

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** March 10, 2009

**Type of Meeting:** Executive Session

**Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Public Library - Auditorium

**Members Present:** Vice President Roy Lester  
Board Member Lynn Gergen  
Board Member Dennis Ryan

**Members Absent:** President Patrick E. Gallagher – Out of town on  
business  
Board Member Franklin Alvarado – Out of town on  
business

**Others Present:** Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent  
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent  
Ms. Helen Chellotes, Assistant Superintendent –  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk

Vice President Lester called for a motion to go into executive session at 6:45 PM for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel matters relating to specific personnel and pending and proposed legal matters.

Motion to Go into  
Executive  
Session

**Motion by:** Board Member Gergen  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Approved:** 3-0

Vice President Lester called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:40 PM.

Motion to Adjourn  
Executive Session

**Motion by:** Board Member Gergen  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Approved:** 3-0

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Ms. Helen Chellotes, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Carolyn Cuttler, Director of Guidance  
Ms. Audrey Goropeushek, Principal, Middle School  
Mr. Ken Graham, Director of Science  
Mr. Mike Richez, Director of Technology  
Ms. Sandy Schneider, Principal, West School  
Dr. Mary Tatem, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Director of Early Literacy and Title One Programs  
Mr. Harry Witkin, Director of Mathematics  
Ms. Brenda Young, Principal, Lido School  
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk  
Students  
Members of the community

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks**

**Vice President Lester**

- ❖ Called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Announced that President Gallagher and Board Member Alvarado were away on business.
- ❖ Called on Dr. Westervelt for the Presentation of Certificates to Long Beach High School students who, under the guidance of Ms. Tamara Mancusi, collected books for donation to the Long Beach Martin Luther King Center. (Dr. Westervelt, Ms. Mancusi and the students listed below will paint the library room at the Martin Luther King Center on an upcoming Saturday.)

**Pledge of  
Allegiance and  
Opening Remarks**

Dr. Westervelt presented Certificates to the following students:

- ❖ *Michele Asarch*
- ❖ *Christina Baldeo*
- ❖ *Kiara Bhagroo*
- ❖ *Taylor Brooke*
- ❖ *Kaitlin Egan*
- ❖ *Sidney Folk*
- ❖ *Rachel Goldenberg*
- ❖ *Narissa Harricharran*
- ❖ *Hallie Klein*
- ❖ *Ariana McMillan*
- ❖ *Lindsey Polin*
- ❖ *Emma Rosenzweig*
- ❖ *Lukas Winter*

**Presentation of  
Certificates**

**II. Vice President Lester called for the Report of the Superintendent of Schools.**

Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito presented the first iteration of the 2009-2010 Budget. Dr. Greenberg thanked Mr. DeVito for putting the budget together in an easier to understand and easier

to explain format . Dr. Greenberg will present the Superintendent's Budget on March 24.

**Report of  
Superintendent**

**III. Vice President Lester called for Board of Education Comments.**

Board Member Ryan

Thanked Dr. Greenberg and his staff for presenting a responsible budget that preserved program and maintained staff in this economic reality. Thanked staff and building principals and all who participated in the compilation of this budget.

**Board of  
Education  
Comments**

Board Member Gergen and Vice President Lester both agreed with Dr. Ryan's remarks.

Dr. Greenberg said the budget will be on the website tomorrow and he welcomed feedback. The Superintendent's Budget on March 24<sup>th</sup> will be tighter.

Vice President Lester commented that while we are keeping in close touch with Albany and Albany is keeping in touch with Washington to get information on the stimulus package, we are still waiting for answers in terms of how the money will come down and when it will come down.

**IV. Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda only.**

Ms. Myrmissa Stone, Director of the Martin Luther King Center

- ❖ Commended Dr. Westervelt, Ms. Mancusi, the LBHS students who were recognized this evening, and staff for their support of the Martin Luther King Center
- ❖ Informed that there have been deep cuts in the MLK Center budget due to the worsening economy and asked that volunteers come forward from the community to assist in the work being done at the Center

**Questions and  
Comments**

**V. Vice President Lester called for Approval of Board of Education Meetings and Executive Sessions of December 9, 2008, January 6, 2009 (Revised), and January 20, 2009.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen**  
**Seconded by: Board Member Ryan**  
**Approved: 3-0**

**# 94  
Approval of  
Minutes**

**VI.1. Vice President Lester called for Presentations of the Superintendent.**

Dr. Greenberg recommended the approval of Personnel Matters for Certificated Personnel including West Elementary School teacher Guilia Simone's appointment to tenure.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion on Certificated Personnel.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Gergen  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Approved:** 3-0

**Resolution #95**  
**Presentations of the Superintendent**  
**1. Personnel Matters**  
**Certificated**  
**Pages: 6-10 and 12**

West School Principal Sandy Schneider came forward to praise and to inform the community regarding Ms. Simone's noteworthy performance as a teacher.

