

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** May 23, 2019

**Type of Meeting:** Executive Session

**Place of Meeting:** Administration Conference Room/LBMS Main Office Conference Rm

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan  
Vice President Maureen Vrona  
Board Member Perry Bodnar  
Board Member Sam Pinto arrived at 4:15 PM  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration  
Dr. Ayesha, McArthur, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Atty., Frazer & Feldman  
Mr. Dave Arntsen, Atty, Thomas Volz & Associates  
Ms. Florence Frazer, Atty, Frazer & Feldman  
Mr. Arnold Epstein, Director, Athletics, PE & Health

President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 4 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters and interview candidates for an open administrative position.

Motion to Go Into  
Executive Session

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

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:25 PM.

Adjournment

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

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**Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

**Members Present:** President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.  
Vice President Maureen Vrona, Esq.  
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.  
Board Member Sam Pinto  
Board Member Tina Posterli

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations  
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Dr. Ayesha McArthur, Asst. Supt for Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Florence Frazer, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk  
Members of the Public

**I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks  
Audit Committee Meeting**

Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Ryan opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, and related a story about first graders and their slow rendition of the pledge, gave a shout-out to the LBHS orchestra and concerts, tributes to teachers, NYSSMA medal winners, congratulated athletes, and thanked community for its overwhelming support for the budget.

**II. Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Report of the Superintendent

- Presentation of Certificates

Long Beach Science Research Awards 2018-2019

American Physical Society Annual Meeting published abstract

<https://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/MAR19/Session/V40.10>

- Jaylyn Umana presented his paper entitled, *DFT+U+J electronic structure calculations of correlated  $Bi_2CrAl_3O_9$*  at the 2019 American Physical Society meeting.

NYS Science and Engineering Fair

- Joshua Kapilian - 3rd place - Environmental and Engineering  
*Analyzing the Environmental Benefits of a More Efficient Model of United States Airspace Control.*

Long Island Science and Engineering Fair

- Paige Carpenter - special award from the Association for Women Geoscientists -  
*Investigating shoreline dynamics*
- Joshua Kapilian - special award from the American Meteorological Society  
*Analyzing the Environmental Benefits of a More Efficient Model of United States Airspace Control.*

Toshiba/NSTA Exploravision Competition

- Benjamin Armus and William King - Honorable Mention - *A Better Hurricane Classification System*

NYS Science and Engineering Fair: Andromeda Competition

- Eddie Perez and Dmytro Vremenko-Water Contamination Effects on Microalgae

Long Island Science Congress – 2019 Awards Senior Division

Joshua Kapilian	To Be Announced
Lauren Bulik, Emily McDonnell	To Be Announced
Eddie Perez, Dmytro Vremenko	Achievement
Uma Arengo	Achievement
Maya Arengo	Achievement
Andie Zion, TreyHeller	Achievement
Aleisha Degillo, Nicole Codianni	Achievement
Tyler Collinson	Achievement
Sophia Munier, Nicole Celis	Meritorious
Talia Fernandez, Alexa Coffin	Honorable Mention
Matt Amato, Catherine McNamara	Honorable Mention
Jordan Moses	Honorable Mention
Julia Silverberg, Giselle Fernandez	Honorable Mention

Cold Spring Harbor DNA Laboratory's Barcode LI Program

Benjamin Armus	Cameron Moses
Emily Baldeo	Sarah Munier
Samantha Breen	Harry Murphy
Akilah Conquest	Daniel O'Connor
Julian Goren	Joseph Pimentel
Jacob Grant	Gabrielle Pine
Molly Hennessy	Gwendolyn Posner
Ariel Keynan	Freddy Ramon
Abdul Muqadim Khan	Samantha Rosenbaum

William King

Isadora Turbek

- Teacher Recognition – Mr. Cody Onufrock
- *Presentation – WRaPing Up WRaP Year 1 – L. Radice and J. Gallagher*

Highlights include: Preliminary Results, Increase in Book Sales, WRaP Improvements and Plans, Expectations, Building our Culture of Literacy, Join Us this Summer, Our Why.

The presentation can be located on our website and in the office of the District Clerk.

### III. Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Posterli asked about a partnership with the MLK Center (no response yet).
- Board Member Pinto attended the Parent Academy where parents enjoyed focusing on the WRaP program and having it clarified; looking forward to the participating in the summer reading program.
- Vice President Vrona thanked the presenters; was surprised to hear about the amount of math worksheets (Eureka Parent Tip Sheets comes with modules; math is sent home on Mondays; was PTA informed about tonight's presentation (yes – will be reinforced on parent/teacher conference night and the video will be shown in the fall).
- President Ryan expressed a few concerns; roll-out was impulsive, fifth grade students might have difficulty adjusting to homework in sixth grade, happy about increase in book sales, noting that he hopes it isn't due to increased prices, concerned about impact on special needs students, especially after first grade; do not want students to think reading is a chore; glad about Math Mondays; has not changed his attitude towards program; thinks it only benefits higher level readers; survey would be good; concerned about the time spent on testing; sees the benefits of shows, plays.

### IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

None

Student Announcements

### V. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Tonight's Agenda Only

Public Comments

- Tami Ackerman – CCPTA Co-President – expressed support for the WRaP program which has helped her daughter who is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade make leaps and bounds in reading and math.
- Anne Conway – 119 Audrey Drive – asked about the length of time for assessments in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grades (about ½ hour per child and the results come the next day); concerned about phonics (have Fundamental program); parents needs more guidance; shift math practice to classroom (asked teachers to send home child's work).
- Alexis Pace – 660 E. Olive St – supports WRaP program which turned one of her children into a reader; book groups; hold students accountable; Special Education never had homework, so no harm to them; pleased to see Math Mondays; sees the benefits.

### VI. Presentations of the Superintendent

Presentations of the Superintendent

Dr Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VII.1 and VII.2.

**VI.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated and Non-Certificated as amended [(g) was Withdrawn and typo corrected]..**

**Approval of Personnel  
Matters: Certificated  
Pages: 6-8**

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

**Approval of Personnel  
Matters: Non Certificated  
Pages: 9-10**

**President Ryan called for a motion on Items VII.1 and VII.2.**

**Motion by: Vice President Vrona  
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar  
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.

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(a) Resignations**

1. Name: Christina Arvotti  
Assign./Loc: Mathematics Teacher/LBHS  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019
2. Name: Madison Dodd  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Date: May 10, 2019
3. Name: Crystal Rodriguez  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lido School  
Effective Date: May 10, 2019
4. Name: Jennifer Engler  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/West School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2019

**(b) Amended Leave of Absence**

Name: Ann Wiemann  
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/Lido School  
Effective Dates: March 11, 2019-June 30, 2019  
Original Dates: March 11, 2019-May 31, 2019  
Reason: Maternity/FMLA

**(c) Appointment: Probationary ENL Teacher**

Name: Esmerelda Roberts\*  
Assign./Loc: Probationary ENL Teacher/Elementary Building TBD  
Certification: Initial ENL  
Effective Date: September 1, 2019  
End Date: August 31, 2023  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2023  
Tenure Area: ENL  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 (\$68,849 per annum)  
Reason: To meet a district need

\*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.

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(d) Appointment: Probationary Physics Teacher**

Name: Josh Yun\*  
Assign./Loc: Probationary Physics Teacher/LBHS

Certification: Professional Physics 7-12  
Effective Date: September 1, 2019  
End Date: August 31, 2023  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2023  
Tenure Area: Physics  
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$71,464 per annum)  
Reason: To meet a district need

\*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.

**(e) Appointment: Probationary Special Education Teachers**

1. Name: Christina Causi\*  
Assign./Loc: Probationary Special Education Teacher/Lindell School  
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6  
Initial Childhood Education 1-6  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2019  
End Date: August 31, 2022\*\*  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2022  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions General  
Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA+10/Step 2 (\$72,802 per annum)  
Reason: To replace Christina Zubi  
Comment: Credit for time served as a Regular Substitute
  
2. Name: Amanda Bernstein\*  
Assign./Loc: Probationary Special Education Teacher/LBMS  
Certification: Professional Childhood Education 1-6  
Professional Early Childhood Education B-2  
Initial Generalist Middle School Education 5-9  
Effective Date: September 1, 2019  
End Date: August 31, 2023  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2023  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions General  
Special Education  
Salary Classification: MA+10/Step 2 (\$72,802 per annum)  
Reason: To replace Phyllis Flaum

\*These individuals 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.

**VI.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(f) Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2019-Rate of Pay: \$61.54 per hour**

- | <u>Name</u>        | <u>Subject</u>    |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Lauren Andersen | Special Education |
| 2. Thomas Gaynor   | Special Education |

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| 3. Leah Buffalino     | Special Education              |
| 4. Sean Miller        | Special Education              |
| 5. Melissa Pecere     | Special Education              |
| 6. Kristina Ryan      | Special Education              |
| 7. Jessica Thomson    | Special Education              |
| 8. Stephanie Kornacki | Special Education              |
| 9. Rocco Tenebruso    | Physical Education             |
| 10. Stacey Durnan     | Social Worker                  |
| 11. Panagiota Doukas  | Speech and Hearing Handicapped |
| 12. Daniel D'Octtavio | Substitute                     |
| 13. Brittany Gervase  | Substitute                     |
| 14. Cindy LaPenna     | Substitute                     |
| 15. Stephanie Mena    | Substitute                     |
| 16. Nicole Scorcia    | Substitute                     |
| 17. Megan Scully      | Substitute                     |
| 18. Sherese Tronolone | Substitute                     |

**(g) Appointment: Accompanist for NYSSMA Majors– 2018-2019 School Year-Rate of pay of \$56.77 for 3 hours.**  
Andrew Frey

**(h) Approval of Applications for Participation in Study Programs-Summer 2019-The following staff members have applied for funding for coursework as indicated under the appropriate provision of their contract. Recommend approval of the tuition/fees.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Eva Mastrantuono	\$1,546	Enza Russo	\$ 970
Felicia Olewnicki	\$ 750	Lee Krinsky	\$ 898
Heather Yeager	\$1,264	Robin Gonzalez	\$ 900
Jeanne Richards	\$1,197	Anthony LaPenna	\$ 575
Stephanie Mena	\$1,544	Robert Hendrick	\$1,750
Thomas Gaynor	\$1,475	Alyssa Schramm	\$ 464

