

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

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. Janna Ostroff, 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 5:30 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

Board President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:40 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: Board President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board Member Alexis Pace

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
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Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Ryan offered regrets for Ms. Pace who was travelling and unable to attend the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to the Superintendent.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher then turned the meeting over to Mr. DeVito to present the "Elementary Program Budget" presentation, stating that he would be presenting three options: Option 1 is the original plan in light of the \$3.8 million gap between the current budget and the "rollover budget"; Option #2, repurposing East School; or Option #3, more reductions in a variety of areas, and keep East open. Options #2 and #3 are needed to fund the \$3.8 million "rollover budget" gap, plus the Governor's proposed cuts in State aid of \$4.3 million. Reductions in Option 1 include: fewer sections in East and West due to declining enrollment; three retiring teachers will not be replaced; reduction of a social worker; not replacing one retiring Director; reduction of professional development spending; elimination of Camp Coleman 5th grade field trip. Reductions in Option #2 include: the repurposing of East School due to declining enrollment, East is the physically the smallest of the four elementary schools, and is the most expensive to maintain due to age, as well as needing an entire HVAC overhaul. Mr. DeVito also

pointed out that, should East close, current East School administrators would be split between Lindell and Lido, and two elementary assistant principal positions would be eliminated; there would also be a reduction of recently hired teachers, custodial staff, clerical staff, etc. Option #2 results in an approximate savings of \$4 million. With Option #3, East would remain open, but there would be the following reductions: reduction of two assistant principals; reduction in text book allocation level; reduction in AIS teacher in each building; eliminate Mindfulness; eliminate Spanish as a special area class for grades 3-5; eliminate STEM as a special area class for grades K-2; eliminate LARC; eliminate Arts in Education (BOCES line); eliminate funded field trips; eliminate Odyssey of the Mind trips to state, regional and world competitions; administrative reductions districtwide; and a reduction of about \$2 million in teachers; there will also be reductions in program at the secondary level.

The complete presentation, "Elementary Program Budget Presentation" can be found on the District website and in the office of the District Clerk.

BOE Comments

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Mr. Pinto expressed concern about the reduction in foundation aid, and encouraged the public to continue efforts in writing letters to Albany.
- Mrs. Conway echoed Mr. Pinto's sentiments in advocating for our schools and community. She asked Mr. DeVito how much it cost to run East School each year (\$6 million, by repurposing, can achieve \$4 million in savings); Mrs. Conway asked what else can be done to mitigate lowering enrollment, and Mr. DeVito replied that he would love to have more families moving into the district, adding that most people don't realize that Long Beach's tax rate is one of the lowest in Nassau County; however, new development is not going to attract families with school-age children.
- Ms. Bellsey also stated that this came as a shock to all of us; urged public not to lose momentum in communicating with Albany and others who they feel can help.
- Dr. Ryan asked Mr. DeVito to explain for the public what foundation means, and Mr. DeVito replied that it is an element of the district's overall state aid, it is formula, based on wealth and enrollment. He further explained that the district had been overfunded for many years, and continued due to the "hold harmless" policy, whereby the state wouldn't take any aid away (from previous year; this year, the Governor said no longer going to have a "hold harmless" provision, districts would be funded according to the formula, and in the first year, the State is going to "claw back" 50% of what had been overfunded with additional reductions in ensuing years. Dr. Ryan stated that these cuts effect the entire district, not just East School, and asked Mr. DeVito what happens if the Governor restores the state aid, and Mr. DeVito replied that it depends on when that happens, as we must adopt our budget on April 16, 2024. However, we can reduce the tax levy, as that does not have to be set until after the election, so there's time for the Board to decide what that tax levy should be.

