

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: High School Main Office Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Vice President Sam Pinto (arr. 5:35)
Board Member Alexis Pace
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board Member Anne Conway

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 5:07 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Pace
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 3-0

Board President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach High School Auditorium

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

Absent: Board Member Anne Conway

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
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 7:02pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Ryan stated it was nice to see such a crowded auditorium; expressed regrets for Anne Conway not being able to attend tonight's meeting; congratulated students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at the Middle School last night, lots of great events, concerts, art shows, playoffs; urged everyone to remember to vote at next Tuesday's election and budget vote.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Student Showcase: Science Research and LARC Awards

Dr. Gallagher stated a few years ago we prioritized getting more opportunities for our students to enter advanced science research competitions to give students a little bit more of a challenge, and am thrilled that we have so many students here tonight who are being honored in being successful in accepting the challenge, entering the competitions, doing the research, and am amazed at the success of our students. Dr. Gallagher then turned the meeting over to Dr. Ostroff, who presented Ms. Tursi, Director of Science, and Dr. King, head of Science Research. Dr. Ostroff stated that all of the students being honored tonight have received a competitive Regional, State or

Worldwide award. She added that the first awards will be presented to LARC students in recognition of the participation in the International Wonder League Robotics Competition; Dr. Fuentes King recognized for having received the "Coach of the Year Award", as well as an award from "Exploravision"; next to be recognized were those that participated in "The WordMasters Challenge"; students were also recognized for their participation in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair and the South Asian American Women's Alliance and the Toshiba NSTA Exploravision Competition. Josh Cohen received the Outstanding Science Award from Nassau STANYS and Sam Adler was recognized for his publication of his Science Research. Ms. Conklin, the Science Research teacher, was also recognized for taking an already good science research program and making it a great one.

III. BUDGET HEARING

Mr. DeVito stated that the budget hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak about the budget that was adopted at the April Board meeting, and presented a review of the adopted 2024-25 budget and revenue projection, and reviewed the ballot propositions that will be voted on next Tuesday, including the School District Budget of \$155,946,049, which means a 1.5% tax levy increase; reviewed projected revenue in light of the Governor keeping the "hold harmless" doctrine in place; projects included in the Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure are replacement of the turf field at Veterans Field, replacement of interior doors and windows at the Middle School, repair of the bulkhead at Lindell, installation of acoustic panels in the gym at Lindell and removal of a fuel tank at Transportation. Mr. DeVito then reviewed the transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund, explaining that the monies from capital projects not expended will get transferred into that fund for future use, and require the public's approval.

The complete presentation, "2024-25 Adopted Budget and Revenue Projection" can be found on the District website and in the office of the District Clerk.

BOE Comments

IV. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Dr. Ryan asked Mr. DeVito to describe the designated funds; Mr. DeVito replied that we have the TRS (Teachers Retirement System), ERS (Employee Retirement System) and Worker's Comp Employee Benefits Accrued Liability; these are specific and can only be spent for those purposes.
- Mrs. Pace asked Mr. DeVito to describe 501(c)(3)'s; Mr. DeVito replied that school districts are not permitted to fundraise, but private parties can set up 501(c)(3)'s for the benefit of the district.

V. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

- None

Student Organization
Announcements

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

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

- None

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for March 2024 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the
Treasurer's Report

VIII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session of April 2, 2024, Executive Session of April 12, 2024 and the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of April 16, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for
Exec Sessions of April 2,
2024 and April 12, 2024,
and Exec Session and
Regular Meeting of April
16, 2024.

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto

Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey

Approved: 4-0

IX. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

IX.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 President Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 4-0

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Pace

Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey

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: Peggy Pierri
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

(b) Resignations

Name: Anna McGovern
Assign./Loc. Assistant Principal/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

Name: Lorraine Radice
Assign./Loc. Director of Literacy/Administration
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Danielle Goggin
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: May 23, 2024 – June 28, 2024
Reason: FMLA/Medical

Name: Kristin Susko
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: May 8, 2024 – June 5, 2024 on or about
Reason: Pregnancy

Name: Kristin Susko
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: June 6, 2024 – November 7, 2024 on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Melissa Delaney
Assign./Loc. ENL Teacher/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Reason: Maternity

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(c) Leaves of Absence (continued)

Name: Rebecca Wesselhoft
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Reason: Childcare

(d) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Christina Romero
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Lindell School
Original Effective Dates: May 23, 2024-June 26, 2024
Amended Effective Dates: May 16, 2024 – June 26, 2024
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Timothy Donohue
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teacher Assistant
Original Effective Dates: January 24, 2024 – May 14, 2024
Amended Effective Dates: January 24, 2024 – May 21, 2024
Reason: Educational

(e) Appointment: Visual Arts Short Term Substitute Teacher

Name: Amanda Sirchia
Assign./Loc.: Visual Arts Short Term Substitute Teacher/.5 Lindell/.5 West
Certification: Initial Visual Arts
Initial Childhood Education Grades 1-6
Effective Dates: May 7, 2024 – June 24, 2024
Rate of Pay: \$241.02 per day
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Substitute Coach for Special Olympics/Challenger – 2023/2024 school year, rate of \$59.97 per hour

