

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2023

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Administration Building

Members Present: Board President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Alexis Pace
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. Tom Volz, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Board President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:03 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

Board President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:48 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2023

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary School Multipurpose Rm.

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

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
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Mr. Tom Volz, 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 welcomed Troop 251 to the meeting, who were there working on their badges; he stated that the High school drama production of "Radium Girls" was excellent; congratulations to National Honor Society inductees; looking forward to all of the upcoming winter concerts.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that the Odyssey of the Mind recognition originally scheduled to take place tonight has been rescheduled due to the earlier power outage. Dr. Gallagher then introduced Michael DeVito, who gave his presentation, "Proposed Capital Plan".

Dr. Gallagher then asked Mr. DeVito to present the "Proposed Capital Plan" presentation, stating that the plan includes improvements to indoor air quality through mechanical ventilation and air conditioning in areas of our schools where needed along with some exciting educational space enhancements. To cover the cost of these capital projects, the district is proposing a bond issue, which allows the district to receive the funds needed, then spread out repayment over 15 years. More importantly, this will not require any additional tax levy so the plan is tax neutral. He explained further that, as the current debt service for the School Preservation Plan

“retires”, the district can begin new debt service for a new bond without increasing the tax levy as long as the debt service amount remains the same or lower; Mr. DeVito is proposing a proposition on the May 2024 ballot. Mr. DeVito then outlined the educational space includes a new Marine Science Research Building, new carpentry and robotics classrooms and high school cafeteria reconstruction. An exciting update to the plan includes a new wrestling area at the high school, funded by revisions to the Lindell bulkhead project. The total cost of all proposed construction projects is \$83,675,000.

The complete presentation, “Proposed Capital Plan” 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

- Dr. Ryan asked why Marine Science got chosen to receive the new free standing research building. Mr. DeVito replied the district wanted to capitalize on the natural resources of the barrier island; Dr. Gallagher added that they had received feedback from parents – also good for Regeneron Science Research competitions, and opens doors to other science related careers.
- Dr. Ryan asked how many students are enrolled in marine research and is this an effort to grow other areas of science (Dr. Gallagher replied yes and yes)? Dr. Ryan then asked if there was leeway built into the cost in case of change orders, and Mr. DeVito replied that there is 18% is built into the cost for cost increases.
- Mr. Pinto stated that he’s excited about the new marine science research building and wanted to know if we can add more elements of sustainability, ie, solar panels, thermal heat, etc., and Mr. DeVito replied that they can look into that.
- Mrs. Conway asked about, with the renovations to the high school cafeteria, if the food will now be served nice and hot for the students and Mr. DeVito replied yes. Mrs. Conway added that she is happy to see the addition of the wrestling area and that it can also be used for extra classroom space or a conference area.
- Ms. Bellsey asked where the new photo lab will go, and Mr. DeVito replied that the creation of the new science research building will free up classroom space, and the lab will go in that space.

Mr. DeVito asked if the Board was comfortable with the proposed Capital Plan, and asked Mr. Volz, legal counsel, is a vote necessary. Mr. Volz said that as long as there is a consensus of the Board, that is all that is required. A vote was taken, and the vote was unanimous in support of the capital plan.

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- None

V. 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

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer’s

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report

Report for October 2023 – no action needed.

- VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the **Approval of Minutes for Executive Session and Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023 and Executive Sessions of November 15, 2023 and November 28, 2023**

Approval of Minutes for Exec Session and Regular Meeting of Nov.14, 2023 and Exec Sessions of Nov. 15, 2023 and Nov. 28, 2023

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

- VIII. **PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of the following Walk-on Resolutions:

A) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and Release with regard to a student discussed in executive session and referred to as Student "A", and authorizes the Board President to execute it on behalf of the District.

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board President Ryan
Approved: 4-0 (Dr. Ryan voted NO)

B) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and Release with regard to a student discussed in executive session and referred to as Student "B", and authorizes the Board President to execute it on behalf of the District.

