

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 24, 2015

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach High School Auditorium

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent –
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Bill Stroud, Principal
Joy D’Anca, Director of Guidance
Chris Webel, Teacher
Kelly Daas, Teaching Assistant
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

Call to Order/Pledge

I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board President

President Tangney called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Maegen Miciotta, composer of a piece played by HS band/orchestra members. Long Beach earned a Best Community for Music for 2015 (5 years in a row)

PRESENTATION OF MUSIC AWARDS – Dr. Dale Johanson, Dir. Comprehensive Arts

LISFA Elementary (Grade 5)
Teacher: Ms. Policastro

Theodora Angelopoulos –Violin (East)
Natalia Hakimzadeh –Violin (Lido)
Jacqueline Odery - Cello (Lindell)

LIFSA Secondary (7-12)
Teachers: Ms. Abani, Mr. Lobenstein

Grade 7: Meilin Garfinkel-Violin
Grade 8: Leah Cohen – Cello
Grade 9: Claire Ezratty – Cello
Grade 12: Victoria Epstein - Violin

ALL STATE ROSTER MUSIC 2014-2015 – LBHS STUDENTS

Teachers: Ms. Albani, Mr. Bragino, Mr. Capobianco

Epstein	Victoria	Symphony Orchestra, Violin
Kapilian	Jonathan	Vocal Jazz
Kapilian	Alexandra	Symphonic Band, Bassoon
Miciotta	Maegan	Mixed Chorus
Tunney	Max	Vocal Jazz

ALL COUNTY ROSTER MUSIC 2014-2015 – ELEMENTARY

Teachers: Mr. Frey, Ms. Krywe, Mr. Marks, Ms. Policastro, Ms. Reime, Mr. West

ELEMENTARY

Howard	Tristan	Violin 2	Orchestra	EAST	1
Bloom	Jaden	Soprano	Chorus	EAST	1
Chasin	Leah	Soprano	Chorus	EAST	1
Pace	Lucas	Soprano	Chorus	EAST	1
Pasternak	Ruby	Soprano	Chorus	EAST	1
Pellicano	Ashley	Soprano	Chorus	EAST	1
Gish	Ethan	Flute	Band	EAST	1
Ascher	Maryn	Soprano	Chorus	LIDO	1
Clarke	Bradley	Alto	Chorus	LIDO	1
Halavach	Daniela	Soprano	Chorus	LIDO	1
Malul	Maya	Soprano	Chorus	LIDO	1
Moses	Cameron	Clarinet 1	Band	LIDO	1
White	Liam	Trombone	Band	LIDO	1
Hakimzadeh	Natalia	Violin 2	Orchestra	LIDO	1
Fenech	Lily	Violin 2	Orchestra	LINDELL	1
Weiner	Alexa	Alto Sax	Band	LINDELL	1
Barone	Sabrina	Alto	Chorus	WEST	1
Greenblatt	Rayna	Soprano	Chorus	WEST	1
Moore	Aniya	Alto	Chorus	WEST	1
Quigley	Abigail	Alto	Chorus	WEST	1
Sondike	Jillian	Violin 2	Orchestra	WEST	1

ALL COUNTY ROSTER MUSIC 2014-2015 –MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teachers: Ms. Altbacker, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Lobenstein, Mr. Renoud

Dattolico	Louise	Alto	Choir	2
O'Brien	Kiera	Alto	Choir	2
Perez	Maia	Alto	Choir	2
Risso	Jaime	Alto	Choir	2
Fernandez	Giselle	Violin	Orchestra	2
Esformes	Delphine	Tenor Sax	Band	2
Roth	Matthias	Snare Drum	Band	2

Hamilton	Jananda	Tuba	Band	3
Phillips	Harrison	Bassoon	Orchestra	3
Ramirez	Alexander	Tuba	Band	3
Vrona	Edward	Clarinet 2	Band	3
Goggin	Natalie	Alto	Choir	3
Mangels	Mia	Alto	Choir	3
McMahon	Shea	Alto	Choir	3
Molloy	Esther	Alto	Choir	3
Page	David	Baritone	Choir	3
Sarafin	Rachel	Alto	Choir	3
Walsh	Thomas	Baritone	Choir	3
Kapilian	Joshua	Viola	Orchestra	3

ALL COUNTY ROSTER MUSIC 2014-2015 -HIGH SCHOOL Teachers: Ms. Albani, Mr. Bragino, Mr. Capobianco, Mr. Marks
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Romero	Jorge	Violin	Orchestra	4
Esformes	Luc	Saxophone	Band	4
Epstein	Victoria	Violin 1	Orchestra	5
Kapilian	Alexandra	Bassoon	Orchestra	5
Corbett	Mary	Alto	Mixed Chorus	5
Douglas	Paul	Tenor	Mixed Chorus	5
Falvey	Anna	Soprano	Mixed Chorus	5
Gilroy	Emma	Soprano	Mixed Chorus	5
Golden	Allyson	Alto	Vocal Jazz	5
Hurst	Stephen	Bass	Mixed Chorus	5
Johnson	Kipling	Tenor	Mixed Chorus	5
Kapilian	Jonathan	Tenor	Vocal Jazz	5
Lebowitz	Sara	Alto Voice	Mixed Chorus	5
Miciotta	Maegan	Alto	Vocal Jazz	5
Tunney	Max	Bass	Vocal Jazz	5
Blumenthal	Ilana	Trombone 3	Band	5

II. **Report of the Superintendent**

Report of the Superintendent: Work Session Topics: Budget, Proposed Administration Reorganization, Alternative Ed Proposal

Work Session Topic #1: Superintendent’s Draft Budget 2015-16

Presentation: by Michael DeVito

Highlights include: Budget Goals, Assumptions, Draft Budget, Supplies, Tax Levy and Debt Service. Presentation can be located on the district website or in the office of the District Clerk.

