

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2019

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Vice President Tina Posterli
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D. arrived at 5:45 PM
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph Lilly Atty., Frazer & Feldman, LLP
Mr. Al Chase, Interim Business Administrator

President Vrona called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:02 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

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

President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:50 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2019

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Vice President Tina Posterli
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Albert Chase, Interim Business Administrator
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Public

Pledge/
Opening Remarks

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

President Vrona opened the meeting at 7:02 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced Mr. Albert Chase as the Interim Business Administrator, and noted that Long Beach was featured in Newsday for its ecology in LBHS.

Superintendent's Report

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Part I

- **Presentation** – *Long Beach School District 2019-2020 Student Performance Data Summary – Dr. Romanelli, Dr. Radice, Principal Beard, Principal Myers*

Highlights include: The Memory Project, Elementary, Middle School and High School Achievement Data, Summer School, AP/IB Results, 2019-20 Action Plan

This presentation can be located on the district website or in the office of the District Clerk.

III. President Vrona called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- President Vrona asked specific questions about mastery rates, 8th grade algebra, math labs (MS-no, HS-yes; remarkable increase in scores, building foundation skills); MS reading 70% superb, 1/3 no movement (reading support will grow – restructuring reading support with more diagnostics in smaller groups/individual; WRaP will have revolutionary effect; elementary results were astounding in math and reading; asked about HS Regents scores (strong); English Regents not given in 2020; summer school effectiveness (very, data supports it); 95% received credit for coursework; separation of MS from HS algebra; IB/AP participation up, results mixed; parents pay so there is a certain expectation; AVID program will help develop skills; questioned whether IB has maxed out (this year up to 81).
- Vice President Posterli thanked the presenters; results are encouraging; interested in AVID program report (spring presentation – college readiness, tutoring, local business participation, pilot year of program); how are decreasing in mastery scores being addressed (support, restructuring).
- Board Member Conway thanked the presenters; was impressed with Memory Project; teachers and administrators deserve credit for elementary success; voiced concern about encouraging middle students in 4-6 grades; summer school students who failed the Regents (get support until they pass); need to close gaps in students' learning (small groups in lunch/library, additional tutoring, extra help, target ENL students); average students who cannot do IB take AP courses (other possible vocational options like technology, film students, IB not only option).
- Board Member Ryan requested fewer IB notifications; thanked the presenters; assessments are fraught with errors, emotions; quality of instruction is key to success; questioned the reliability of BAS teacher-driven data (effective use of time, provides one-on-one time with student and teacher; helps teachers make instructional decisions) on the amount of time spent administering testing (between 5-25 minutes depending on grade/skills twice per year); has coaching model in elementary schools contributed to success (valuable resources); teachers consider another layer of administration; asked if teachers accurately predict test scores/correlation of grades and scores (STAR is an accurate measure/IB solid predictor); what impact has cutback of Regents review had (teachers did a better job); thanked attendees.
- Board Member Pinto happy to see upward trending, improvement on STEM; next time would like to see information on life skills students, certifications in arts, technology; address multiple pathways; supports increase in specials integrated.

Part II - Dr. Gallagher addressed Part II of the presentations; NYS Testing. Parents/public were asked to speak.

Parental Comments

- Matt Adler – 410 E. Broadway – explained the details of the scaled scoring/mastery which is a moving target; suggested that comparing district to district data would prove more helpful (that is looked at internally).
- Lori Heavy – 135 Atlantic Avenue, EAB – questioned 1st and 2nd grade dips in scores (plans for retraining of teachers, guided instruction in literacy, early identification of students, remediation and AIS for 2nd and 3rd grade).

Parental Comments (continued)

- Teresa McCarthy – 559 W. Beech St – her children are taught that taking tests is a responsibility; no pressure on results; learning to take tests is an important real-life application; they enjoyed taking 4th grade science test which was a different style.
- Keith Harvey – LBSD Teacher, Union President – emotional component to taking tests, 50% opt-out rate cannot be ignored; financial responsibility in losing state aid.
- Patricia McQUade – 650 West Park Avenue – has three children take tests; supports testing; questioned IB mock testing schedule during midterms.

Board Member Conway thanked parents for their input.

