

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2025

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Lindell Elementary School Faculty Room

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

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 (arr. 5:25pm)

Board President Pinto called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:50 PM to discuss district pending legal, financial and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

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

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Ryan
Approved: 5-0

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Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Pinto called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Pinto reminded everyone about the MS Musical "Annie", spoke about the HS Wrestling and Gymnastics fund raiser event called "Beauty and the Beast", Wrestling team advanced to State Championships, reminded everyone about the Martin Luther King Day parade. He then handed the meeting over to Dr. Gallagher.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher started by introducing Jennifer Hoffman, Directory of Literacy KL-12, to present the Student Showcase, and turned it over to Jennifer Hoffman.

Student Showcase: Elementary Literacy

Ms. Hoffman brought the students up on stage and started by saying "Reading is like breathing in, and writing is like breathing out". You can't have one without the other. Ms. Hoffman discussed the NYS ELA Standards, and Lifelong practices of readers and writers. Each student read their writing out loud. The PreK students started with Ethan who read "The Snowy Day", Grace who read "My Goal for the New Year is to read and write" and Daisy "Goal is Biking". The Kindergarten student was Maila with "Show and Tell". First Grade was Addie with "How to draw a pig" and Paxton with "How to Make My Bed". Second Grade was Jack with "How to play Lacrosse", Shayhna with "What is

Hannakuh" and Dana's nonfiction titled "Bark Bark". Benjamin, a 4th grade student, read "You Should Let Go of Bad Friends" and Hayley read her persuasive essay about Taylor Swift. Next was Grade 5 with James who read "Jet Ski Dreams and Lake Dreams" After Sam Pinto referenced a speech by Admiral McReedy and the "How to Make Your Bed" reading. Alexis Pace asked Paxton for a copy of his "How to make your bed" for her 21year old son. Dr. Gallagher told the student that they were "Awesome, brave and confident".

Presentation: *Proposed Capital Plan – Conceptual Presentation*

Mr. DeVito started the presentation with discussing how the proposed bond project will benefit the community. The bond allows for work to be done with no tax levy and it is good planning for when you retire debt. The High School and Middle School would benefit from an enhance in the instructional programs with creating more space and improving existing space. Both schools would receive repair and replacement of building infrastructure. Air handling units, lockers rooms, high school turf field, middle school turf courtyard, interior walls, doors, ceilings windows and disability accessibility would be addressed. Mr. DeVito discussed the benefits of an expanded Tech Space, a wrestling gym floor plan, a wellness center, a business lab and a cafeteria floor plan and seating area, Mr. DeVito discussed the enhancement of instructional program and the repair/replacement of building infrastructure for the Elementary Schools as well as the Public Library. He finished with summarizing how the proposed bond project will benefit the community.

III. Board President Pinto called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Ms. Bellsey stated that the inclusive playground sounded exciting and asked Mr. DeVito to explain the Bloomberg Business Lab. Dr. Gallagher spoke about the ticker and the stock trading floor for the business classes. Ms. Bellsey asked about plans for wrestling room when it is off season. Dr. Gallagher replied that the high school is always looking for extra space for classes, meetings and testing locations. High School feels strongly that the space will always be used.
- Ms. Conway commented that the wrestling season season mainly goes year round, where would the basketball courts go? Dr. Gallagher answered that Mr. Epstein has a few different options. Ms. Conway thanked Mr. DeVito for the Bloomberg Lab. Concurred with Ms. Bellsey that the inclusive playground would be a wonderful asset to the community. Ms. Conway asked why would we do more turf? Mr. DeVito replied that the middle school has reported that the area gets very muddy, need a more durable area.
- Ms. Pace asked about the good financial planning, asked to verify \$5 million dollar portion will be falling off in two years. Mr. DeVito replied yes and explained the place holder in the budget for the borrowed money. Ms. Pace asked if it would be a 15 year borrowing period and if the interest rate would be locked in. Mr. DeVito replied that he would have to check the legal framework. Ms. Pace stated that she loved the idea of a Carpentry CTE program.
- Dr. Ryan asked if there is a standard amount of time between the District borrowing, is 15 years a standard amount of time? Mr. DeVito replied that it is good financial

planning to do it every 15 years or so. Dr. Ryan asked when the 2009 bond project completed? Mr. DeVito replied that Superstorm Sandy complicated things. Projects had to be redone. Dr. Ryan commented on the Supply Chain being backlogged.

