

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 27, 2012

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lindell Elementary School Auditorium

Members Present: President Roy J. Lester, Esq.
Vice President Darlene Tangney
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Stewart Mininsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent –
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order – President Lester

Call to Order

President Lester called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Weiss

Superintendent's Report

- Originally scheduled as work session, but needed to deal with a couple of personnel and other issues.
- Capital Reserve Initiative Vote on October 18; questions and answers will be addressed at next meeting on October 9th.
- **Presentation – Student Performance - Dr. Vincent Butera, Dr. Gaurav Passi, Dr. Michele Natali, Mr. Josh Anisansel, Ms. Cheriase Pemberton**
Highlights include: Guiding Principles, Education Success Measures, Course Success Rates, NYS Regent Exams Scores for English, Math, Social Studies, and Science, Student Enrollment in AP/IB/SUPA courses and No. of AP/IB Exams Taken, LBHS Graduation Rate, IB Diploma Rates, Students Attending Most Competitive Colleges, Summer School, Suspension Rates, Grade 8 Integrated Algebra and Earth Science Scores, NYS Math and ELA Scores and Current Steps. Presentation is on-line and on file with the District Clerk.

III. President Lester called for Board of Education Comments

Board of Education Comments
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- Board Member Ryan noted less student achievement based on lack of good teachers; more standardized learning; more success options for students; asked about suspension rates; appreciates number of students taking AP/IB courses but would like to see scores – also for SATs critical reasoning and math; asked about relationship between 2.8 deans and decline in suspensions in MS; voiced concerns about MS scores; thanked staff for presentation; expressed surprise at 94% passing rate hoping there was no grade inflation.
- Board Member Gallagher questioned reasons for decline in suspensions; effectiveness of the new counselor for in-school suspension; was decline tied to decreased enrollment at MS; differentiated instruction in MS; what is key area in 6th grade? Noted success of 8th grade Earth Science test takers which doubled in size and 100% passing rate of 8th grade Algebra students
- Board Member Mininsky requested a breakdown of male and female scores in both the MS and HS.
- Board Member Ryan noted that the last report had girls outperforming boys in scores; at NHS females outnumbered males and it was the same at IB graduation; this is a national phenomenon. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss instruction and thanked the staff for their candor.
- Vice President Tangney thanked the presentation staff; asked about the guiding principles and how the message of opportunity and success is conveyed to staff and students and how it is monitored; voiced concern about the struggling student, including the ones scoring 3; asked about the number of AIS students and how they are determined; positive school culture indicators; climate survey results; advanced Regents diploma rate; questioned use of college graduates who attended LBHS.
- Board Member Gallagher asked about the use of IST teams and the teams for 9th graders.
- President Lester asked about the mandated reporting of Regents' scores from 8th grade test takers; the decrease of out of school suspensions attributed to in-school suspensions; the average length of out of school suspensions and the wait time for instruction for suspended students. Requested report on use of instruction by out of school suspended students.

IV. President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Agenda Items.

**Questions and Comments
from the Public on Agenda**

- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – commended presentation group, suggested that test taking and efficiency of studying skills be taught, asked about top school acceptances, identification of weakness of 6-8 grade English scores, global ranking-analysis of ELA scores.

V. President Lester called for Presentations of the Superintendent.

**Presentations of the
Superintendent**

V.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: CERTIFICATED. President Lester called for a motion.

**1. Personnel Matters:
Certificated
Pages: 4-6**

**Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky
Approved: 5-0; 4-1* (h) and [m]
Voted No: Vice President Tangney on (h)
Board Member Ryan on (m)**

**2. Personnel Matters:
Non-Certificated
Pages: 7**

Ms. Ventura, a newly appointed Foreign Language Teacher, was introduced.

VII.2 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: NON CERTIFICATED.

President Lester called for a motion.