IV. President Vrona called for Student Organization Announcements

None

SO Announcements

V. President Vrona called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only

None

Questions/Comments from Public – Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only

VI. President Vrona called for the Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report for July 2019.

No action required.

Treasurer’s Report for July 2019

VII. President Vrona recommended the Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting of August 29, 2019. President Vrona called for a motion.

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

Approval of Minutes for Exec Sessions & Regular Meeting of August 29, 2019

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

President Vrona called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: President Vrona
Approved: 5-0

Presentations of the Superintendent

Approval of:
1. Personnel Matters: Certificated
Page: 5

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

President Vrona called for a motion.
Motion by: Vice President Posterli
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 5-0

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated
Pages: 6-7

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) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Vincent Russo
Assign./Loc: Special Education Coordinator/LBMS
Effective Date: November 30, 2019

(b) Resignations

Name: Florentina Celis
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: September 2, 2019

(c) Rescissions

1. Name: Meredith Plessner Logvin
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School
Effective Date: September 2, 2019
2. Name: Debra Pearce
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBMS
Effective Date: September 2, 2019

(d) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Fall 2019

Position	Coach	Stipend \$
Competitive Surf Club	Anthony Balsamo/Cornelius Campbell <i>*rescind Rachel Lonergan</i>	3,145

(e) Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week September 3, 2019 through June 26, 2020 (or earlier at the district's discretion) According to CSE recommendation or 504 plan. Rate according to contract.

Name	Building	Step	Hourly Rate
Maryellen Toscano	Lindell School	1	18.55
Sandra Yanowich <i>*rescind teacher aide appointment</i>	LBMS	3	19.35

(f) Appointment: Teacher Mentors for the 2019/2020 school year-Stipend: \$1,200

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| 1. Brianna Carnevale | 8. Mary Niller |
| 2. Michael Corrigan | 9. Dayna Obidienzo |
| 3. Kristine Farrell | 10. Heather Puckhaber |
| 4. Dena Hopper | 11. Stacey Rice |
| 5. Scott Knyper | 12. Jeanne Richards |
| 6. Amy Leder | 13. Adele Taverna |
| 7. Dorothy Lopez | 14. Arylene Skolnik |

VIII.2 NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

Name: Nicole Sambo
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: August 28, 2019

(b) Rescissions

1. Name: Chelsea Shoshana
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS
Effective Date: September 3, 2019
2. Name: Emily Ciavarella
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: September 3, 2019

(c) Discontinuance

Name: Nora Torres
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: September 3, 2019

(d) Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Alena Van Valkenberg
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Food Service Worker/
Effective Dates: September 3, 2019-October 4, 2019 (on or about)
2. Name: Diana O'Farrell
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/West School
Effective Dates: September 3, 2019-December 31, 2019 (on or about)
3. Name: Mauricio Mejia
Assign./Loc.: Assistant Bus Dispatcher/Transportation Department
Effective Dates: September 11, 2019-September 10, 2020
4. Name: Jeffrey Trone
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Dates: September 11, 2019-September 10, 2020

(e) Appointment: Probationary Bus Dispatcher for Transportation

Name: Mauricio Mejia
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Bus Dispatcher/Transportation Department
Effective Date: September 11, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 10, 2020
Salary Classification: \$65,194 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade VI/Step 2
Reason: To replace Suzanne Bode

VIII.2 NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Appointment: Permanent Contingent Assistant Bus Dispatcher for Transportation

Name: Jeffrey Trone
Assign./Loc.: Permanent Contingent Assistant Bus Dispatcher/
Transportation Department
Effective Date: September 11, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 10, 2020
Salary Classification: \$62,136 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 15
Reason: To replace Mauricio Mejia

(g) Appointment: Probationary Cleaner

Name: Blaine Garde
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Cleaner/LBHS
Effective Date: September 11, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 10, 2023
Salary Classification: \$36,023 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To replace Michael Sacks

(h) Appointment: Part Time School Bus Driver (30 hours)

Name: Xianhua Chen
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Driver-30 hours/Transportation
Effective Date: September 9, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 8, 2023
Salary Classification: \$25,827 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 1
Reason: To replace Nora Torres

(i) Appointment: Part Time Bus Aide (18.75 hours per week)

Name: Ayanna Henry
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: September 16, 2019
Salary Classification: \$14.86 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To replace Shatiqwa Hudson

(j) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week September 3 or September 16, 2019 through June 26, 2020 (or earlier at the district's discretion) According to CSE recommendation or 504 plan. Rate according to contract.