- Mr. Pinto stated this is the first step in Public Feedback. Capital Projects committee tries to prioritize enhancements and improvements to the district. Bringing in Brick and Mortar enhancements to support programs. What is being done now is planning for the future and being financially responsible to implement the Bond.

IV. Board President Pinto called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- None

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

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

- Joanne Kapp – expressed concern over new things being added while community faces closing of a school.
- Ed Kapp- Where was the use of Bond last year? Feels it’s irresponsible.
- 4th grade student at East School – spoke about what East means to her.
- Judith – closing East school will be a problem for her but, her son will benefit from improvements to Middle School and High School, closing East school is a problem. Feels baffled and confused.
- Mr. Pinto reminded members of audience not to clap and boo.
- Maureen Alvarado – the criteria for going to Bond. Who decides what ideas go forward? Mr. DeVito answered that this is the first stage, Central Administration proposed the bond to the Board of Ed, who then proposes to the public, then the Board will decide. The Architect determines the price, Board decides each line item, then goes to the public to vote on.
- Jen Slattery – Wellness Room looks awesome, not sure it should be a priority.
- Guillian Carmichael – reviewed instructions for public comment and Board Meetings. Asked if there will be more specifics and breakdown of Bond at next meeting? Mr. DeVito replied not at next Board of Ed meeting, but as it comes up concurrent with specific budget items.
- Naomi Seifert – advocating for child who needs a proper IEP. Feels child is being denied essential educational services.
- Joanne LaPorta – presentation was amazing but doesn’t see them as a priority.
- Heather Locasio – reminder to public about decorum and rules for meetings.
- Aimee McNicholls – everything seems to be High School focused. Also thinks everyone is getting stuck on the phrase “Wellness Room” – actually a “Mental Health Room”.
- Kristen McChesney – thanked everyone for showing up – feels presentation was “tone deaf”. District is not in danger of losing funding. Asked if a better option to the community has been provided based on presentation. And, is the Board willing to vote today to keep East open.
- Dr. Ryan stated he was willing to vote, his vote has not changed, said it last year and says it now.

- Mr. Pinto stated the Board is not voting on the Bond proposal tonight. Its just an introduction.
- Judith Duran – Community is being torn apart by lack of transparency.
- Megan Curly – regarding the Wellness Center – who has access, oversight, etc. There is a mental health crisis nationwide. Disappointed – feels the Board of Ed cares very little about elementary students.
- Craig Kuscher – spoke in support of East school.
- Harold Webb – asked if the Bloomberg lab was the only model looked at? Dr. Gallagher replied that the Bloomberg Lab is a term of art, proposing a less expensive and pared down model of that. Mr. Webb stated he is concerned there is nothing in the bond for Elementary Schools. Dr. Gallagher replied yes there are – playgrounds, ventilation systems and field enhancements.
- Vassa S. – commented on Wellness Center at the High school, any talk or mention about the elementary level?
- Danielle – asked about the Bond amount. Mr. DeVito replied that there is no amount yet, district just talking conceptually.
- Ms. Pace reminded community this would go into effect in years to come, this is future planning.
- Ava Fuchs Schaeffer – an alumni who spoke in support of East school.
- Pat Gallagher – former Board of Education member. The Board of Ed needs to make a decision on East School and encouraged community involvement.
- Ann Conway thanked Mr. Gallagher for his years of volunteering.

VI. Mr. Pinto recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for November 2024 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the
Treasurer's Report

VII. Mr. Pinto recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session of December 6, 2024 and the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for
Exec. Session of Dec. 6,
2024 and the Exec Session
and Reg Mtg of Dec. 10,
2024.

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

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

VII. 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 Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Me
Approved: 5-0

Dr. Ryan congratulated the retirees and regrets seeing Mr. Myers name on the Agenda. Ms. Conway said thank you to all retirees for their dedication and especially Mr. Myers. He brought a wonderful atmosphere to the High School. Mr. Pinto thanked all retirees and knows Mr. Myers would be at meeting but is probably attending a high school event.

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated

President Pinto called for a motion as amended.

Motion by: Board member Dr. Ryan
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pace
Discussion
Approved: 5-0

Viii.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of a Walk-on Agenda Item to Appoint a New District Clerk

Approval of Walk on
Agenda Item

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Susannah Familetti as District Clerk, effective January 21, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

President Pinto called for a motion as amended.

