

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 24, 2022
Type of Meeting: Executive Session
Place of Meeting: Long Beach High School Library

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
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 5:03 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:51 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 24, 2022

Type of Meeting: Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach High School Auditorium

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
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Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Sam Pinto
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Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
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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.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher presented on the Strategic Planning Process. In explaining why the District develops a Strategic Plan, Dr. Gallagher stated that it defines what the District will look like in five years and how we will get there, aligns plans and strategies with community expectations and goals, and serves as a blueprint for change and a framework for decision-making. The District will use a continuous improvement model, with key areas to consider including achievement scores, program reviews, college entrance and completion rates, student engagement and attendance, etc. Dr. Gallagher went on to outline the timeline of the process steps; form steering committee in June 2022; committee will seek input from stakeholders Sept/Oct. 2022; committee compiles and analyzes feedback; committee finalizes a draft of the strategic plan in December; and, finally, the plan is presented to the Board in January 2022.

The "Long Beach Public Schools Strategic Planning Process Kick-off" presentation is on the District Website and available in the office of the District Clerk.

Dr. Gallagher then asked Julia Lang-Shapiro, Director of Media, Visual and Performing Arts, to present the Music and Art Awards recognition certificates for the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Lang-Shapiro announced that once again the district has been recognized as a Best Communities for Music Education. Musical performances by Ezra Hauser, 4th grade band at West School and Nathaniel Kaplan, 5th grade orchestra, also at West School. Jacob LoCascio, a high school senior, talked about his wonderful experiences in music and theatre throughout his time as a Long Beach student, particularly as an NYSSMA All State musician and his participation in Musicians Helping Musicians.

Presentation of Certificates:

All State Students

Kenneth Bailing - Mixed Chorus alternate
Brianna Banvard – Orchestra alternate (violin)
Shayna Barkan-Orchestra alternate (cello)
Kira Centenni-Symphonic Band alternate (flute)

Jacob LoCascio-Vocal Jazz
Cameron Moses-Symphonic Band (clarinet)
Isadora Turbek-Orchestra alternate (viola)

Scholastic Regional Art Awards

Lauren Clune - Gold Key
for her ceramic piece, "Twig"
David Crespo - Honorable Mention
for his ceramic piece, "End of Day"
Childhood"

Sienna Hornberger - Gold Key
for her original fashion design "Everything
But The Fizz", and an Honorable mention
for her original fashion design "Field Trip To

Heckscher Museum Long Island's Best Young Artists

Evelyn Evans, *Aquamarine*
Maya Malul, *Kelp*
Claire Montalbano, *You have to Scream for It*

Deina Vicente, *Springtime*
Jillian Goldbach, *Luminescence*

Art League of Long Island Go Ape

Madison Powers
Raina Greenblatt

Advanced Visions

Raina Greenblatt
Jeneille DeLeon, 17th Annual Advanced Visions High School
Artists of Excellence Exhibit at LIU Post Visions

Long Island Media Arts Festival

Elliot Schenck

Huntington Camera Club

Elliott Schenck
Olivia Trafford

Photographic Federation of Long Island

Elliott Schenck
Sebastian Muzikar

Art Supervisor's Senior Scholar Award

Claire Montalbano

Art Supervisor's Leadership Award

Rayna Greenblatt

The American Museum of Ceramic Arts (AMOCA)

Jordan Serrano
Liam Zvonik

2022 Endangered Species Coalition Youth Art Contest semi finalist

Ciarra Aloï

BOE Comments

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Vice President Conway stated she was very happy that the district was putting together a strategic plan, but expressed concern about communication and making sure the district and the public hears about it, and Dr. Gallagher replied that we are going to use the newsletter, multiple email blasts, social media and the district website.
- Board President Ryan stated that the City of Long Beach is putting together a comprehensive plan, and cautioned the public not to confuse the two. He also stated that he had also expressed a concern about the tutoring funding in the ARP grant. Dr. Ryan congratulated the students for their accomplishments and representing the district. We are grateful for your talent and effort, and thanked all of the students who attended this evening's presentation.