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

**Student Organization
Announcements**

- None

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

- A member of the public asked what to “repurpose” East School means and if there will be cuts to central administration, also asked if any building zoning regulations would change if repurpose East; encouraged the public to continue efforts to pressure Albany; questioned impact of new construction on future enrollment. Mr. DeVito stated there are studies done, might be fluctuations, but we are losing student population across the state; there will be cuts across the board, and repurposing would mean students and teachers would be reallocated to other buildings, and would look into different options for the actual building use; Mr. DeVito to get back to her on the zoning question.
- A member of the public, who is a realtor and parent in the district, proposed an alumni “rainy day” fund. Expressed concern over proposed cuts.
- A member of the public asked how a \$4 million cut can be so devastating to a school district. Mr. DeVito replied that we get a special grant for Pre-K, so that will not be reduced; explained further that it may be \$4.3 million this year, then another \$2 million next year, and the year after that; we rely on state aid as a revenue source.
- A member of the public expressed concern for any potential sale of the East School building. District counsel stated that the sale of a district building would need voter approval.
- A member of the public expressed concern about the negative impact of closing East School.
- A member of the public expressed concern for the effect on the children should East School close.
- A member of the public, who is a former Board member, encouraged the Board to come back at the next meeting with a committee comprised of residents to help come up with solutions. Mrs. Conway thanked him for his enthusiasm and support of our students.
- A member of the public expressed concern for the potential closing of East and asked about what other districts are facing similar cuts, and what they are doing about it, and Dr. Gallagher stated that they are dealing with the same issues, and facing the same decisions that we are.
- A member of the public asked if east closes, are programs safe, and also asked about an Alumni Fund. Dr. Gallagher replied that we can only make decision based on this year’s budget; hope is that we would not have to cut programs if we were to close East School, but can’t speak to future cuts. Dr. Gallagher stated that the district has been trying to get an alumni fund going - the district itself can’t do it has to be a 501(c)(3).
- A member of the public involved with before school care at the elementary schools, asked if the district were to sell East School, what would happen if the need for that space arose in the future, and Dr. Ryan said that we cannot predict that.
- A member of the public encouraged the public to go up to Albany to attend Lobby Day.

- A member of the public encouraged the public to contact Albany and advocate for the district; expressed concern for services that might be taken away from the children.
- A member of the public expressed concern over the devastating cuts in aid.
- A member of the public asked how many teachers will lose their jobs, how many “blue collar” people will lose their jobs and encouraged teachers to speak to union reps to pressure Albany to restore aid.
- A member of the public spoke against cutting LARC and Odyssey of the Mind.
- A member of the public asked that the Board seek the support and assistance of the public, asked how programs potentially being cut were selected and also asked the number of teachers and support staff that would be eliminated should East School close and preferred that the district use reserve funds to take a year to see what else can be done rather than rushing to make decisions to meet deadlines. Dr. Gallagher replied that seven teachers would potentially lose their jobs, as well as 3-4 clerical positions, several cleaners, one nurse.
- A member of the public spoke against the potential of closing East School. Dr. Ryan stated that it was nice to see a former student who now have children in the district.
- A member of the public spoke against closing East.
- A member of the public spoke in support of fully funding our schools.
- A member of the public expressed concern regarding the mental and emotional impact on students and encouraged a “phase out” process if East has to close at all.
- A member of the public asked what sharing two assistant principals at the elementary level would look like, and Dr. Gallagher replied that their would be one asst. principal at Lindell and East and one at Lido and West.
- A member of the public encouraged the public to come to more Board meetings and look up budget presentations on the district website, and thanked the Board for a job that is not easy.
- A member of the public expressed concern over the budget cuts and thanked the public, Board and administrators for educating her tonight.
- A member of the public expressed concern about transparency and against budget cuts; would have liked to have seen what cuts will be proposed at the secondary level. Supports closing East if it’s in the best interest of all.
- A member of the public asked about the reduction in enrollment, and asked if that was mostly post pandemic decline in population? Mr. DeVito replied that it was not, we are following a trend that is throughout Long Island.
- A member of the public asked why it is so expensive to maintain East School, and Mr. DeVito replied that the district has spent approximately \$9 million in the last 12 years to try to maintain an aging building. Dr. Gallagher replied that Lindell and Lido have double the capacity of the other two schools, but we do try to maintain equity across all four schools in terms of ethnicity, poverty level, special needs, etc.
- A member of the public asked if the Board had considered going over the tax cap, and Dr. Ryan replied that they haven’t discussed it yet and will do so when all five of the Board members are present. He also asked why LARC is going to be cut, and Dr. Gallagher replied that, with the institution of the WINGS program those student needs were met with that program.