Name	Building	Step	Hourly Rate	Start Date
Ryan Lynch	Lido School	1	16.67	9/3/19
Jordan Barto	Lido School	1	16.67	9/3/19
Gabrielle Ambrosini	Lido School	1	16.67	9/16/19

(k) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 19/20 school year.

Name	Position
1. Peter DeRosa	Cleaner
2. Dennis Tufano	Cleaner
3. Dina Cummings	Nurse
4. Barbara Young	Nurse

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #8460 FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

**2nd Reading - #8460
Field Trips/Excursions**

No Action Required

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.4 through VIII.7.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF DONATION

Approval of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of twenty-five (25) backpacks from State Senator Todd Kaminsky to the Long Beach City School District.

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/CPSE Recommendations

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the 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 \$3,033 to Frazer & Feldman for the monthly retainer for legal services for the period of August 1 through August 31, 2019 and \$12,136.17 for extraordinary legal services for the period of July 1 through July 31, 2019.

B) THOMAS VOLZ

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,333.33 to Thomas Volz for the month retainer for the period of August 1 through August 31, 2019.

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/rescheduled based on building schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Organization	Purpose	Facility Requested	Date Requested
Long Beach Bulldogs	Flag Football	Lindell School Athletic Field 2	9/14/19 – 11/30/19 Saturdays 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Girl Scout Troop 2183	Meetings	Lindell School Cafeteria	9/26/19-6/4/20 Thursday (1x month) 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

President Vrona called for a motion on Items VIII.4 through VIII.7.

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

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

- Board Member Pinto expressed disappointment with start of school transportation especially for Pre-K (Dr. Gallagher noted that it was unacceptable; TAS were trained and temporarily used to deal with matron shortage, additional staff was added for phones, Mr Chase working with department); will improve bus passes, investigate other GPS systems); he requested improvements in communication; shout-out to East PTA on their mural; questioned status on lines for basketball courts.
- Board Member Ryan appreciates Dr. Gallagher taking responsibility and noted the BOE takes responsibility, too; asked when kinks are expected to be worked out (when qualified people are hired, plugging holes, should be stabilized).
- Board Member Conway noted that students were told their buses were not going to the West End; asked about greenhouse (on track to be built third week of September – Dr. Ryan commented that Northport just installed a greenhouse).
- President Vrona asked the attorney if the Board needs to pass a resolution on placing cameras on the exterior of the buses as the first step.

Questions and Comments from the Public

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Patricia McQuade – 650 W. Park Avenue- suggested the district try to contact retired bus drivers/matrons to fill in the gaps temporarily.
- Joanne Rea – LB Group C President – transportation issues need to be addressed; need to hire more full-time people to give them a career opportunity, not a part time gig; pressure was put on the department to reel in finances at all costs; Pre-K busing is not a school obligation so matrons are pulled for special needs buses; disheartening that thanks were not given to all of those transportation employees who did a great job at the start of school; ask stakeholders their opinion.
- Danielle Karr – 10 Freeport Ave, Pt. Lookout – Pre-K child was lost on the second day; first school experience; thanked the administration for bringing attention to it; three (3) PTA mom's children misplaced; communication was poor.
- Lori Heavey – 135 Atlantic Ave, EAB – daughter was misplaced; no car seats for three (3) year olds; questioned knowledge of law by employees.
- Jamie Gardiner – 135 Maple Blvd – impressed with presentation; commended staff on dealing with issues; handed out information on a GPS system being used by NYC.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –Principal Sauter congratulated Vinny Russo on his retirement, wonderful opening of school year.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – President Rea enjoyed the presentation; her daughter lodged a complaint; thanked Dr. Gallagher who has breathed new life into people; people appreciate her; thanked buildings and grounds crew; we can work together to fix problems.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Co-Presidents Tami Ackerman and Teresa McCarthy thanked everyone for the start of the school year and acknowledgement of problem areas; looking forward to working together again; great job on WRaP, go to website, thanks for keeping it current (Dr. Gallagher noted a mailing will go out this week).

XII. President Vrona called for a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
October 10, 2019