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

Ms. Bellsey stated that Ms. Familetti is new to position but not new to the district And has worked in HR office for many years.

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) Resignation for the purposes of Retirement

Name: Dorothy Lopez
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lido School
Effective Date: June 30, 2025, close of day

Name: Paula Podber
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: June 30, 2025, close of day

Name: Erik Steinmetz
Assign./Loc: Guidance Counselor/Long Beach High School

Effective Date: June 30, 2025, close of day

Name: Felicia Olewnicki
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2025, close of day

Name: Jeffrey Myers
Assign./Loc: Principal/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: July 31, 2025, close of day

(b) Resignation

Name: Erin McGrath
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: January 17, 2025, close of day

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Amy Teemer
Assign./Loc: Full Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: January 15, 2025 – January 14, 2026 on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Intermittent FMLA

Name: Maureen O'Driscoll
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teaching Assistant/Lido School
Effective Dates: March 14, 2025 – June 30, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Medical

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(c) Leaves of Absence - Continued

Name: Mia Kreiss
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teaching Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: January 27, 2025 – June 30, 2025 on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational

(d) Appointment: Probationary Full Time Teaching Assistant

Name: India Garone
Assign./Loc: Probationary Full Time Teaching Assistant/Lido
Certification: Teaching Assistant-Level I
Effective Date: January 15, 2025
End Date: January 14, 2029
Tenure Date: January 15, 2029
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 1
Salary Classification: \$25,981
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Comment: Resigns from Teacher Aide Position

(e) Appointment: Advisors for LBHS Co-Curricular Activities 2024-2025 School Year

HS Club Activity	Advisor	2024-25	Frequency
American Sign Language Club	Leigh Yazak	\$1,674	Alt. weeks

(f) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2025

Spring Sport	Position	Coach	Stipend
Softball	Junior Varsity	Michele Aulenti Rescind Jessica Loyer	\$7,599

(g) Amended Appointment: Moot Court Club Advisors effective 2024-2025 school year-Rate of Pay \$60.86 per hour up to 35 hours.

Caroline Espinet
Dana Monti
Justin Sulsky
Michael Vasikauskas

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(h) Approval of Applications for Participation in Group A Study Programs-Winter 2025-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
Christina Graziano	\$945	Marisa Tyd	\$758
Gabriella Febrizio	\$658	Marisa Lorenzo	\$878
Janine Riomaso	\$878	Megan Lyons	\$475
Nicole Petruzzo	\$580	Kurt Allen	\$945
William Papetti	\$969		

(i) Approval of Applications for Participation in Group B Study Programs-Winter 2025-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	\$658
Jeanine Sorensen	\$329

(j) The following Short Term Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

Name	Dates
Faith Johnson	December 16, 2024 – June 30, 2025

(k) Amend: The following Short Term Substitute Teacher/Social Worker is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Julie Schatt/Social Worker	Effective Dates: September 30, 2024 – February 14, 2025 Original Dates: September 30, 2024 – December 5, 2024
Jacquelyn Riccio/Teacher	Effective Dates: October 22, 2024 – March 10, 2025 Original Dates: October 22, 2024 – December 17, 2024

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (l) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year. \$150 per day

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Linda Weiss	Permanent N-6 and Special Education
Aydin Kessler	In a program
Judith Biamonte	Permanent N – 6
Jewel Butler	Professional Business and Marketing
Karine Shauli	Professional Visual Arts
Sheeba Jafri	
Theresa Zezula	Permanent N-6
Laura Ciquera	Permanent N-6
Ashley Segarra	Initial Visual Arts
Samantha Fasano	Initial Childhood Ed 1-6, Early Childhood Ed B-2
Mackenzie Angst	In a program
Daisy Cook	Initial ENL, ELA 7-12
Frank Caprino	Professional Visual Arts
Mackenzie Collins	Initial Math 7-12
Angela Vacchelli-Schweers	Professional Literacy B-6, Stud w/Disab. 1-6

I.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (m) The following Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year.

NAME	CERTIFICATION	RATE
Michael Gillam	Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$16.50
Linda Farrell	Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$16.50
Mia Kreiss	Teaching Assistant Level 1	\$19.88

(n)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH TEACHERS' 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 Teachers' Association, dated January 9, 2025.