Student Organization
Announcements

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

None.

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

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

None.

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes of Executive Session and Public Hearing/Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022 and Annual Meeting of May 17, 2022.

Approval of Minutes for Exec.
Session & Public Hearing/Reg.
Meeting of May 10, 2022 and
Annual Mtg. of May 17, 2022

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Conway

Seconded by: Board Member Pinto

Approved: 5-0

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Pinto

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 Pace

Seconded by: Board 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) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Debra Tai
Assign./Loc. Reading Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2022, close of day

Name: Stephanie McAvoy
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2022, close of day

Name: Linda McKasty
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2022, close of day

Name: Barbara Hamlet
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2022, close of day

(b) Resignation

Name: Amanda Silvers
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: May 20, 2022, close of day

(c) Appointment: Probationary Technology Teacher

Name: Matthew Collins*
Assign./Loc. Probationary Technology Teacher/(.8) LBHS/(.2) LBMS
Certification: Initial Technology (pending)
Effective Date: August 31, 2022
End Date: August 30, 2026
Tenure Date: August 31, 2026
Tenure Area: Industrial Arts
Salary Classification: BA/Step 1 (\$65,066 per annum)
Reason: To meet a district need

*This individual must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Probationary Elementary Teacher

Name: Alisa Gore*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Elementary Teacher/East School
Certification: Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Initial Early Childhood Education Birth-2 (pending)
Initial English to Speakers of Other Languages (pending)
Effective Date: August 31, 2022
End Date: August 30, 2026
Tenure Date: August 31, 2026
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: MA/Step 3 (\$76,503 per annum)
Reason: To meet a district need
*This individual must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

(e) Appointment: Probationary ENL Teacher

Name: Michelle LaBarbera*
Assign./Loc: Probationary ENL Teacher/LBHS
Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages-Internship
Certificate
Initial English to Speakers of Other Languages (pending)
Effective Date: August 31, 2022
End Date: August 30, 2026
Tenure Date: August 31, 2026
Tenure Area: ENL
Salary Classification: BA/Step 2 (\$67,316 per annum)
Reason: To fill a vacancy
*This individual must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Appointment: Probationary Mathematics Teacher

Name: Julia Kolanovic*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Mathematics Teacher/LBHS (.8)/LBMS (.2)
Certification: Initial Mathematics 7-12
Initial Mathematics 5-6 extension
Effective Date: August 31, 2022
End Date: August 30, 2026
Tenure Date: August 31, 2026
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Salary Classification: BA/Step 2 (\$67,316 per annum)
Reason: To fill a vacancy
*This individual must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Science Teacher

Name: Caitlyn Wigand
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Science Teacher/LBHS
Certification: Initial Earth Science 7-12

Dina Callahan	Special Education
Abigail Ross	Special Education
Christina Causi	Special Education
Alyssa Soohoo	Special Education
Stacey Durnan	Social Worker
Martina Beloyianis	Speech and Hearing Handicapped
Gia Cody	Speech and Hearing Handicapped

Substitutes

Lauren Miller
Andrea Hinke
Sean Miller
Dayna Obidienzo
Brooke Connochie

- (n) **Approval of Applications for Participation in Group A Study Programs-Summer 2022-The following staff members have applied for funding for coursework as indicated under the appropriate provision of their contract. Recommend approval of the tuition/fees.**

Name	Allocation	Name	Allocation
Erin Cain	\$538	Nicolette Samardich	\$538
Scott Scheinson	\$525	Kelly McNamara	\$538
Chelsea Way	\$538	Ashley Castanio	\$538
Kurt Allen	\$538	Daniel Cook	\$449
Maggie Todaro	\$538	Jessica Hemmerdinger	\$449

- (o) **Approval of Applications for Participation in Group B Study Programs-Summer 2022-The following staff members have applied for funding for coursework as indicated under the appropriate provision of their contract. Recommend approval of the tuition/fees.**

Name	Allocation
Rachel Lonergan	\$323
Connor Manning	\$2,200
Christopher Kozak	\$477