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0 (Dr. Ryan voted NO)

- 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 as amended.

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

- 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 President Ryan
Approved: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

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

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Termination

Name: Beverly Hasberry
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: November 21, 2023 close of day

(b) Resignations

Name: Morgan Sapolsky
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Date: November 27, 2023

Name: Alisa Gore
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Date: January 3, 2024

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Bennett Collier
Assign./Loc. Special Education Pre K Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: January 17, 2024-February 16, 2024
Reason: FMLA/Medical

Name: Thomas Gaynor
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: January 2, 2024-January 25, 2024
Reason: FMLA

Name: Thomas Farrell
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Dates: December 11, 2023-June 30, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Reason: Personal

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Mary Radin
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Dates: January 25, 2024-March 27, 2024
Original Dates: January 29, 2024-April 3, 2024
Reason: Educational

Name: Samantha Silverman
Assign./Loc. English Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: October 19, 2023-January 2, 2024

Original Dates: October 19, 2023-November 20, 2023
Reason: Medical/FMLA

Name: Rebecca Wesselhoft
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Original Dates: September 1, 2023-January 26, 2024
Reason: Maternity/FMLA

Name: Ellen Edelman
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS
Effective Dates: January 8, 2024-June 30, 2024
Original Dates: September 5, 2023-December 31, 2023
Reason: Medical

Name: Kirstyn Pappas
Assign./Loc: Guidance Counselor/Lido School
Effective Dates: October 27, 2023-June 30, 2024
Original Dates: October 27, 2023-February 1, 2024
Reason: Maternity

(e) Appointment: Probationary Elementary Teacher

Name: Danielle Kaplowitz*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities B-2
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+20/Step 2 (\$77, 724 per annum)
Reason: To fill a vacancy

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

**Credit for time served as a Regular Substitute

(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Guidance Counselor

Name: Rachel Samlin
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute School Counselor/Lido School
Certification: Provisional School Counselor
Effective Dates: October 24, 2023-June 30, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: School Counselor
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$72,177 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(g) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Name: Wilbur Thorsen
Assign./Loc.: Permanent Substitute Teacher/LBHS
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities All Grades
Initial Childhood Education 1-6

Effective Dates: December 13, 2023-June 13, 2024 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Rate of Pay: \$241.02 per day
Reason: To fill a vacancy

- (h) **Amended Appointment: The following Short Term Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$241.02 per day**

Name	Dates
Wilbur Thorsen <i>*amended start date</i>	September 28, 2023*-December 12, 2024

- (i) **Appointment: The following Per Diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$241.02 per day**

Name	Dates
Eric Finneran <i>(or earlier at the district's discretion)</i>	December 13, 2023-June 24, 2024

- (j) **Appointment Part Time Pre K Teacher Assistants-Afternoon Shift 25 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
Hayley Shapiro <i>*Resigns as teacher aide</i>	1	\$18.81	West	Pre K	pm	11/27/23

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (k) **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
Danielle Callahan	1	\$18.81	West	Program	pm	12/13/23

- (l) **Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for Session 1of the 2023/2024 School Year- rate of pay \$79.67 per hour-per class-November 14, 2023-February 8, 2023-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant-Total District Hours 1118.**

TEACHERS	ENRICHMENTS	SCHOOL
Elleen Parks	Substitute-as needed	West
Tara Kelly	Substitute-as needed	West
Gabrielle Tomicick	Substitute-as needed	West

- (m) **Appointment: Advisors for Club Activities for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Club Activity	Name	Rate	School
Odyssey of the Mind	D. MacConnell/J. Donovan	\$3,297 each	LBMS

Odyssey of the Mind	D. MacConnell/Milkan Melo Olivera	\$59.97 per hour- each-max 80 hours for regular season	Elementary
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- (n) **Appointment: Homebound Instructor for the 2023/2024 school year-Rate of Pay: \$59.97 per hour-individual/\$79.67 per hour-group**