- (o) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ASPPG**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Administrative, Supervisory and Pupil Personnel Group, dated January 7, 2025

(p) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ASPPG

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Administrative, Supervisory and Pupil Personnel Group, dated January 8, 2025.

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Amended Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement

Name: Barbara Vahey
Assign./Loc. Data Specialist/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Date: January 3, 2025, close of day

(b) Resignation

Name: Janiyah Wells
Assign./Loc. Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: December 13, 2024, close of day

Name: Thomas Talenti
Assign./Loc. Part Time Building Aide/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: December 20, 2024, close of day

(c) Recission

Name: Kristen Mahon
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Long Beach High School

(d) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Hannah Clarke
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Original Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational

(e) Appointment: District Clerk/Secretary to the Superintendent

Name: Susannah Familetti
Assign./Loc. District Clerk/Secretary to the Superintendent/Admin

Effective Date: January 21, 2025
Salary Classification: \$74,605 per annum, prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from her Sr. Personnel Clerk Position

(f) Appointment: Provisional Senior Personnel Clerk

Name: Melissa Frank
Assign./Loc. Provisional Senior Personnel Clerk/Admin
Effective Date: January 15, 2025
Salary Classification: \$57,577 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade VI/Step 9
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from her Senior Data Specialist Position

(g) Appointment: Provisional Data Specialist

Name: Andrea Henry
Assign./Loc. Provisional Data Specialist (10 months)/LBMS
Effective Date: January 15, 2025
Salary Classification: \$33,979 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(h) Appointment: Full Time Teacher Aide

Name: Amy Goren
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teacher Aide/West School
Effective Dates: January 15, 2025
Salary Classification: \$38,976
Grade/Step: Grade III/Step 19
Reason: To Fill a Vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from her Part Time Teaching Assistant Position

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(i) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide

Name: Linda Yakita
Assign./Loc. Part Time Lunch Aide/East School
Effective Dates: January 6, 2025
Salary Classification: \$17.84 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade1/Step 1
Reason: To Fill a Vacancy
Comment: In addition to her Bus Aide position

(j) Appointment: Part Time Bus Aide (18.75 hr.)

Name: Caren Riskin
Assign./Loc. Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Dates: September 4, 2024
Salary Classification: \$18.68 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade1/Step 2

Reason: To Fill a district need
Comment: In addition to her Food Service position

(k) Appointment: Part Time Food Service Worker (17.5 hr.)

Name: Tyeshah Carr
Assign./Loc: Part Time Food Service Worker/LBMS
Effective Dates: January 15, 2025
Salary Classification: \$17.84 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade1/Step 6
Reason: To meet a district need

(l) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2024-2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Start Date	Comment
Jessica Schweers	1	\$17.84	Lido	1/15/25	Resigns as per diem

(m) Appointment Part Time Building Aides 19 hours per week for School Year 2024-2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Start Date
Shardajha Easton-Meritt	1	\$17.84	LBHS	1/15/25
Alfred Ford	1	\$17.84	LBHS	1/15/25

(n) Appointment: The following Short Term Substitute Clericals are recommended for approval for the dates below:

Name	Position	Dates	Rate
Rosa Anna Knag	Clerical	January 7, 2025 – January 31, 2025	\$55.01/hr.
Barbara Vahey	Clerical	January 7, 2025 – January 14, 2025	\$44.13/hr.

(o) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name	Position	Rate
Christina Schimenti	Nurse	\$180/day
Fiona Emiri	Teacher Aide	\$16.50/hr.

(p) 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: Kevin Brand

Assign./Loc.: General Mechanic/Districtwide
Effective Date: January 18, 2025

Name: Barbara Simon
Assign./Loc.: 30 Hr. Driver/Transportation
Effective Date: January 18, 2025

VIII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO OPT OUT OF REGIONALIZATION PLANNING PROCESS

Approval to Opt-Out of Regionalization Planning Process

WHEREAS, at its December, 2024 meeting, the Board of Regents adopted the emergency regulations related to Regionalization Plans (Subpart 124-2) as final; and

WHEREAS, a new § 124-2.8 was added which provides, in part, that a "school district may elect not to participate in the development of a regionalization plan."

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Regulations of the Commissioner of Education § 124-2.8, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District elects not to participate in the development of a regionalization plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is directed to submit written notice to the New York State Department of Education by January 15, 2025.