**VI.2**

Dr. Greenberg then recommended the approval of Personnel Matters Non-Certificated including Steve Lahey's appointment as Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations Districtwide. Mr. Rich Brunie, Interim Director of Facilities attested to Mr. Lahey's qualifications for this position. Dr. Greenberg indicated that Mr. Lahey's current position is not being replaced because of the fine work he has done and will do.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion on Non-Certificated Personnel.**

**Motion by:** Board Member Gergen  
**Seconded by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Approved:** 3-0

**Resolution #96**  
**Presentations of the Superintendent**  
**2. Personnel Matters – Non-Certificated**  
**Pages: 11 and 12**

UNAPPROVED

## RESOLUTIONS

VI.1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

### CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) **Resignations**

- (1) Name: James Bernhardt  
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/middle school  
Effective Dates: February 24, 2009
- (2) Name: Jeanine Berotti  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
Effective Dates: February 14, 2009

(b) **Rescission: Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches Spring 2009**

Name	Position	Stipend
Miguel Rodriguez	7/8 Boys/Girls Spring Track	\$4,256
Michael Lundwall	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Softball	\$4,215
Andrew Pultz	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Boys Lacrosse	\$4,500

(c) **Request for Leave of Absence: Child Care**

Name: Heather Klein  
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/West School  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

VI.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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(d) Appointment: Probationary Science Teacher

Name: Amber Tobia  
Assign/Loc: Probationary Science Teacher/high school  
Certification: Initial Earth Science 7-12  
Effective Date: February 1, 2009  
Ending Date: August 31, 2010  
Tenure Date: September 1, 2010\*  
Tenure Area: Science  
Salary Classification: BA/Step 3 (\$57,636\*\* per annum) prorated  
Reason: Replacement for MaryEllen McEntee  
\*Credit for time served as a regular substitute  
\*\*Subject to negotiations

(e) Appointment: Part Time Temporary Science Teacher (0.1)

Name: Lorraine DeFilippis  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Temporary Science Teacher  
(0.1)/  
high school  
Certification: Permanent Physics 7-12  
Permanent Biology and General Science  
7-12  
Permanent Earth Science 7-12  
Permanent Chemistry 7-12  
Effective Dates: February 1, 2009-June 30, 2009 (or earlier  
at the district's discretion)  
Salary Classification: 0.1 of MA+80/Step 21 (\$10,830\* per  
annum)  
Reason: Student Enrichment Center  
Comment: In addition to 1.0  
\*Subject to negotiations

(f) Appointment: Part Time Temporary Teacher Assistant (19 Hours)\*\*\*

Name: Jeremy Ganales  
Assign./Loc.: Temporary Part Time Teacher Assistant,  
19\*\*\* hours per week/Hebrew Academy  
of Long Beach  
Certification: Level 1-Teacher Assistant (pending)  
Effective Date: December 9, 2008-June 26, 2009 (or earlier  
at the district's discretion)  
Salary Classification: \$16.33 per hour  
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 1  
Reason: CSE recommendation-replacement

**VI.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(g) Appointment: Summer School Principal**

Name: Andrew Smith  
Assign./Loc: Summer School Principal/high school  
Certification: Provisional School Administrator Supervisor  
Permanent School District Administrator  
Permanent Social Studies 7-12  
Effective Date: June 29, 2009-August 14, 2009 (with  
additional hours prior to school opening)  
Stipend: \$7,500