Julie Hall Muirhead

- (o) **The following personnel is recommended to be employed in the New York State Education Department’s funded Adult Education Programs and GED Program dependent upon funding, funding requirements, and satisfactory performance for the 2023-2024 school year.**

**CERTIFICATED
SUPPORT STAFF/OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

Name	Pay code	Rate per hour	Max hours	Total	Start Date
Kristen Hanna	SC-5	34.96	1,700	59,432	12/1/23

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (a) **Resignations**

Name: Shatiqwa Hudson
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: November 20, 2023

Name: Jaysha Teemer
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS
Effective Date: November 22, 2023 close of day

Name: Colleen Leavy
Assign./Loc. Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: November 22, 2023 close of day

Name: Ayrielle Pitts
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: December 1, 2023 close of day

Name: Alison Rochford
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: December 22, 2023 close of day

- (b) **Amended Leaves of Absence**

Name: Lorraine Riglietti
Assign./Loc. Part Time Food Service Worker/Lido School
Effective Date: November 30, 2023-January 3, 2024

Original Dates: November 30, 2023-December 18, 2023
Reason: Medical

Name: Tasha Phillips
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Aide/East School
Effective Date: November 1, 2023-January 3, 2024
Original Dates: November 1, 2023-December 1, 2023
Reason: Family Illness

(c) Appointment: Provisional Assistant Business Manager

Name: Brian Oper
Assign./Loc.: Provisional Assistant Business Manager/Business Office
Effective Date: November 16, 2023
Salary Classification: \$135,000 per annum
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Provisional Confidential Sr. Data Specialist (12 months)

Name: Melissa Frank
Assign./Loc.: Provisional Confidential Sr. Data Specialist/Human Resources
Effective Date: December 13, 2023
Salary Classification: \$47,921 per annum
Step: Grade IV/Step 8
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave of absence from Secretary I Position

(e) Appointment: Probationary Personnel Clerk (12 months)

Name: AnnMarie Creighton
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Personnel Clerk/Human Resources
Effective Date: December 13, 2023
Probationary End Date: December 12, 2024
Salary Classification: \$43,338 per annum-prorated
Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Probationary Sr. Data Specialist (10 months)

Name: Jane Ryan
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Sr. Data Specialist/LBHS
Effective Date: December 11, 2023
Probationary End Date: June 10, 2024
Salary Classification: \$38,670 per annum-prorated
Step: Grade IV/Step 7
Reason: To fill a vacancy

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

Name: Norma Canas

Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School
 Effective Date: October 18, 2023
 Salary Classification: \$20.07 per hour
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 4
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

Name: Oscar Melendez
 Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation Department
 Effective Date: December 13, 2023
 Salary Classification: \$17.58 per hour
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
 Reason: To meet a district need

Name: Harry Gosdon
 Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation Department
 Effective Date: December 13, 2023
 Salary Classification: \$17.58 per hour
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
 Reason: To meet a district need

(i) 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
Yuni Mejia	1	17.58	LBHS	CSE	12/15/23

(j) The following personnel are recommended to be employed in the New York State Education Department's funded Adult Education Programs and GED Program dependent upon funding, funding requirements, and satisfactory performance for the 2023-2024 school year.

**NON-CERTIFICATED
SUPPORT STAFF-OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

Name	Pay code	Rate per hour	Max hours	Total	Start Date
Karen Litt	S-6	37.88	132	5,000	1/2/24

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(k) Completion of Probationary Appointments

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

Name: Carl Pichichero
 Assign./Loc.: Head Custodian/East School
 Effective Date: December 18, 2023

(l) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Position
Rachel Braunhut	Teacher Aide/Lunch Aide/Teacher Assistant

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

Board President Ryan called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Pace
Approved: 5-0

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS COLLEGE

Approval of Agreement
with Teachers College

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter into an agreement with Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Network to provide professional development virtually and on-site for elementary teachers and administrators 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 Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Network in the amount of \$87,500 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 Reading and Writing Project Network on its behalf.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BOCES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Approval of Agreement
with BOCES for
Transportation Services