- A member of the public spoke against closing East and asked if the Board will make the commitment that East will not perpetually be “on the chopping block” if funding is restored, and Dr. Ryan replied that he cannot commit to that.
- A member of the public asked if the Board had discussed the tax levy and Dr. Ryan replied yes, but not in terms of piercing the tax cap.
- A member of the public asked why we are losing the foundation aid? Dr. Ryan replied that that’s why we need to go up to Albany.
- A member of the public spoke against cutting assistant principals; they have a relationship with their students.
- A member of the public spoke in support of keeping East School open.
- A member of the public spoke against cutting assistant principals and encouraged the public to attend more Board meetings.
- Dr. Ryan explained that, given they had just received the information about the reduction in aid, and knowing that we have a tight timeline in terms of adopting a budget, and coming up an a recess period, the Board, through the Superintendent, wrote a letter, wishing to give the community as much information as possible and had no intention to offend anyone; he reiterated that the Board has not made up their minds and that these are merely proposals at this point.

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for December 2023 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024 and Executive Session and Work Session Meeting of January 31, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for Exec Session and Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024 and Executive Session and Work Session Meeting of January 31, 2024.

President Ryan called for a motion to approve as amended.

**Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0**

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

**Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated**

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

**Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0**

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

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

Board President Ryan called for a motion as amended.

**Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 4-0**

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: Theresa Scudiero
Assign./Loc. Director of Social Studies and World Languages/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

Name: Ellen Edelman
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS
Effective Date: February 15, 2024 or earlier at the district's discretion

Name: Thomas Farrell
Assign./Loc. Teaching Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: December 8, 2023 close of day

(b) Leaves of Absence

Name: Melissa Delaney
Assign./Loc. ENL Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: January 29, 2024 – June 26, 2024 (on or about)
Reason: Maternity/FMLA

Name: Jaclyn Eiger
Assign./Loc. Speech Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: February 12, 2024 – May 29, 2024 or earlier
Reason: FMLA/Family Illness

(c) Amended Leave of Absence

Name: Robin Tobin
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lido School
Effective Dates: September 5, 2023 – 6/30/2024 or earlier at the district's discretion
Original Dates: September 5, 2023 – 1/26/2024
Reason: Family Illness

Name: Brigid Whelan
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: January 2, 2024 – January 19, 2024
Original Dates: January 2, 2024 – January 16, 2024
Reason: Medical

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Probationary Elementary Teacher

Name: Katherine Meyers*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Elementary Teacher/East School
Certification: Initial Childhood 1-6
Initial Early Childhood Education B-2
Effective Date: January 29, 2024
End Date: August 31, 2027**
Tenure Date: September 1, 2027
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$72,177 per annum) prorated
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.

**Credit for time served as a Regular Substitute

(e) Appointment: Regular Substitute Physical Education Teacher

Name: Virginia Gillespie
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Phys.Ed. Teacher/LBMS
Certification: Initial Physical Education
Initial Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
Effective Dates: January 29, 2024-June 30, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Salary Classification: MA/Step1(\$72,177 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Reading Teacher

Name: Danielle Callahan
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Reading Teacher/LBMS
Certification: Professional Literacy B-6
Professional Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
Effective Dates: January 29, 2024-June 30, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Reading
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$74,919 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher

Name: Lisa Hourigan
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher/East School
Certification: Professional Students with Disabilities B-2, 1-6
Professional Childhood Education B-2, 1-6
Professional Literacy B-6, 5-12

Effective Date: February 26, 2024
 End Date: June 30, 2024
 Tenure Area: Elementary
 Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$74,919 per annum), prorated
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

(h) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Name: Liysha Severe
 Assign./Loc.: Permanent Substitute Teacher/LBHS
 Certification: Initial Social Studies 7-12
 Effective Dates: February 12, 2024-June 13, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Rate of Pay: \$241.02 per day
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

(i) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Brianna Palmieri
 Assign./Loc.: Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher/Lido School
 Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities, 1-6
 Initial Childhood Education, 1-6
 Initial Literacy, B-6 and 5-12
 Effective Dates: February 7, 2024-June 24, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Rate of Pay: \$241.02 per day
 Reason: To fill a Vacancy