**Motion by: Board Member Mininsky
Seconded by: Board Member Ryan
Approved: 5-0**

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

V.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Barbara Merman
Assign.: Building Coordinator/Adult Learning Center
Effective Date: October 31, 2012 close of day

(b) Rescissions

1. Name: Jennifer Mullin
Assign.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/middle school
2. Name: Lindsay Van Sickle
Assign.: Co-Curricular Club-World Language Club/middle school
3. Name: Robert Rochford
Assign.: Co-Curricular Club-Hockey Club/middle school

(c) Resignations

Name: Nadayne Limerick
Assign.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/high school
Effective Date: September 14, 2012

(d) Termination

Name: Laura Medina
Assign./Loc: Foreign Language Teacher/high school
Effective Date: September 27, 2012
Reason: Abandonment of position

(e) Amended Leave of Absence: Maternity/Pregnancy

Name: Mary Doheny
Assign./Loc: Elementary-Mathematics Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2012-October 2, 2012
Original Dates: September 1, 2012-September 17, 2012

(f) Leave of Absence: Maternity/Pregnancy

Name: Amy Powers
Assign./Loc: Guidance Counselor/high school
Effective Dates: December 20, 2012-April 5, 2013

V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Foreign Language Teacher

Name: Francis Ventura
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Foreign Language Teacher/high school
Certification: Initial Spanish 7-12
Effective Dates: September 24, 2012-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Foreign Language
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$65,831* per annum) prorated
Reason: To replace Monica Geller (Laura Medina)
*Subject to negotiations

(h) Appointment: Part Time Elementary-Mathematics Teacher (.4)

Name: Jeanine Sofield
Assign./Loc: Part Time Elementary-Mathematics Teacher (.4)/East School
Certification: Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6
Effective Dates: September 28, 2012-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Salary Classification: 0.4 of MA/Step 1 (\$26,333* per annum) prorated
Reason: To replace Suzanne Richez
*Subject to negotiations

(i) Appointment: Temporary Part Time Special Education Teacher (.1)-Funded through IDEA

Name: Yasmeeen Valentin
Assign./Loc: Temporary Special Education Teacher (.1)/Hebrew Academy of Long Beach
Certification: Professional Students with Disabilities 1-6
Professional Childhood Education 1-6
Effective Dates: September 28, 2012-June 30, 2013 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Salary Classification: 0.1 of MA+40/Step 7 (\$8,830*per annum) prorated
Reason: To meet a district need
Comment: In addition to full time position
*Subject to negotiations

(j) Appointment Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistant 17.5 hours per week September 4, 2012 through June 21, 2013 (or earlier at the district's discretion) According to CSE recommendation or 504 plan. Rate according to contract. *Subject to negotiations

Name	Location	Certification	Grade/Step	Hourly Rate
Clara Valdez	Lido School	Continuing TA	II/Step 3	\$18.37
Elie Bashevkin	high school	Level I TA	II/Step 2	\$17.62

V.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(k) Appointment: Per Diem Substitute Teacher-Summer School 2012

Jes Bellsey

**(l) Amended Appointment: Deans - 2012-2013 School Year-Stipend:
\$3,926.28* per annum *Subject to negotiations**

	Name	Assignment	Location
1.	Lynn Dean	.8 Dean	middle school
2.	John Anfossi	.8 Dean	middle school

**(m) Appointment: Advisors for Middle School Co-Curricular Activities 2012-
2013
School Year - *Subject to negotiations**

Club	Name	Stipend*
World Language Club	S. Yanowitch/B. Montoya	\$1,512 split

**(n) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for
approval for the 2012-2013 school year**

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
1. Kaysi Ward	Initial Mathematics 7-12 (pending)
2. Jacob Potters	Initial Physical Education
3. Jennifer Salgado	Initial Students with Disabilities B-2 Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6 Initial Early Childhood Education B-2 Initial Childhood Education 1-6
4. Stephanie Kornacki	Initial Visual Arts
5. Robert Weber	Permanent Social Studies 7-12
6. Geri Christianson	Permanent N-6
7. Michael Medrano	Initial Physical Education

