

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2014

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

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

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

Call to Order/Pledge

I. Call to Order/Pledge-President Gallagher

President Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, commented on veterans' exemption and its inclusion on the May 20 ballot, and called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Sean McCarthy.

Superintendent's Report

II. Report of Superintendent of Schools

- Superintendent Weiss explained the difficulties with the legislation regarding the veterans' exemption.
- Superintendent Weiss provided the background on the history of dealing with the damaged administration building.

Presentation: Options for Administration Housing – Heather Fagans, CS Arch

Highlights include: Project Development, FEMA Funding Options, Current Cost Comparisons, and Two Options for Administration. Presentation can be located on-line and in the office of the District Clerk.

Board of Education Comments on Presentation

- President Gallagher thanked Ms. Fagans for her informative presentation.
- Board Member Mininsky asked questions regarding mechanical rooms, space per person, and demolition pricing.
- Vice President Ryan asked for clarification regarding the unification of staff in one location and the utilization of staff for advice on their needs. Noted both the architect and COO support Option #2.
- Board Member Lester asked about the use of the damaged administration building for storage which would save the cost of demolition.
- President Gallagher, along with others, noted that the administration building was in poor condition even prior to the storm.

III. Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda Only

Questions and Comments from the Public

- Heidi Weitz – 85 Blackheath Rd – asked about the fate of the music rooms at Lindell if administrative staff moved there (no longer an option).
- Steve Freeman – CTS President – questioned deadline dates, financing costs, building aid, use of capital reserves.
- Jacque Miller – 73 Buffalo Ave – commented that any option which requires a 10% share should be disregarded; voiced concerns about change orders; asked for clarification about when the selection of rebuilding option was posed.
- Clarice Sullivan – Molloy Student – asked when presentation will be posted.
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Dr – did not support rationale for Option #2 because he believes it is risky; does not believe we should take cap.
- Omar Karom – 205 Maple Blvd - brought a contingency of veterans from all wars to discuss veterans exemption.
- Michael Vista – attorney with veterans – asked about the flaw in the legislation and the result of the 37 districts who have already passed it.
- Dan McFee – 440 W. Park Avenue – commander VFW – VFW was there for Sandy victims; criticized referendum; BOE should decide.
- Robert Clement – 29 Kerrigan St – commented on the 636 properties up for sale in LB; veterans looking for homes with lower taxes; sell to veterans.
- Buddy Epstein- 170 W. Broadway – asked for an explanation as to the need for a referendum.
- Gerald Haber – 185 W. Park Avenue – noted that throughout the country volunteer firefighters receive tax exemptions; shouldn't we do it for veterans; asked to poll the BOE.

Questions and Comments from the Public – (continued)

- **Paul Polbister – 575 W. Park Avenue** – asked about voting date and membership of the Board members who will be voting after July 1st.
- Heidi Weitz – 85 Blackheath Road – asked about the chlorine replacement.

IV. Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Tangney thanked veterans and supports exemption.
- Board Member Mininsky, a fellow veteran, supports exemption.

V. Student Organization Announcements

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None

VI. Presentations of the Superintendent:

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1. A) AWARD OF BID: #ADMIN-1 DEMOLITION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Presentations of the
Superintendent

WHEREAS, the district placed legal notice advertising a bid for demolition of the Administration Building [bid #ADMIN-1] in the official district papers on March 27, 2014, and mailed bid documents to six vendors; and

WHEREAS, the district, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for the demolition of the Administration Building, which bids were opened publicly on April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, L & G Ruggiero, Inc. was the lowest bidder on the demolition of the Administration Building [bid #ADMIN-1] with a bid of \$193,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that L & G Ruggiero, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$193,000 for the demolition of the Administration Building [bid #ADMIN-1] and approves the award of demolition of the Administration Building [bid #ADMIN-1] to L & G Ruggiero.

President Gallagher called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Mininsky

Seconded by: Board Member Tangney

Approved: 5-0

**B) AWARD OF BID: HS POOL CHLORINATOR
REPLACEMENT – STORM RESTORATION PROJECT**

**Award of Bid – HS Pool
Chlorinator**

WHEREAS, the district placed legal notice advertising a bid for the replacement of the HS Pool Chlorinator in the official district papers on April 10, 2014, and mailed bid documents to three vendors; and

WHEREAS, the district, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for the replacement of the HS pool chlorinator, which bids were opened publicly on April 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Clearwater was the lowest bidder on the replacement of the HS Pool Chlorinator with a bid of \$53,400;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Commercial Clearwater is the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$53,400 for the replacement of the HS pool Chlorinator and approves the award of replacement of the HS pool chlorinator to Commercial Clearwater.

President Gallagher called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Mininsky

Approved: 5-0

The Board took a consensus vote on the Options for the Administration Building. All 5 members chose Option #2.

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

VII. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Heidi Harris Weitz – 85 Blackheath Road – thanked the Board for the success of her 4 children; asked about mandatory reporting for violence against students; visitation policy regarding non-parents; if the personnel department is notified when an employee is arrested for DUI.
- Michael Abneri – 94 Regent Drive – BAC is reporting on May 13; expressed his appreciation to administration for handling the fence issue.

VIII. President Gallagher Called for Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Billy Snow, CSEA President thanked the veterans and supports tax break; requested meeting for fact finding report
4. Parent/Teacher Association-None

BOE New/Old Business

IX. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business

- President Gallagher clarified issue on veterans; would vote yes if he was here on July 1; public conversation is good and will benefit veterans; thinks vote will be positive after July 1.
- Vice President Ryan commented on the poorly written legislation; noted National Administrative Assistant week and thanked Mrs. Butler.

X. President Gallagher called for a motion to adjourn at 9:43 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Vice President Ryan

Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by: _____

Carole Butler, District Clerk

May 13, 2014