

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2016

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School – Main Office Conference Room

Members Present: President Roy Lester arrived at 6:25 PM
Vice President Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, HR

President Lester called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:32 PM to discuss specific personnel and legal matters.

Motion to Go into Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Tangney
Seconded by: Vice President Mininsky
Approved: 3-0

President Lester called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:13 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by

Carole Butler, District Clerk
April 21, 2016

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2016

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School – Main Office Conference Room

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

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, HR
Ms. Susan Fine, Attorney, Harris Beach, LLP

President Lester called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:48 PM to discuss specific personnel and legal matters.

Motion to Go into
Executive Session

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky
Seconded by: Board Member Vrona
Approved: 4-0

President Lester called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:13 PM.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
April 21, 2016
MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2016

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

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

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Asst. Superintendent, C & I
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Community

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Pledge/Call to Order

President Lester called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Report of the Superintendent

Report of the Superintendent

- Excellent production of MS play, James and the Giant Peach was presented last week; Art Exhibit Collection in the HS lobby and in the LB Public Library.
- **Presentation – Draft Budget 2016-17– Teachers and Guidance Counselors**
Michael DeVito and Kenneth Graham, presenters

Highlights include: Elementary Teachers, MS Teachers and Guidance Counselors, MS Teachers, HS Teachers and Guidance Counselors, HS Teachers

This presentation is available on the district web site and in the office of the District Clerk.

**III. President Lester called for Board of Education
Comments/Discussion**

Board of Education Comments

- Vice President Mininsky asked why there are no guidance counselors in the elementary schools and if there was a need (no).
- Board Member Vrona asked about the possible restructuring of the guidance counselors at the MS (no); thanked the presenters; asked if there are permanent subs at the elementary schools now (no); does it save us money to hire them (yes and it also provides stability); do we always have someone absent (yes could be

out of the classroom for other reasons); was new special ed teacher included in last week's presentation (yes); are there any music/art teachers working in two or more buildings (yes); is enrollment, 3865, flat for next year (yes); are there changes in student enrollment choices, class size changes (no).

- Board Member Ryan thanked presenters; voiced concerns about inequity in special education – too many at Lindell, too few at Lido; adding more to Lindell is a concern; happy with permanent subs; requested more hiring of males at elementary level; asked about certifications of subs; concerned about special teachers being split, out of the building, to maintain integrity of program; special ed to general ed population is 25-30% - need to look at attendance, in and out of district, consolidating, escalating costs; how to we cover teacher absences now (sub or TA); how much is teacher compensated (\$48 per period); will there be additional staffing during the school year (hope not)I is the MS grade with the lower enrollment accounted for (yes).
- Board Member Tangney asked about NIKE; has an assessment of the new program be done yet (pilot program growing staff again- Math, Science, Special Ed, guidance counselor, CTE pathways for students).
- President Lester also concerned about disparity of Lindell and Lido (resources for related services involved, changing schools).
- Dr. Ryan commented that it increases the inequity at Lindell, reconstruction at Lido created extra rooms; K-1 should be at Lido.

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

Questions and Comments from the Public on Topic

- Erica Reidel – 560 E. Broadway reiterated her stance on increase in supervised recess and physical education, voiced concerns about library and computer specials, suggested better utilization of time in morning in classrooms.
- Lilly Newman – 240 Greenway Road – complimented detailed presentation; asked if salaries include benefits and pensions(no); shocked at average salaries of \$106-\$111K; asked about the next teachers' contract; suggested raising contributions of staff members.
- Diane Revinkas – 200 Maple Boulevard – asked about class levels/sections in each grade and then noted that half of our teachers are specials; asked about a .1 (one semester).
- Jennifer Albergo – 318 Harbor Drive - parents are happy with principals.

V. Board of Education Comments

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- Board Member Vrona attended a Community Education Forum in Island Park and learned a lot; Todd Kaminsky is working in Albany for schools.

VI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Vice President Schneider thanked presenters, was surprised by parent complaints and asked that parents speak to Principals about their concerns.

3. LBSEA Long Beach Employees' Association – Group C – Vice President Monahan thanked the presenters and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – there was discussion at CCPTA Roundtable about concerns.

Discussion continued regarding the issue of physical education.

XII. President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Motion by: Vice President Mininsky

Seconded by: President Lester

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
April 21, 2016