(j) Appointment: Short-Term Substitute Music Teacher

Name: Brianna Dixon
 Assign./Loc.: Short-Term Substitute Music Teacher - Lido/Lindell/West
 Certification: Initial Music (in process)
 Effective Dates: February 12, 2024-May 31, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Rate of Pay: \$241.02 per day
 Reason: To fill a Vacancy

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(k) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the 2023/2024 school year

SPORT	COACH	Stipend
JV Flag Football Head	Lisa Leibowitz	\$7,992
JV Flag Football Assistant	Virginia Gillespie	\$5,993
Varsity Girls Badminton	Michele LaBarbera *rescind Ashley Castanio	\$6,913
	Ashley Castanio * rescind Michele LaBarbera	\$5,948
JV Girls Badminton		

(l) Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistant-17.5 hours per week Start date -through June 26, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	Shift	Start Date
Shayne Benz *Rescind as full time	2	\$ 19.59	Lido	CSE	AM	3/4/24

(m) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2023-2024 school year. \$150 per day

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
Eric Stewart	Physical Education (in process)
Timothy Donohue	Physical Education (in process)
Elizabeth Falciano	Teaching Assistant
Margaret Glancy	Special Education

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(n) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for Session 2 of the 2023/2024 School Year- rate of pay \$79.67 per hour-per class-February 27, 2024-May 30, 2024-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant-Total District Hours 60.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ENRICHMENTS	SCHOOL
Canner	Melissa	Math Quest	East
Collins	Lisa	Kodable	East
Collins	Lisa	Kodable	East
Courtney	Edward	Chess	East
Diamond	Jennifer	Mathletes	East
Febrizio	Gabriella	Scrapbooking	East
Gallagher	Sarah	Intro to Art	East
Hartman	Matthew	Sports Stats	East
Lazovick-Borrelli	Cindy	Makerspace	East
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McNamara	Kelly	Canva	East
Molina	Mayla	Budding Scientists	East
Molina	Mayla	Reading Wizards	East
Notar-Francesco	Sofia	Orchestra	East
Sharpe	Sydney	Gardening	East
Barto	Jordan	Better Together	Lido
Bruno	Danielle	Lido School Helpers	Lido
Ciavarella	Emily	Colors of the Rainbow (Dance)	Lido
Cupani	Deb	Escape Rooms	Lido
Garcia	Susan	Beautiful Us	Lido
Johnston	Ally	Better Together	Lido
Lee	Ashley	Art for Kids	Lido
Lee	Ashley	Economics for Kids	Lido
Lee	Ashley	Lido News Crew	Lido
Ling	Leslie	Lido Habitat	Lido

Monti	Dana	Learning Skills Through Board Games	Lido
Riomaio	Janine	Arts and Crafts	Lido
Scheinson	Scott	Theater Games and Improv	Lido
Scheinson	Scott	Advanced Recorder	Lido
Veltre	Erin	History & Strategies of Team Sport: Field Hockey	Lido

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(n) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for Session 2 of the 2023/2024 School Year- rate of pay \$79.67 per hour-per class- February 27, 2024-May 30, 2024-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant-Total District Hours 60. Continued

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ENRICHMENTS	SCHOOL
Anzano	Arianna	Origami as an Art Form	Lindell
Betz	Amanda	Mathletes	Lindell
Conklin	Halle	STEAM and Jewelry Design	Lindell
DiRocco	Chelsey	Virtual Field Trips	Lindell
Franceschini	Christina	Choreography Crew	Lindell
Guzman	Edith	Lights! Camera! Action!	Lindell
Guzman	Edith	So You Think You Can Dance!	Lindell
Kaplowitz	Danielle	Let's Type!	Lindell
Kaplowitz	Danielle	Break Out!	Lindell
Kaplowitz	Danielle	Lindell Spirit Ambassadors	Lindell
Nyman	Jackie	Technology Den	Lindell
Nyman	Jackie	Highlight Reel!	Lindell
Rundo	Lisa	Science Inquiry	Lindell
Rundo	Lisa	Science Inquiry	Lindell
Rundo	Lisa	STEM	Lindell
Clancy	Brittany	Mathletes	West
Culkin	Jessica	Chess	West
Flood	Melissa	Poetry Club	West
Gallo	Hannah	Coding	West
McManus	Brittany	Directive Drawing	West
Morgan	Brian	Seahorse Scoop	West
O'Donnell	Courtney	Drama	West
Parks	Eileen	Mathletes Jr.	West
Petrullo	Nicole	Comic Book Authors	West
Rosen	Bryan	History and Strategies of Team Sports	West
Rotenberg	Mariana	HEART Ambassadors	West
Samardich	Nicolette	Bracelet Making	West
Spreckels	Michelle	Visa club	West
Wachter	Dana	Zumba	West
Way	Chelsea	Comic Book Authors Jr.	West