V.2. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations

1. Name: Sandra Buonanno
Assign./Loc: Part Time Food Service Worker/high school
Effective Date: September 14, 2012
2. Name: Nina Farina
Assign./Loc: Part Time Building Aide/Blackheath
Effective Date: September 6, 2012

(b) Change in work hours from 18.75 hours per week to 30 hours per week for the following Bus Matron:

Maria Crowley

(c) Appointment: Extended School Year Program-Summer 2012

Name	Position	Rate
Lori Field	Nurse-substitute	\$42.66 per hour

(d) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2012-2013 school year

NAME	POSITION
1. John Stewart	Cleaner
2. Lois Gates	Teacher Assistant
3. Susan Heaphy	Nurse
4. Joan Doherty	Nurse
5. Michael Salgado	Cleaner
6. Susan McCormack	Clerical
7. Linda Farmer	Bus Aide
8. Nina Farina	Building Aide

V.3 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Approval of Professional Development Agreement with A.U.S.S.I.E.

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District ("District") desires to enter into an agreement for professional development and staff development services in the elementary schools with A.U.S.S.I.E. for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with A.U.S.S.I.E. for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Chief Operating Officer to execute the agreement with A.U.S.S.I.E. on its behalf.

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Gallagher

Seconded by: Vice President Tangney

Approved: 3-2

Voted No: Board Member Mininsky and Board Member Ryan

V.4 Superintendent Weiss recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH ULTIMATE POWER, INC. (Contract #9-LBHS-3)

Acceptance of Change Order #3 with Ultimate Power Inc. (#9-LBHS-3)

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District ("District") has engaged Ultimate Power for mechanical work at Long Beach High School pursuant to an award on May 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the District's architect and construction manager recommend modification to the existing contract for increased labor and material for pipe, insulation, hangers and compensators;

WHEREAS, the District's architect and construction manager recommend moving forward with this work now considering the reasonable pricing the District received from Ultimate Power, Inc.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts Change Order #3 (Contract #9-LBHS-3) to the contract with Ultimate Power, Inc. for the additional cost of \$56,726.14; and

**V.4 ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH ULTIMATE POWER, INC.
(Contract #9-LBHS-3) (continued)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute Change Order No. 3 (Contract #9-LBHS-3) to the contract with Ultimate Power, Inc. on its behalf.

President Lester called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Gallagher
Seconded by: Board Member Ryan
Approved: 4-1
Voted No: Board Member Mininsky

VI. President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

None.

VII. President Lester called for Announcements.

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Steve Freeman welcomed Ms. Ventura, noted construction problems, windows missing shades, random door locks, need for more frequent Health & Safety Committee meetings.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – No comments
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Mr. William Snow welcomed everyone back; commended his custodial staff on their hard work in getting the schools ready for the school year; teachers are given keys for door locks; people are aware of locking problem.
4. Parent/Teacher Association –CCPTA Co-Presidents Andrea Wayne and Dalila Duffy welcomed the new teachers, asked about the climate study results, thanked all who attended CCPTA meeting earlier in the day and Steve Freeman for 100% participation of teachers in PTA. College graduates are free to come back.
5. Student Organization – No comments

**VIII. President Lester called for Board of Education
Additional New/Old Business, if any.**

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

- Board Member Gallagher explained that 10 years ago there were only 30 students taking the Algebra (comp) and Earth Science exams compared to the number that are taking the exams today. He expressed his desire to improve that number even further.

President Lester called for motion to move into Executive Session at 9:26 PM. Motion was made by Vice President Tangney and seconded by Board Member Mininsky. Approved: 5-0; at 10:15 PM, Mr. DeVito and Dr. Butera left.

IX. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

Motion by: President Lester
Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky
Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
October 9, 2012