## VI.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

**(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

Name:	Renee Rosenbaum
Assign./Loc:	Secretary I/Lido School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2019

**(b) Appointment: Probationary Secretary I (12 months)**



Name: Judy Fishman  
 Assign./Loc.: Probationary Secretary I/Transportation Department  
 Effective Date: July 1, 2019  
 Probationary End Date: July 1, 2020  
 Salary Classification: \$38,144 per annum  
 Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 3  
 Reason: To replace Jeanne Donohue

**(c) Appointment: Probationary Data Specialist (10 months)**

Name: Carolyn Chin  
 Assign./Loc.: Probationary Data Specialist/Lindell School  
 Effective Date: September 1, 2019  
 Probationary End Date: September 1, 2020  
 Salary Classification: \$26,805 per annum  
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 2  
 Reason: To replace Linda Cody

**(d) Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2019-Rate of Pay: \$61.54 per hour**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Laura Ragona	Occupational Therapist

**(e) Appointment: Lifeguard for the Extended School Year Program Summer 2019-Rate of Pay: \$25.00 per hour**

Sam Brown

**(f) Appointment: Continuing Education– 2018-2019 School Year-Rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed 40 hours.**

**Name**  
 Rosa Maria Goeller-office staff substitute

**(g) 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 2018-2019.**

**NON-CERTIFICATED**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PAY CODE</b>	<b>RATE PER HOUR</b>	<b>MAX HOURS</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>Clerical</b> Elbania Flete	C-2	12.20	60	\$732

**VI.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(h) Completion of Probationary Appointment**

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

Name: Lennox Thomas  
 Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver/Transportation Department  
 Effective Date: June 10, 2019

**Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VI.3 through VI.6.**

**VI.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS – LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**

**Approval of LBHS Scholarships**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the distribution of funds for the announced Long Beach High School scholarships in the amount of \$112,575.

**VI.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – BOCES**

**Approval of Agreement – BOCES - Chromebooks**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES to find that:

- i. The use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the Learning Technology Planning project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program and that
- ii. The expenses arising under this Agreement constitute expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

And to approve an assignment of Co-Ser Agreement between the Long Beach Public Schools and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County arising under the agreement for technology program project #25-680583 to replace obsolete computer equipment at Lindell School, 610 Lindell Boulevard, Long Beach, New York 11561 and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review.

**VI.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES**

**Approval of Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services**

**A) FRAZER & FELDMAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$2,975 to Frazer & Feldman for their monthly retainer for the period of April 1 through April 30, 2019.

**B) THOMAS VOLZ, LLC**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,250 to Thomas Volz for the monthly retainer for the period of April 1 through April 30, 2019.

**VI.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF**

**Approval of Use of Schools Applications**

**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**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Facility Requested</b>	<b>Date Requested</b>
LB – USA HS Wrestling	Tournament	LBHS Gymnasium	Sunday, June 9, 2019 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Circulo de Hispanidad	Afterschool Program	East School Café, Gym, Library, Playground, Art, Music Rooms, Storage	Sept 4, 2019 through June 26, 2020 Monday – Friday 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**President Ryan called for a motion on Items VI.3 through VI.6.**

**Motion by: Board Member Bodnar**

**Seconded by: Board Member Pinto**

**Approved: 5-0**

**BOE Comments**

**VIII. President Ryan called for Board of Education Additional New/Old Business**

- President Ryan welcomed the new teachers/staff members.
- Board Member Posterli asked Mr. Epstein for an update on the girls' lacrosse helmet issue (no concussions, no head injuries without helmets at MS or HS; we are in top program and no teams were helmets. We are invigorating safety and wellness policy).
- Vice President Vrona asked if we tested for mercury vapor in the gym floors (almost all floors are new since Sandy); asked if we could put cameras on buses (discuss over summer); reminded public about comments on safety plan; do students keep Gmail addresses when they graduate (yes they can send to their own Gmail accounts).
- Board Member Pinto is happy with Chromebooks investment, hopefully they are being used with maximum efficiency; have to engage city and/or county for use of cameras on buses; guidance department should inform parents about costs/debts related to student loans.

**IX. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public.**

**Public Comment**

- Rockette Haberlack -657 E. Olive St – child takes Chromebook to school everyday but never uses it; breaks, not durable, research more.

**Announcements**

**X. Announcements:**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association –President Harvey thanked the community for passing the budget, welcomed new hires, are Board of Education meetings moving back to Tuesday evenings instead of Thursdays (yes).
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA -Long Beach Schools Employees' Association – None

4. Parent/Teacher Association –None

**XI. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM.**

**Motion by: Board Member Pinto**

**Seconded by: Vice President Vrona**

**Approved: 5-0**

**Adjournment**

**Minutes submitted by:**

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Carole Butler, District Clerk  
June 13, 2019