(o) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LONG ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISORY AND PUPIL PERSONNEL GROUP**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach City School District and the Long Beach Administrative Supervisory and Pupil Personnel Group, dated January 20, 2024.

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) **Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement**

Name: Dragan Vujnovic
Assign./Loc. General Mechanic/Buildings & Grounds Department
Effective Date: June 30, 2024

(b) **Resignation**

Name: Kori Zwick
Assign./Loc. Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: January 23, 2024 close of day

Name: Tiffany Canner
Assign./Loc. Teaching Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 23, 2023 close of day

(c) **Leaves of Absence**

Name: Sarah Franzino
Assign./Loc. Full-Time Teacher Aide/West School
Effective Date: 1/9/24 – 6/30/24 or earlier at the district’s discretion
Reason: Medical/FMLA

Name: Linda McCormack
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: 1/9/24 - 6/30/24 or earlier at the district’s discretion
Reason: FMLA/Medical, Catastrophic Leave

(d) **Appointment: Probationary Bus Driver (30 hours per week)**

Name: Yaacov Yaco
Assign./Loc.: Probationary School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: February 7, 2024
Probationary End Date: February 6, 2028
Salary Classification: \$32,168 per annum-prorated
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) **Appointment: Part Time Bus Aides (18.75 hours per week)**

Name: Endry Garcia
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation Department
Effective Date: February 7, 2024

Salary Classification: \$17.58 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aides (15 hours per week)

Name: Maria Umana
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: January 30, 2024
Salary Classification: \$17.58 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Continues as a Bus Aide

(g) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week Start date-through June 26, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	Start date
Timothy Hardy	1	17.58	Lido	CSE	2/26/24

(h) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Position
Barbara O'Brien	Clerical
Eileen Zeppa	Clerical
Rachel Brauhn	Clerical
Kori Zwick	Lunch Aide

(i) The following personnel are recommended to be employed in the Adult Continuing Education Program. Classes implemented only if there is sufficient enrollment. Each class is self-sustaining, satisfactory performance for the 2023-2024 school year.

Instructor	Course	Hours	Hourly Rate	Maximum
Paula Lane	Ecstatic Dance	12	\$40.00	\$480.00
Nathan Sukonik	Computer Class	16	\$40.00	\$640.00

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(j) Completion of Probationary Appointments

The staff members listed below have completed their probationary appointments and have received a satisfactory evaluation and are hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name: Catherine Clarke
Assign./Loc.: Secretary I/Lido PPS
Effective Date: January 1, 2024

Name: Jaime Calkin
Assign./Loc.: Account Clerk /Business Office
Effective Date: February 26, 2024

Name: Aileen Monahan
Assign./Loc.: Data Specialist/East School
Effective Date: February 26, 2024

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through Item VIII.4.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the Adoption of the 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Adoption of 2024-2025
School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR

Adoption of the
2024-2025 School
Election Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves the School Election Calendar for the Annual Election and Budget Vote on May 21, 2024 as it appears with the materials accompanying the agenda.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher ASKED THE BOARD TO ANNOUNCE THE RESIDENCY APPEAL DECISION

Residency Appeal
Decision

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby denies the residency appeal of students identified in Confidential Attachment "A" dated January 12, 2024 and authorizes the Board President to notify the parent/guardian of its decision in writing.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher ASKED THE BOARD TO ANNOUNCE THE SUPERINTENDENT SUSPENSION APPEAL DECISION

Superintendent
Suspension Appeal
Decision

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated November 15, 2023 with We Transport, Inc. in connection with Day Hospital at Blythedale Hospital in the sum of \$90,000, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Abstained by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 3-0

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.7 through Item VIII.15.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID – GRADUATION SUPPLY RENTAL

