

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 12, 2018
Type of Meeting: Executive Session
Place of Meeting: East School Teachers' Faculty Room

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Perry Bodnar, Jr.
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Maureen Vrona

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, Human Resources
Ms. Florence Frazer, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman @ 6:40 PM

President Mininsky called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:10 PM to interview candidates and discuss legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go into Executive Session

Motion by: Vice President Bodnar
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 5-0

President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:10 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Vice President Bodnar
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by _____
Carole Butler, District Clerk
May 3, 2018

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 12, 2018

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: East Elementary School Cafeteria

Members Present: President Stewart Mininsky
Vice President Perry Bodnar, Jr.
Board Member Dennis Ryan
Board Member Darlene E. Tangney
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Michele Natali, Executive Director, Human Resources
Ms. Florence Frazer, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Public

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

Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Mininsky opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Report of the Superintendent of Schools– Dr. Gallagher

Report of the Superintendent

- Student Showcase – East School “Shark Tank”
The following fourth grade students from Mr. O’Connell’s class performed as contestants or judges in a live version presentation of Shark Tank.
Giada Lomonte, Sophia Bravo, Geddy Moss, Logan Puzack, Lucas Morerira, Sophiana Arroyo, and Abigal Moehlenhoff.
- Presentation – **Budget Adoption** – Mr. DeVito
Three options were presented for the budget: 3.4%, 3.19% and 2.98%. The lowest option was selected. Budget - \$139,922,949

This presentation of the budget can be located on the website and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. President Mininsky called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- President Mininsky asked about the assistant supervisor for buildings and grounds (maintenance not custodial); staff salaries for special education separate; enrollment in culinary arts presently four students at cost of \$30k each.
- Board Member Vrona thanked Mr. DeVito; supports option #3; asked if interior changes can be made (budget transfer but advised not to make changes once budget is adopted).
- Board Member Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito; voiced concerns regarding new psychologist at NIKE – suggested REACH counselor be moved there; suggested internal transfer for CSE chair from MS; noted \$600K for HS culinary arts and cutting home economics in MS (fewer students); asked about contractors for internal construction; OT decreased by \$100k; internship program supervision; mindful of tax burden; can do better than 2.98%.
- Vice President Bodnar thanked Mr. DeVito; culinary arts construction should get input from teachers first; multi-use for multi-levels of instruction (food tasting, hub, center for school in cafeteria), utilizing unused space; will gut current kitchen space (gut cost half of new culinary kitchen cost).
- Board Member Tangney thanked Mr. DeVito and staff, asked if first floor windows in West School included north wall (already funded); new vestibule at NIKE, supports new psychologist at NIKE, along with Dr. Brancaccio.
- Dr. Ryan asked if the state had specs on HS café (LBHS far exceeds).

IV. President Mininsky called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Comments

None

V. President Mininsky called for Questions and Comments From The Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only

Questions/Comments from the Public -Tonight’s Agenda

- Jackie Miller – CCPTA Co President – asked about transfer to school lunch fund (\$350K in past year, carry balance, take money to clear deficit-have to show an expense, closer to \$400K).
- Joanne Rea – LBCSEA President- thanks for the presentation; timeframe for transportation building for \$4mil; 4 years starting in 2 or 4 years.
- Dr. Pamela Banks – Merrick School Board Member – asked about tax cap (4.1% allowable) NYS mandates mental health curriculum; congratulations on alternative program; supports culinary arts.

VI. Presentation of Treasurer’s Report for February 2018

Treasurer’s Report for February 2018

No action required.

VII. Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions and Regular Meetings of March 1, 5, 8, 15, 19 and 22, 2018

Approval of Minutes for March 1, 5, 8, 15, 19, 22, 2018

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Vice President Bodnar

Approved: 5-0

Presentations of the Superintendent

VIII. Presentations of the Superintendent

VIII.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters:

Certificated

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Tangney

Approved: 5-0

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Certificated
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**VIII.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated**

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Vice President Bodnar

Approved: 5-0

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated
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RESOLUTIONS

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

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Sherilyn Tabin
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: June 30, 2018 close of day
2. Name: Margaret Red Cloud Owen
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: June 30, 2018 close of day

(b) Resignations

1. Name: Patrick McKinney
Assign./Loc: Elementary Principal/West School
Effective Date: June 30, 2018 close of day
2. Name: Claude Irwin
Assign./Loc: Secondary Vice Principal/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2018 close of day
3. Name: Michelle DeJesus
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Date: June 30, 2018 close of day
4. Name: Siobain McGuire
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School
Effective Date: March 23, 2018 close of day
5. Name: Kara Kitt
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Date: April 13, 2018 close of day

VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

- Name: Laura Bryan
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/West School
Effective Date: March 26, 2018 close of day

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR AS AMENDED (version #3).

Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2018-19 as amended

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$139,922,949 (2.98%).

President Mininsky called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Bodnar
Seconded by: Board Member Tangney
Approved: 4-1
Voted No: Board Member Ryan

Approval of Section 1716 Property Report Card as amended

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ADOPTION OF SECTION 1716 OF EDUCATION LAW: 2018-2019 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD AS AMENDED

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2018-2019 Property Tax Report Card, with a budget of \$139,922,949 and corresponding tax levy of \$102,034,891.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney
Seconded by: Vice President Bodnar
Approved: 4-1
Voted No: Board Member Ryan

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.5 through VIII.7.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of CSE and CPSE Recommendations

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

Approval of Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services

A) THOMAS M. VOLZ, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$6,242.50 to the Law Offices of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of February 1 through February 31, 2018.

B) FRAZER AND FELDMAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$7,457.24 to the Frazer and Feldman for the extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of for the period February 1 through February 28, 2018 and \$2,917 for the March monthly retainer.

C) KEANE AND BEANE

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized expenditures in the amount of \$64.50 to Keane and Beane for the extra extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of February 1 through February 28, 2018.

VIII.7 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 schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Organization	Purpose	Facility Requested	Date Requested
LB CCPTA	Candidates Forum	Lindell Auditorium	Monday, May 7, 2018 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Lido Beach Civic Association	Meetings	Lido School Library	Mon., April 30, 2018 Wed., May 9, 2018 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

President Mininsky called for a motion.

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

BOE – Additional Business

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

- Board Member Ryan congratulated Dr. Gallagher and wished her good luck; voiced his opposition to the use of consultants for the superintendent search; felt it was an abrogation of responsibility.
- Vice President Bodnar congratulated the students at the National Honor Society induction ceremony; enjoyed presentation of Grease.
- Board Member Vrona made a motion to eliminate transportation for afterschool religious instruction but no one seconded and it will be a discussion at a policy committee meeting; School calendar should be revisited to add snow days by Memorial Day weekend; asked about timeline for MS auditorium (unconfirmed).

Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business if any (continued)

- Dr. Ryan mentioned the tabulation of hours rather than days of instruction (should be issued this week; we are far above the required 990 hours; will speak with union presidents); commended Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Zawatson on the newly painted cafeteria; requested update on recess issue (related to school instruction issue).
- Board Member Tangney announced that she is NOT running for re-election. She became interested in becoming a member of the school board because of the proposed closing of East School, so it was fitting for her to announce the end of her board career at East School.
- Both President Mininsky and Vice President Bodnar thanked Mrs. Tangney for her service.

X. President Mininsky called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

Public Comments

- Virginia Daly – representing the Americans for Freedom of Religion, commented on the purpose of her group and distributed materials to the board of education members; noted that she did not have any issues with the school district on this matter.
- Alexis Pace – commented that she was sorry to see Mrs. Tangney leave and thanked her. On snow day, her daughter's bus did not show up; during testing week issues at Lido with tests being read and now questions validity; asked about perfect pals reinstatement (will follow up).

Announcements

II. Announcements:

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association –President Harvey congratulated students, board of education on budget and quality of education, Mrs. Tangney and thanked her for her service.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA -Long Beach Schools Employees' Association – President Rea thanked and congratulated Dr. Gallagher, told Mrs. Tangney how much she will miss her, a true advocate for the district and hoped that she would stay active.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Co-CCPTA Jackie Miller thought the kids were great, best presentation, thanked Mr. DeVito, BOE for the budget and told the story of how a group of parents encouraged Mrs. Tangney to run for the school board and help with keeping East School open.

III. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 9:28 PM.

Motion by: Vice President Bodnar
Seconded by: President Mininsky
Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
May 3, 2018