**(h) Appointment: Teacher in Charge-2008-2009 School Year  
Stipend: \$3,514\* per annum \*Subject to negotiations**

Name	School
Howard Fuchs	Nike

**(i) Appointment: Mentor for the 2008-2009 School Year-Stipend: \$1,200  
(prorated)**

Michael Lundwall

**(j) Appointment: Interscholastic High School Coaches Spring 2009**

Name	Position	Stipend*
William Whittaker	7/8 Boys/Girls Spring Track	\$4,256
Mary Miller	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Softball	\$4,215
Scott Martin	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Boys Lacrosse	\$4,500

\*Subject to negotiations

**(k) Appointment: Saturday Morning Enrichment Program –Temporary Teacher  
Assistant– 2008-2009 School Year-Rate of Pay: According to Contract -  
required by IEP**

Doris Tavernese



**VI.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**(I) Appointment: Per Diem Substitute Teachers 2008-2009 School Year**

- |     |                |  |
|-----|----------------|--|
| (1) | Name:          | Mary Casey                                   |
|     | Certification: | Initial Childhood Education 1-6              |
| (2) | Name:          | Madeline Klein                               |
|     | Certification: | 40 day maximum                               |
| (3) | Name:          | Alessandra Robertazzi-Torti                  |
|     | Certification: | Permanent Italian 7-12                       |
| (4) | Name:          | Jennifer Wikstrom                            |
|     | Certification: | Provisional School Counselor                 |
| (5) | Name:          | Collynann Possidel                           |
|     | Certification: | Permanent Special Education<br>Permanent N-6 |
| (6) | Name:          | Carina Morales                               |
|     | Certification: | Initial Spanish 7-12                         |
| (7) | Name:          | Bruce Kan                                    |
|     | Certification: | Initial Mathematics 7-12                     |
| (8) | Name:          | Meghan Dixon                                 |
|     | Certification: | Initial Childhood Education 1-6              |

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**(m) Reclassifications:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1.	Carolyn Cody	Music	MA+50	2/1/09
2.	Ernestina DeBellgarde	Foreign Language	MA+30	2/1/09
3.	Jaclyn Eiger	S&HH	MA+20	2/1/09
4.	Magan Kalner	Science	MA+60	2/1/09
5.	Christina Mkrkichian	Special Ed	MA+20	2/1/09
6.	Christina Mkrkichian	Special Ed	MA+30	9/1/09
7.	Bonnie Scholfield	Social Worker	MA+80	2/1/09
8.	Jay Spitz	Mathematics	MA+50	2/1/09
9.	Sherese Tronolone	Special Ed	MA+60	2/1/09
10.	Yasmeen Valentin	Special Ed	MA+30	9/1/09
11.	Lindsay Van Sickle	Foreign Language	MA+20	2/1/09

- (n) Recommendation for Appointment on Tenure** The person listed below is eligible for appointment on tenure in the area and, on the date indicated. She has been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory in her total professional performance.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Guilia Simone	Elementary	5/17/09

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**VI.2. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**\*corrected page**

**(a) Appointment: Probationary Auto Mechanic**

Name: Christian Tast  
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Auto Mechanic/Transportation  
Effective Date: March 11, 2009  
Probation End Date: March 11, 2013  
Salary Classification: \$47,803 per annum (prorated)  
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 1  
Reason: To replace Silvio Sablic

**(b) Appointment: Provisional Assistant Director of Facilities**

Name: Steve Lahey  
Assign./Loc.: Provisional Assistant Director of Facilities  
and Operations/Districtwide  
Effective Date: March 11, 2009  
Salary Classification: \$81,151\* per annum (prorated)  
Reason: To meet a district need  
Comment: Current position not to be replaced

**(c) Appointment: Full Time School Nurse**

Name: Deborah Sokol  
Assign./Loc.: School Nurse/Hebrew Academy of Long  
Beach/Districtwide  
Effective Date: March 11, 2009  
Salary Classification: \$37,088\* per annum  
Step: Step 1  
Reason: To replace Linda Klang  
\*Subject to negotiations

**(d) Recommended Action: Approval of the schedules of Spring 2009 Continuing Education Instructional and Registration Personnel as follows (subject to sufficient enrollment and satisfactory performance):**

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Mark Mesnick	Basic Furniture Refinishing and Repairs	4	25.00	\$125.00