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT WITH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Approval of Dual Enrollment Agreement with Suffolk Community College

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Beacon Program Concurrent Enrollment Participation Agreement Between Suffolk County Community College and Long Beach School District and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute it on behalf of the District.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE

Approval of Emergency Expenditure

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2024 leaks in steam pipes associated with the District's Middle School heating system were discovered, which leaks required emergency repairs and the shutting down of portions of the system; and

WHEREAS, the District needed, on an emergency basis, to have emergency plumbing services to remedy the above referenced condition and Seaford Avenue Plumbing Corp was engaged to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103(4), the ability to obtain services as referred to above in a timely manner was essential to protect the life, health and safety of District students, staff and others present in the affected District buildings and constitutes such immediate action which could not await competitive bidding or competitive offering; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby declares the timely and immediate procurement of plumbing services at the Long Beach Middle School as referred to above to be essential to protect the life, health and safety of District students, staff and residents and to constitute action which could not await competitive bidding or competitive offering, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4); and hereby authorizes the engagement of Seaford Avenue Plumbing Corp as referred to above for a sum of \$39,734.72 without competitive bidding or competitive offering.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER

Approval of Deduct
Change Order

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023, Long Beach City School District awarded a contract to Polaris Electrical Construction in the amount of \$553,979.00 (SED Project No. 28-03-00-01-0-001-044) (hereinafter, the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the School District's Architect, John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., recommends modification to the Contract, deducting \$20,204.00 from the cost of the Contract, as indicated in Change Order E-1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order E-1, deducting \$20,204.00 from the cost of the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute Change Order E-1 on behalf of the Board of Education.

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF NON-RESIDENT TUITION AGREEMENT

Approval of Non-Resident
Tuition Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a non-resident tuition Agreement for an out-of-district family for the period of January 27, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

VIII.7 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 of \$200 from Thomas Kennedy of CenterPoint Church for the High School Robotics Club; a donation of \$500 from Zack Farrish of the Rainbow Research Corporation for the High School Robotics club; and a \$5000 from Nat Alcamo for the High School Robotics Club.

VIII.8 FIRST READING OF POLICY #7350 TIMEOUT AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

No action needed.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.10 through Item VIII.13.

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

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

VIII.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION READING OF AMENDED POLICY #3230 PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS

Adoption of Policy #3230 Public Comment at Board Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts amended Policy #3230 Public Comment at Board Meetings.

VIII.10 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of CPSE and CSE Recommendations

VIII.11 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 for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025.

VIII.12 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

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Dates Requested</u>
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Spring Fling	High School Cafeteria	Friday April 4, 2025 4:30pm – 9:30pm

Long Beach Football Club, Inc.	Soccer Practice/Training	Middle School Gymnasium	Wed., Thurs. January 22- February 27, 2025 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club, Inc.	Lacrosse Club Winter Training	Middle School Gymnasium	Tuesdays January 14 – February 25, 2025 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Beach Basketball	Basketball practice	East Elementary School Gym	Wednesdays January 15 – June 25, 2025 8:00pm – 10:00pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments
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- Dr. Ryan wanted to address inference made that the Board of Education members don't care about children. He spoke about the personal sacrifice of the Board of Education trustee and there is no compensation. He said no one has yelled at the speakers. Made point summarizing his position that east school represents a small segment of community. He has been entrusted to make decisions on behalf of the entire community.
- Ms. Conway spoke about the accidents on Greenway Road and Lido Boulevard. She will be meeting with the 4th precinct, Leg. Mullaney, a member from Counselman Schneiders office and someone from the Traffic Department to discuss preventing the accidents in that area. Mr. Pinto thanked MS. Conway and clarified that accidents do not involve students. Dr. Ryan thanked Ms. Conway for taking the time to attend meeting.
- Mr. Pinto spoke in support of all members of the Board of Education.
- Dr. Gallagher spoke about the Advisory Committee update: in July the Board of Education asked committee to investigate alternative uses for a building. There may be some interest from BOCES and JCC. Board of Education has directed committee to have a presentation for next meeting and Board of Education will make a decision at next meeting.
- Ms. Pace all of are here only to do what's right and good. There were comments about lack of transparency that were unfounded. The Board of Education is trying to listen and be fair. Asking public to be patient, give Board a little more time.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

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- Heather Locasio- said she is very sad that Mr. Myers is retiring. Has worked with Ms. Dolan for years and will be missed. She is on the Advisory committee, asked the Board of Education if they can give the community a date when they will make decision. Mr. Pinto said notice will be giving by the next meeting.