Sean Miller – Special Education Teacher

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

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA	COMMENT
Owen Sculley	Special Education (in process)	Resigns as PT Teacher Aide
Matthew Mullally	Psychology (pending)	

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Sylvester Bowen
Assign./Loc. Cleaner/Buildings and Grounds
Effective Date: June 28, 2024, close of day

Name: Rosa Anna Knag
Assign./Loc. Senior Data Specialist/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: December 31, 2024, close of day

(b) Resignation

Name: Oscar Melendez
Assign./Loc. Bus Aide 18.75 hours/Transportation
Effective Date: April 17, 2024, close of day

Name: Alfonza Harvey
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver 30 hours/Transportation
Effective Date: May 14, 2024, close of day

**(c) Appointment: Athletic Supervisors for the 2023-2024 School Year
Rate of Pay: \$66.84 per afternoon-\$85.66 per evening-\$159.34 per overnight**

Christopher Spinner

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

Name: Nancy Sedor

Assign./Loc.: Probationary School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: May 20, 2024
Probationary End Date: May 19, 2028
Salary Classification: \$32,168
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from Bus Aide (18.75 hours per week)

Name: Patrick Radin
Assign./Loc.: Probationary School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: May 20, 2024
Probationary End Date: May 19, 2028
Salary Classification: \$32,168
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from Bus Aide (18.75 hours per week)

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) 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: Diana Toback
Assign./Loc.: Payroll Clerk/Administration
Effective Date: May 31, 2024

(f) 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 April 5, 2024.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items IX.3 through Item IX.8.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 4-0

IX.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended that the APPROVAL OF STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and Release dated May 10, 2024 with regard to a Confidential Student "A," and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

IX.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE BID WITH NASSAU BOCES – TRANSPORTATION

Approval to Participate in Cooperative Bid with BOCES - Transportation

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Long Beach City School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids 19/20-0452E Passenger Cars, Vans and Trucks, Ext. #2-E;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

IX.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF HUNTINGTON – LANDTEK

Approval to Participate in Piggyback Agreement with Huntington - Landtek

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District ("District") is authorized to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(16); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Huntington, by Town Board resolution adopted on November 3, 2022, awarded to LandTek Group, Inc., a Contract for General Construction, Contract No. ES 2022-04/O-E, which has been extended by its terms to other governmental entities and political subdivisions in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103(16), the term of which runs through November 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to piggyback off of the Town of Huntington’s contract with Landtek Group, Inc., for General Construction services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Contract for General Construction between LandTek Group, Inc., and the Town of Huntington in the amount of \$991,804.25 for the purpose of purchasing sewer pipe reconstruction at the transportation building and site

work at the Nike building, as well as the services related to the installation thereof, and authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to execute such documents as are necessary in connection with such procurement.

IX.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

CPSE/CSE
Recommendations

IX.7 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 June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period of June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

IX.8 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
Long Beach Rec Center	Summer Camp	Lindell Elementary Gymnasium, Auditorium, Cafeterias A & B, North and South Playgrounds, Soccer Field	Mon. – Fri. July 1 – August 23, 2204 8:30am – 1:30pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Summer Lacrosse Training	Long Beach Middle School Veterans Field	Mon. – Fri. July 22 – August 2, 2024 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Long Island Aquatics Club	Swim Practice	High School Pool	Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri. July 1 – July 12, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am
Long Island Aquatics Club	Swim Practice	High School Pool	Mon. through Thurs. July 15 – July 18, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am
Long Island Aquatics Club	Swim Practice	High School Pool	Tues. and Fri. July 23 – July 26, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am
Long Island Aquatics Club	Swim Practice	High School Pool	Mon. through Wed. July 29 – July 31, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am
Long Beach Football Club	Long Island Cup Semi-Finals	High School Alumni Field	Saturday & Sunday May 18 - 19, 2024 2:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments
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- Mr. Pinto stated he was so happy to see the level of participation in our project based learning and happy that we are focusing on that type of methodology.
- Dr. Ryan stated that he remembers forty years ago when science research was primarily all boys and was happy to see so many young ladies participating in science research.

- Mrs. Pace stated she was struck by how the science research program has developed so quickly and loved the enthusiasm of the students.

XI. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments
from the Public

- None

XII. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey congratulated the LARC and Science Research students; thanked Ms. Conklin and Ms. King; thanks to Mr. DeVito for his clear and detailed presentation; thanks to Board for adopting a budget that supports its schools.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma congratulated all of the students receiving awards tonight and thanks to Ms. Tursi; thanks to Ms. McGovern and Dr. Radice for their service to the district, they will be missed; thanks to Mr. DeVito; thanks to the Board for adopting the budget
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Giuliana Carmichael reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday; had a great Meet the Candidates Forum.

XIII. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
May 14, 2024