

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 26, 2022

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School Faculty Room

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

Absent: Board Member Sam Pinto

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 President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:45 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:54 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board President Ryan
Seconded by: Board Vice President Conway
Approved: 4-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 26, 2022

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School Gymnasium

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

Absent: Board Member Sam Pinto

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. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Dr. Ryan called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00pm and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed everyone back from the spring break. Dr. Ryan also stated that Mr. Pinto sends his regrets in being absent from tonight's meeting due to a death in the family.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that tonight's Student Showcase was "No Place for Hate" and "Names, Not Numbers". Dr. Gallagher stated that both the high school and middle school have been designated as "No Place for Hate" schools. Dr. Gallagher also stated that, for the first time, our high school is engaged in a program called "Names, Not Numbers", a unique program where students interview holocaust survivors. Ms. Beard and Mr. Lewin introduced the middle school students involved in the "No Place for Hate" program. One project included the presentation of a book "I Am Human", a picture book on empathy. Mr. Noss, the advisor for the Anti-Bullying Club at the high school, introduced high school students involved in "No Place for Hate"; a student read the pledge taken by all students in the Anti-Bullying Club, and described various projects and events to bring awareness to tolerance and acceptance of all. Mr. Noss then introduced several high school students involved in "Names, Not Numbers" and their experiences in interviewing holocaust survivors.

Dr. Gallagher then introduced Mr. DeVito, who presented on Federal Grants, specifically, an update on American Rescue Plan Funding. Highlights of the use of the grant funds include In School and After School enrichment, student support by funding an Assistant Director of Special Education; student engagement, with Camp Intervention, Cold Spring Harbor Lab programs, Spaceflight Experiments, and Crew Team; Ventilation upgrades, repair of seven HVAC units in the high school; instructional support in the form of a fully enclosed greenhouse, elementary greenhouses, a plasma cutter and a CNC router.

The Presentation "American Rescue Plan Funding" is on the District Website and available in the office of the District Clerk.

BOE Comments

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Pace stated how impressed she was by all who presented; loved the collaboration with other groups as well.
- Board Vice President Conway stated that she admires the students who spoke so eloquently and passionately.
- Board President Ryan stated that he was disappointed that there was nothing allocated in the grant for reading and math.
- Board member Vrona asked about the hiring of teachers in the grant, do they know they are being hired as "grant funded", and Dr. Gallagher replied that any teacher that is hired, there is always attrition, and that some teachers that move into the grant funded programs are long standing tenured teachers, who would move back to their previous positions if the programs expire.
- Board Member Pace feels that the grant funded initiatives treat the whole child, and sees much academics in the programs.
- Board Vice President Conway asked how many social workers are covered in this grant and Mr. DeVito replied one.

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

- A member of the public asked about tutoring.

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: BOCES Operations
Budget and Election of Candidates

**VI.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of BOCES VOTE –
NASSAU BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES VOTES**

A) APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2022/23 school year (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2022/23 school year in the amount of twenty-three million, seven hundred eighty eight thousand, three hundred seventy three dollars (\$23,788,373) be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

B) ELECTION OF THREE CANDIDATES ON THE NASSAU BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (“Nassau BOCES”)

RESOLVED, that the Board of education of the Long Beach City School District hereby votes for the following candidates to fill three vacancies on Nassau BOCES:

Ronald Ellerbe Fran Langsner Robert Schoen

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Conway

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 4-0

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of items 2-4.

Approval of Budget Transfers

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board President Ryan

Seconded by: Board Vice President Conway

Approved: 4-0

VI.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

A) BOCES EXPENDITURES

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer in the amount of \$ 413,400.00 to the BOCES transportation code from the Special Ed T/A MS code to cover the cost of BOCES transportation services for the 2021-22 school year and a transfer in the amount of \$ 93,000.00 to the BOCES curriculum development code from the teacher elementary Lido code to cover the cost of BOCES curriculum development services for the 2021-22 school year.

B) ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer in the amount of \$ 52,728.00 to the teacher travel/conference gifted/talented code from the Pre-K salaries code to cover the cost of the hotel and airfare for students to attend the Odyssey of the Mind Nationals competition in May 2022.

VI.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID #409-2022 OUTDOOR TENT RENTAL

Award of Bid – Tent Rental

WHEREAS, the District placed legal notice advertising a bid for Outdoor Tent Rental in the official district papers on March 10, 2022, and provided bid documents to Ace Party and Tent Rental; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on Outdoor Tent Rental which bids were opened publicly on March 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ace Party and Tent Rental was the sole bidder on the Outdoor Tent Rental bid at a bid of \$65,057.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Ace Party and Tent Rental was the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Outdoor Tent Rental bid and approves the award of the Outdoor Tent Rental contract to J Ace Party and Tent Rental, and authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement on its behalf.

VI.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Acceptance of Donations

A) DONATION OF PIANO TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of a Mendelssohn piano from Point Lookout-Lido Fire Department Chief Bill Wade for use at the Middle School.

B) DONATION OF \$1000 TO THE LONG BEACH GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of a \$1000 from The Lynn Lewis Foundation for the Long Beach Girls Flag Football Team.

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- Board President Ryan asked the District Clerk if we are OK in terms of polling places, etc. and the District Clerk replied yes. Dr. Ryan would like to know the cost savings as a result of the reduction of the polling places.
- Dr. Ryan asked about having moving up ceremonies later in the day and Dr. Gallagher replied yes, and will have them outdoors under the tent.

VIII. Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public expressed concern regarding the closing of the polling location at the Bishop Molloy Center for Pt. Lookout citizens.

- A member of the public asked if the school playgrounds should be open when schools are closed and Mr. DeVito replied that they should have been open unless they were being worked on and he would look into it.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Tami Ackerman reminded everyone of Mr. DeVito's budget presentations next Tuesday and Wednesday.

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Vice President Conway

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
April 26, 2022