Award of Bid – Graduation Supply Rental

WHEREAS, the District placed legal notice advertising a bid for Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental in the official district papers on January 11, 2024, and provided bid documents to Ace Party Rental and New York Tent; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental which bids were opened publicly on January 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Jamaica Ash and Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. was the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental bid as follows:

GRADUATION OUTDOOR TENT AND SUPPLY RENTAL OPENED 1/25/2024	
VENDOR	BID
Ace Party and Tent Rental	\$27,732.50
New York Tent	\$36,829.70

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 Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental bid and approves the award of the Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental contract to Ace Party and Tent Rental, and authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement on its behalf.

VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

Approval of Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer in the amount of \$150,000 to the Contract Transportation code A5540-400-00-0000 from the Bus Drivers code A5510-160-32-0000 to pay contractors for transportation routes contracted out and for field trips.

VIII.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS

Approval of Transportation Agreements

A) BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated December 20, 2023 with Scholastic Bus Corp. in connection with Rockaway Yeshiva PM only in the sum of \$31,050, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

- B) BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated December 20, 2023 with Scholastic Bus Corp. in connection with Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls in the sum of \$74,900, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.
- C) BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated January 29, 2024 with Guardian Bus Company, Inc. in connection with Chaminade High School in the sum of \$49,500, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.
- D) BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated January 29, 2024 with Guardian Bus Company, Inc. in connection with Sacred Heart Academy in the sum of \$49,500, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

VIII.10 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CORWIN PRESS – GRANT FUNDED

Approval of Agreement –
Corwin Press

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with Corwin Press, Inc. to provide professional development workshops on-site and software licenses for Middle School teachers and staff the 2023-2024 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Corwin Pres, Inc. in the amount of \$17,576.20 (grant funded) for professional development for the 2023-2024 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement with Corwin Press, Inc. on its behalf.

VIII.11 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Acceptance of Donations

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation from ChenYN Piano Tuner of \$250 for the High School Robotics Club; a donation of \$100 from Rosenzweig Insurance for the High School Robotics Club; and a donation of \$500 from Rainbow Research Corp. for the High School Robotics Club.

VIII.12 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF AMENDED POLICY #8450 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Adoption of Amended
Policy #8450 Homebound
Instruction

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts revised Policy #8450 Homebound Instruction.

VIII.13 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND

CPSE/CSE
Recommendations

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

**VIII.14 Dr. Gallagher recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS:
LEGAL SERVICES**

**Approval of Payment of
Legal Bills: Legal Services**

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period of March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

**VIII.15 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 and/or rescheduled based on building schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

Organization	Purpose	Facility Requested	Dates Requested
Circulo de la Hispanidad	Mother's Day Celebration	Lindell Auditorium, Lobby, Classrooms	Friday May 10, 2024 5:30pm – 9:00pm
EOC Long Beach Head Start	Professional Development Training	Lindell Classrooms	Tuesday through Friday Feb. 20-23, 2024 8:00am – 5:00pm
EOC Long Beach Head Start	Moving Up Ceremonies	Long Beach High School Auditorium	Thursday, Monday & Wednesday July 25- 31, 2024 10:30am – 1:00pm
Hagen School of Irish Dance	Dress Rehearsal and Recital	Lindell Auditorium, Lobby, Cafeterias A & B	Thursday May 23, 2024 4:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday May 25, 2024 10:30am – 2:30pm
Long Beach Theatre Guild	Lindell Auditorium	Auditions	Monday & Tuesdays June 17, 18 & 25, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Long Beach Rec	Basketball	Lido Elementary School Gymnasium	Mon., Wed., and Fri. January 31 – February 23, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- Board Member Conway thanked everyone for a smooth transition back to school; some things that stick out in her mind was the wrestling event, which was amazing and well attended.

VIII. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments from the Public

- None

IX. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey urged all to advocate for our schools, cautioning that the Governor's budget is only an initial proposal; members have written several thousand letters.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma encouraged all to advocate and to lobby Albany.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Ms. McNichols thanked all and spoke in support of letter writing campaigns and to advocate for the district.

X. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 9:44 PM.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto

Seconded by: Board Member Conway

Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
February 6, 2024