Work Session Topic#2: Proposed Administration Reorganization

Presentation by David Weiss

Highlights include: Current HR Office Configuration and Proposed Business Operations Configuration

Work Session Topic#3: Alternative Education Proposed Revision - STARS

Presented by Bill Stroud, Joy D'Anca, Kelly Daas, Chris Webel

Highlights include: Developing Multiple Pathways Toward Post-Secondary Success, Admission Requirements, Targeted Student Population, Current NIKE Students Returning to HS, Schedule/Courses, Staffing, Internships, Benefits to Students, District, Employers and Community.

III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topic - Budget

- Board Member Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito; questioned the IB Coordinators at MS (.2) and HS (.4); noted that PPS is making many requests and asked if the special education population had increased (classes being added at Lindell); asked if 611 grant covers additional expenses (not entire cost – will explore expansion of grant); questioned 2nd grade swim program (\$70,000) and suggested athletes helping athletes assist; supports elementary health taught in house; questioned CPSE .4 position given that historically 2 people handled it with more students; concerns about REACH counselors (focus on chemical dependency during and after school hours), 3.4 social workers at HS; for savings use psychologists; overtime for athletics.
- Board Member Vrona expressed interest in the MS Guidance Counselor position and questioned amount of time spent on academic counseling vs. psychological counseling (academic and developmental focus; front lines, referrals, whole person, interventions, collaborate with parents); what certifications guidance counselors have that qualifies them to do that kind of counseling (all related); enrollment numbers for next year compared to this year (stabilized); FLES monies; questioned increase in guidance counselor at NIKE (no); requested potential solutions to \$400,000 food service subsidy and honesty with the public about food services; noted that GEA looks like it will be eliminated providing \$3.3 million to Long Beach in next few years; there is a zero increase in state aid in budget; could tax levy be reduced (still not a sustainable budget).
- Board Member Mininsky asked about release time for IB coordinator (.2) at MS and (.4) at HS; whether we pay permanent substitutes benefits (contractual) and if so, where is the savings (internal staff coverage more expensive than subs).
- Dr. Ryan asked about FEMA money payments (waiting for full amount – already received \$8-9 million).

Board Discussion of Work Topic: Proposed Administration Reorganization

- Board Member Lester asked about the cost savings and increased responsibility of involved personnel.
- Board Member Ryan voiced concerns with supporting idea of more responsibilities being given to staff; need to represent employees; does not support plan; should remain separate department.
- President Tangney asked about recruiting.
- Vice President Mininsky likes idea of saving money but not at the expense of the HR department; would like another option.
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Board Discussion of Work Topic: Alternative Education Proposed Revision

- President Tangney questioned the changing of the name NIKE to Stars (mindset with own identity); boasted of past achievements; asked about additional structures (some programs at HS; no on-site technical training, work with existing faculty; application process; academic commitment); asked how HS would handle influx of students and frequency of counselor support; voiced concerns that students would be lost at HS; asked what staff did while students were at internships (fluctuation in days); cost (budget neutral).
- Board Member Lester asked what Principal Stroud envisions for this program (some students will stay with program/graduate/go to HS, majority want vocational; how much classroom time in traditional classrooms (seven (7) one hour classes plus internships/external).
- Vice President Mininsky asked how this would affect current faculty at NIKE (people would apply).
- Board Member Vrona voiced support for the idea; asked how students would be matched up with interests (sites need to be selective).
- Board Member Ryan appreciative of presenters; inquired about Barry Tech/BOCES students returning to district; mid-year students; conflict of equity vs. excellence; who much do we apportion to these students; noted lateness of the hour for this discussion.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Work Session Items Only

Questions and
Comments from Public

Work Session Topic #1 :Budget

- Steve Freeman – CTA President- asked where the monies, in excess of 4% are noted in next year’s budget (never noted in budget); what would happen if RAN note is not paid off in August.
- George Trepp, VP Reach thanked the district for its support of REACH; counselors are available 24/7 for students.
- Matthew Adler – 410 E. Broadway – asked about tax cap and future limits.

Work Session Topic: Proposed Administration Reorganization

- Steve Freeman – CTA President – considers plan short-sighted; there are over 500 retirees being serviced; does not support plan.

Work Session Topic: Alternative Education Proposed Revision

- Steve Freeman – CTA President noted that it was the first time he had heard about the plan which could be run out of HS; returning students disrupt HS; dropout rate will increase; cannot be implemented by September; contract with teachers is problematic; students will fall through the cracks; doesn't support putting NIKE out of business.'
- Gerri Maquet – 523 E. State St – voiced concerns about students returning to HS being lost in the fray; initial reason for NIKE was to service students who were unsuccessful at HS; notes children would be followed better; more thought on supports; wants Stars program to be successful but believes it is too late for September since selections have already been made; main concern is that returnees are not used to a traditional class day.

Principal Stroud posed a question to the Board, "Is the experience at NIKE successful enough to continue the program?" He also noted that he started 2 schools, one which was rated the #1 public high school in NYC.

V. President Tangney Called for Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association –None
4. Parent/Teacher Association –Morning Madness Fashion Show tomorrow night.
5. Student Organization – None

VI. President Tangney called for a motion to adjourn at 10:23 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Lester

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk

April 14, 2015