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated June 22, 2023 with Nassau BOCES in connection with Nassau BOCES programs in the total sum of \$570,830, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF POLICY #6124 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Adoption of Policy #6124
Workplace Violence
Prevention

WHEREAS, it is customary practice of the Board of Education to have three readings of a policy prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt a policy recommended by the Policy Committee, to wit, Workplace Violence Prevention, on an expedited basis so that such policy shall be effective immediately;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby waives the Board’s customary practice of three readings prior to the adoption of policies, and adopts the

Workplace Violence Prevention policy, incorporated by reference in the minutes of this meeting, after discussion at one Board meeting.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the FIRST READING OF AMENDED POLICY #8450 HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

No action needed.

First Reading of Policy
#8450 Homebound
Instruction

VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF AMENDED POLICY #8230 SCHOOL COUNSELING /GUIDANCE PROGRAMS

No action needed.

Second Reading of Policy
#8230 School
Counseling/Guidance
Programs

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.8 through Item VIII.10.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of CSE/CPSE
Recommendations

VIII.9 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 January 1, 2024 through January 30, 2024; \$2,012.50 for general legal professional services for the period of October 3, 2023 through October 31, 2023; \$1,078.00 for general legal professional services for the period of November 8, 2023 through November 29, 2023; \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period of January 1, 2024 through January 30, 2024; and \$1,290.00 for labor counsel services for the period of October 1, 2023 through October 16, 2023.

VIII.10 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
O' Neill Theatre Co.	Rehearsals and Performances	High School Auditorium	Weekdays Jan. 8 - Jan. 27, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm Saturdays 12:00pm – 9:00pm Sundays 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Rally	Long Beach Middle School Large Cafeteria	Friday April 12, 2024 5:00pm – 9:00pm
City of Long Beach	Youth Family Services Daytrippers Camp	Long Beach Middle School Auditorium, Gym, Veterans Field, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Tennis Courts, Soccer/Lacrosse Field, Track	Mon. – Fri. July 1, 2024 – Aug. 23, 2024 7:00am – 4:00pm
CYO Basketball	Basketball Practice and Games	East Elementary School Gymnasium	Mondays Dec. 4, 2023 - Feb. 26, 2024 6:00pm – 9:30pm
Long Island Swimming	Swim Practice	Long Beach High School Pool	Mon. – Fri. Dec. 4, 2023-Dec. 23, 2023 6:45pm – 8:45pm Saturdays 11:00am – 2:30pm
Bach Synagogue	Hanukkah Concert	Lindell Auditorium	Saturday December 9, 2023 5:30pm – 11:30pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- Board Member Conway congratulated the Girls Varsity Volleyball and Swim Teams for making it to the States. Ms. Conway stated that she would love to see a center-based site, the Pre-K program, and Dr. Gallagher replied that she would arrange.
- Board Member Pace asked about what caused an incident involving a smell at the high school, and Mr. DeVito replied that there was an exhaust fan that wasn't working properly so that it was allowing air from the boiler to come back into the

vents. They are addressing it, and in the meantime, the change in wind direction will help to alleviate the condition tomorrow.

- Board Vice President Pinto asked Mr. DeVito what changed with regard to the free lunch program eligibility requirements, and Mr. DeVito replied that the government changed the threshold for eligibility to 25% making our district now eligible to extend the free lunch program to all districtwide, and the district is “locked in” for four years.

VIII. Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

- A member of the public expressed concern about an incident at East School whereby a student brought a knife to school; concerned about what steps taken to ensure daughter’s safety, and what information should be sent home to parents.

IX. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – Keith Harvey welcomed new members, thanked all on Capital Projects Subcommittee; LBCTA’s fundraising efforts raised \$6000 for Making Strides Breast Cancer Foundation, \$1450 for the Little Saint Nick Toy Drive, and \$1400 for the Long Beach Catholic Food Pantry.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma wished all a happy and restful holiday season.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Aimee McNicholas stated that the PTA’s are excited about the free lunches

X. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 5-0
Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
December 12, 2023