion). Rate according to contract.**

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	Start Date
Susan Buckles	1	18.26	LBHS	IEP	10/27/21

- (b) **Appointment: School Enrichment Program Instructors for the 2021/2022 School Year-rate of pay \$76.76 per hour-maximum 10 hours each-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant**

Instructors	Class	School
Gina Patronaggio	Escape the Classroom (2)	East
Victoria Stanishia	Harry Potter-Reading, Creation and Engineering	Lido
Beth Prostick	The Chose Love Formula	Lido
Eileen Bauer	Book Talk	East

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (a) **Resignation**

Name: Ilda Borja
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation Department
Effective Date: October 13, 2021close of day

- (b) **Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week Start date through June 24, 2022 (or earlier at the district’s discretion). Rate according to contract.**

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	Start Date
Nick Comando	1	17.09	LBHS	IEP	10/27/21
Owen Sculley	1	17.09	LBHS	IEP	10/27/21
Samantha Siderakis	1	17.09	LBMS	IEP	10/27/21

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (c) **Appointment: Probationary Data Specialists (10 months)**

Name: Diane Dilello
Assign./Loc.: Data Specialist 10 months/West School
Effective Date: October 25, 2021
Probationary End Date: October 24, 2022
Salary Classification: \$31,013 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Name: Danielle DeStefano
Assign./Loc.: Data Specialist 10 months/East School
Effective Date: October 25, 2021
Probationary End Date: October 24, 2022
Salary Classification: \$31,013 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Leave of absence from aide position through 6/30/22

(d) Appointment: School Bus Drivers (30 hours)

Name: Yovany Rivas
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver-30 hours/Transportation
Effective Date: November 1, 2021
Probationary End Date: October 31, 2025
Salary Classification: \$31,225 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Name: Andrew Mesnick
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver-30 hours/Transportation
Effective Date: November 1, 2021
Probationary End Date: October 31, 2025
Salary Classification: \$31,225 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Part Time Food Service Worker 17.5 hours per week

Name: Steven Schecter
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Food Service Worker/LBHS
Effective Dates: October 27, 2021
Grade/Step: Grade 1/Step 6
Salary Classification: \$15.77 per hour
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Part Time Bus Aide 18.75 hours per week

Name: Gary Telus
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation Department
Effective Date: November 1, 2021
Grade/Step: Grade 1/Step 1
Salary Classification: \$17.07 per hour
Reason: To meet a district need

(g) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2021-2022 school year.

Name	Position
Joseph Delaney	Cleaner
Christopher Costanza	Cleaner
Ilda Borja	Bus Aide

(h) Completion of Probationary Appointments

The staff member listed below has completed her probationary appointment and has received a satisfactory evaluation and are hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name: Kerry Ennis
Assign./Loc.: Senior Data Specialist/PPS

Effective Date: October 27, 2021

VII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the WAIVER AND ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #3280 PUBLIC USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Waiver and Adoption of
Revised Policy #3280
Public Use of Schools

WHEREAS, it is the customary practice of the Board of Education to have three readings of a policy prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt Policy #3280 Public Use of Facilities on an expedited basis so that such policy will be effective immediately;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby waives the Board's customary practice of three readings prior to the adoption of revised policy and adopts Policy #3280 Public Use of School Facilities, incorporated by reference in the minutes of this meeting, after discussion and reading at two Board meetings.

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Conway

Seconded by: Board President Ryan

Discussion: Board Member Vrona asked what happens to the fees that are collected for Use of School and Mr. DeVito replied that they go into the General Fund, covers additional costs for cleaning.

Approved: 5-0

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VII.4 through VII.6.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Discussion:

Approved: 5-0

VII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Payment of Legal Bills:
Volz & Vigliotta, Frazer &
Feldman

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$4,583.33 to Volz & Vigliotta for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021; \$4,254.56 for general counsel legal services for the period September 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021; \$3,458.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period of November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021; and \$3,409.32 for labor counsel legal services for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 29, 2021.

B) FRAZER & FELDMAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized expenditures in the amount of \$5,974.60 to Frazer and Feldman for professional legal services for the period of July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 and \$9,342.65 for professional legal services for the period of July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

VII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of CSE/CPSE Recommendations
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VII.6 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/rescheduled based on building schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Lido Beach Civic Association	LBCA Board Meetings	Lido Elementary Library/Media Center	Mondays Various Dates 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Super Soccer Stars	Youth Soccer Classes	Lido Elementary Gymnasium	Saturdays Dec. 11, 2021 – March 12, 2022
Oceanside Schools	Swim Meet	High School Pool	Wednesday January 5, 2022 7:00pm – 9:30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	AA Meetings	West End Community Center	Thursdays July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 6:00pm – 8:30pm

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Long Beach Bulldogs	Football Fundraiser	Middle School Veterans Field	Saturday November 27, 2021 8:00am – 4:00pm
City of Long Beach	Civil Service Exam	High School Rooms 317, 318, 319, 320, 326, 327, 328, 329	Saturday December 11, 2021 8:00am – 3:00pm
Girls Scouts Troop 2292	Troop Meetings	West School Cafeteria	Thurs. October 28, 2021 Mon. November 8, 2021 Wed. January 12, 2022

Board of Ed – Additional Comments
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VIII. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any

- Vice President Conway asked how the high school roof holding up, and Mr. DeVito replied not as good as we would like, there is still some leaking due to heavy rains, been able to better identify source of leak, will help contractor resolve issue, contractor is still under warranty. Mrs. Conway asked about the Girls' bathroom doors, and Mr. DeVito replied that new partitions were ordered and should be installed by end of week. Mrs. Conway asked if there has been any response to the letter regarding mask mandates (No).
- Board Member Vrona spoke to the Executive Director of NYSSBA regarding NASB, and determined that no input from them was sought, and that no state level School Board Associations were asked for their input regarding the NASB letter sent to Department of Justice and that it was an internal management decision. Mrs. Vrona asked about rescheduling a board meeting at West School? (Yes). Mrs. Vrona stated that the we are decreasing the number of polling locations to 3 and that further information will be provided.
- Board Member Pinto asked if Mr. DeVito can get back to the Board regarding how the change in Foundation Aid will impact the district.

IX. Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public asked how to find locations of Board meetings, and Dr. Gallagher stated it is on the district website, but that she will be putting up a template for parents to navigate the website more easily. This member of the public expressed concern over the mask mandate and decrease in outdoor time as colder weather approaches.
- A member of the public asked about Erin's Law and asked how it will be implemented and how parents will be notified about what topics will be covered, and Dr. Romanelli replied that it is law passed in NYS intended to help children, teachers and parents identify sexual abuse. It requires schools to teach about sexual abuse and to have a K-8 curriculum, which is posted on the Curriculum and Instruction website. The PPS department will be offering parent workshops on this in late October. Many of these lessons are addressed as part of the Health curriculum.
- A member of the public expressed concern that the parent teacher conferences will be virtual and that Google Classroom and SchoolTool grades are not up to date.
- A member of the public thanked Mrs. Ackerman for her comments and stated that it's so important for parents to be in the building for parent teacher conferences.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey thanked the School Board in honor of School Board Recognition Week. Happy to announce over \$67,00 in Making Strides in Breast Cancer. There will be a "pink-out", students and athletes will wear pink to raise awareness and raise money for breast cancer.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Dr. Radice also thanked the Board.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association - None

President Ryan called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

Executive Session

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

All five (5) members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools were in attendance for Executive Session.

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: _____
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
October 26, 2021