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations

Name: John Whelan
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: May 20, 2022, close of day

Name: Kelly Gavares
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2022, close of day

Name: Edelmira Morales
Assign./Loc. Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: May 20, 2022, close of day

(b) Appointment: Provisional Account Clerk

Name: Nicholas Falciano

Assign./Loc.: Provisional Account Clerk/Business Office
Effective Date: May 31, 2022
Salary Classification: \$41,626 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade III/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

- (c) **Appointment: Summer School July 11, 2022-August 17, 2022 (additional hours prior to summer) maximum 120 per program-Subject to enrollment: compensation according to contract**

Tara Roesch-Clerical
Melissa Hartman-Clerical

- (d) **Appointment: Summer School July 11, 2022-August 17, 2022-Subject to enrollment-compensation according to contract**

Kathy Buckley-Building Aide
Sylvia Gray-Building Aide

- (e) **The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Name	Position
Rachel Braunhut	Teacher Aide
Daniel Barto	Teacher Aide

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (f) **Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2022-Rate of Pay: \$63.56 per hour**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Kristen Hurley	Occupational Therapist
Maria Arroyave	Substitute
Laura Ragona	Substitute

- (g) **Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2022-Rate of Pay: \$63.56 per hour**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Katie Moore	Behavior Specialist

- (h) **Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2022-Rate of Pay: \$45.86 per hour**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mary Sabedra	Nurse

- (i) **Completion of Probationary Appointments**

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

Name: Donald Kramer
Assign./Loc.: Director of School Facilities/Districtwide
Effective Date: June 13, 2022

Name: Ellen Stewart
Assign./Loc.: Purchasing Agent/Business Office
Effective Date: June 12, 2022

Name: Dina Muratori
Assign./Loc.: Payroll Clerk/Business Office
Effective Date: June 12, 2022

Name: Guillermo Martinez
Assign./Loc.: Groundskeeper/Buildings and Grounds
Effective Date: June 30, 2022

(j) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Long Beach School Employees' Association, dated May 20, 2022.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VII.3 through VII.5.

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 5-0

VII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and approves the settlement of the litigation commenced by Kim Greengus and Todd Greengus against the Long Beach Public Schools, et al., and approves and ratifies the execution of the Settlement Agreement and General Release setting forth the terms of the settlement. Said Settlement Agreement and General Release was reviewed by the Board of education in executive Session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Board President to execute said Settlement Agreement and General Release on behalf of the Board.

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

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 \$2,726.00 to Volz & Vigliotta for general counsel legal services for the period of April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022; and \$70.50 for labor counsel legal services for the period April 5, 2022 through May 16, 2022.

B) FRAZER & FELDMAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$1,503.76 to Frazer & Feldman, LLP for professional legal services for the period of January 4, 2022 through March 31, 2022; and \$1521.85 for professional legal services for the period of March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

VII.5 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>
City of Long Beach	Civil Service Exams	High School Classrooms (3)	Saturday June 11, 2022 8:00am – 4:00pm

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

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

- Board Vice President Conway gave a shoutout to the Lacrosse teams, for their playoffs, attended the Car Show, every year it gets better and better, the Science Symposium is a testament to how much work and the variety of program we are offering our students. Ms. Conway really loved all of the concerts.
- Board Member Pace thanked the students who performed and spoke tonight. She thanked the teachers and TA’s for a great Special Olympics and the students who participated.
- Board Member Pinto asked Mr. DeVito if the bus arm cameras were in place, and Mr. DeVito replied that they are being installed and will be operational in the fall.
- Dr. Ryan again thanked the community for their support of the budget vote last week, and congratulated Anne Conway and Sam Pinto on their re-elections.

IX. Questions and Comments from the Public

- None

X. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – Keith Harvey congratulated the students in the Media, Visual and Arts department and congratulations on passing the budget.

2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Fran Newman congratulated Anne Conway and Sam Pinto on their re-elections.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association

XI. Adjournment

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: _____
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
May 24, 2022