- Nicole came during COVID. Asked if there is a legal time frame the Board of Ed has to make final decision of East School.
- Jen Slattery - She is on the Advisory Board. Asked Mr. DeVito have any data points that shows cost savings to District.
- A young student spoke in favor of East School.
- Ms. Burgess stated she is a member of Advisory Committee and due to there being no cuts in Foundation Aid, how has that impacted this decision. Spoke about impact of school closings in districts that have had school closings. Also spoke about concern over lack of clarity in conveying plans to the community.
- Young student Burgess spoke in support of East School.
- Mr. Burgess asked if there are any critical pieces of data that you have not seen that will help in making decision? Mr. Pinto stated there are many pieces to the puzzle and it is not an easy decision. Ms. Pace stated that her top priority has always been that she does not want to see an empty building. Ms. Conway and Ms. Bellsey concurred.
- Stefi read all of her questions at once. #1. At Board of Ed meeting in summer it stated that the survey was going to go out again. Was it sent out again? Dr. Gallagher replied that it did go out again. #2. Previously Mr. DeVito said BOCES was not interested, at what point would they shift? #3 Explain the cost savings of closing East. #4 Now we have the funding. #5 How long would a lease be and would there be updates needed? Are terms negotiable. Dr. Gallagher responded At first BOCES said no because most of their programs are not regional. 2nd time they contacted BOCES, BOCES was having trouble getting approval for segregated special education sections. In terms of savings, it's at least \$2-\$2.5 million dollar savings. Lease terms depend on who would rent the space. BOCES was very impressed with East School.
- Maureen Alvarado has 6 questions. Does the Board and Admin have a clear and concise plan for closing East School? Answer was No. Is East school remaining open causing cutting to other programs? The answer was no. If Ms. Pace is absent from next meeting, can vote be split? The answer was yes? Is there a plan for redistribution of students and staff? The answer was yes. Can you promise that the building won't be vacant? The answer was yes.
- Community member from 269 Neptune Blvd disagrees with the student population study from Ross Haber.
- Jessica Johnson a west parent spoke in support of East and disagrees with Dr. Ryan's comment that East is a small segment of the community. Sofia Padukas encourages fair and transparent process in closing East. Suggests all students resubmit building choice applications. Can this be done? Will all families be notified? Mr. Pinto said the Board of Education will take it into consideration.
- Chris Manzioti said it sounds like the Board of Education has already made a decision to close East. He asked why put money into turf when a school is closing? Mr. DeVito the turf is a small amount of money and also, Middle School administration has requested it be done now since the area gets very muddy.
- Kristen McChesney asked the Board of they will have info out to the community before the next meetings vote? Answer was yes.
- James Lynch suggested that Mr. DeVito present a recap to refresh everyone's memory. Also suggested that the Board of Education votes when all Board members are present.

- Joanne Kapp said she feels like she's in same spot as we were last year despite her being on Advisory Board and attending all the Board of Meetings. How can you make a decision in 9 days when you don't have a commitment from a tenant? Dr. Gallagher replied that what the district can guarantee that in some way the district will use the building.
- Harold Webb asked when it comes to curriculum, it will be changing. Dr. Gallagher said she will be sending out a letter about the graduation requirement changes. MR. Pinto stated the district has been working on getting students ready for the changes being made by state,
- Patrick Gallagher would be happy to see a debate. Ms. Pace stated that any information they have presented to the East school parents, they have been told they are wrong, they are not correct and the math is wrong. The Board is trying to share information but they are being met with resistance.
- Ms. Conway stated we are one Long Beach community. We all here together and want the same thing. We all want what's best for the kids.

XI. Announcements

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1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom congratulated all teachers on the agenda for retirement. Welcome the newest members to the organization – the occupational therapists and physical therapists. Thanked Dr. Gallagher for meeting last week.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Mr. Biesma congratulated all District employees that are retiring.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Guillian Carmichael Thanked Lori Dolan you for all that she does.

XII. Adjournment

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Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn at: 10:41 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by:

Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
January 14, 2025