**(e) The following Per Diem personnel are recommended for approval the 2008-2009 school year:**

1. Gina Collazo-Teacher Assistant
2. Patricia Heaney-Clerical
3. Rosemary Maule-Lunch Aide-Building Aide
4. Carol Mendicino-Building Aide
5. George Metkiff-Cleaner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby designates the appointments of the following individuals as emergency conditional appointments, pursuant to chapter 147 of the Laws of 2001:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Gina Collazo	Teacher Assistant	3/10/09
Jennifer Danzig	Clerical Sub	3/10/09
Robin Dusold	Sub Lunch Aide	3/10/09
Frank Forcino	Teacher Assistant	3/10/09
Patricia Heaney	Sub Clerical	3/10/09
Melissa Hollis	Sub Lunch Aide/Building Aide	3/10/09
Elena Khapouguina	Teacher Assistant	3/10/09
David Lustberg	Sub Teacher	3/10/09
Rosemary Maule	Sub Lunch Aide/Building Aide	3/10/09
George Metkiff	Sub Cleaner	3/10/09
Carol Mendacino	Sub Building Aide	3/10/09
Nicole Menzzasalma	Teacher Assistant	3/10/09
Matthew Moderno	Sub Cleaner	3/10/09
Amanda Nussdorf	Sub Teacher Assistant	3/10/09
Ruth Shoenfeld	Sub Lunch Aide/Building Aide	3/10/09
Deborah Sokol	Nurse	3/10/09

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**VI.3 Dr. Greenberg recommended the  
ADOPTION OF PROPOSED POLICY NO. 5110:  
EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT.**

**#97  
Adoption of  
Proposed Policy  
#5110**

**Vice President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen**

**Seconded by: Board Member Ryan**

**Approved: 3-0**

**VI.4 Dr. Greenberg recommended the  
FIRST READING OF PROPOSED POLICY #9205:  
EMPLOYEE PERSONAL IDENTIFYING  
INFORMATION.**

**First Reading of  
Proposed Policy  
#9205**

**VI.5 Dr. Greenberg recommended the  
APPROVAL OF BOCES CONTRACT**

**#98  
Approval of BOCES  
Contract**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract with Nassau BOCES for the use of the Equipment and its participation in the Video Surveillance Service Project.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen**

**Seconded by: Board Member Ryan**

**Approved: 3-0**

**VI.6. Dr. Greenberg recommended the  
APPROVAL OF DISPOSITION OF OUT-  
DATED EQUIPMENT**

**#99  
Approval of Disposition of  
Out-Dated Equipment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposition of out-dated computer equipment and its donation to needy families.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen  
Seconded by: Board Member Ryan  
Approved: 3-0**

**VI.7. Dr. Greenberg recommended the  
APPROVAL OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
AGREEMENTS**

**#100  
Approval of Pre-  
Kindergarten Agreements**

**a) Approval of Pre-Kindergarten  
Agreement with Friedberg JCC, Early Childhood Center**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement between the Long Beach Public Schools and Friedberg JCC, Early Childhood Center for the provision of grant-funded pre-kindergarten services for the 2008/09 school year.

**b) Approval of Pre-Kindergarten Agreement with Montessori School of Long  
Beach**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Agreement between the Long Beach Public Schools and Montessori School of Long Beach for the provision of grant-funded pre-kindergarten services for the 2008/09 school year.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen  
Seconded by: Board Member Ryan  
Approved: 3-0**

**Dr. Greenberg recommended in a combined vote the following items VI.8 Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services and VI. 9 the Use of Schools.**

**VI.8. PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES**

**#101  
Payment of Legal  
Bills**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$15,635.59 to the firm of Ingerman, Smith, L.L.P. for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

**VI.9. USE OF SCHOOLS**

**#101  
Use of Schools**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools as attached.

**Vice President Lester called for a motion on items VI.8. and VI.9.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen**

**Seconded by: Board Member Ryan**

**Approved: 3-0**

**VII. Vice President Lester called for Questions and Comments from the Public.**

**Questions and  
Comments from  
the Public**

Mr. James Hodge – 95 East Fulton Street

- ❖ Congratulated Ms. Simone and Mr. Lahey. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Center, thanked Drs. Greenberg, Westervelt, Tatem and Mr. Richez and teachers for their assistance to the Martin Luther King Center.

Ms. Grace DeFries – 83 Kerrigan Street

Ms. Lisa McKay – 53 East State Street

Ms. Geri Macquet – 523 East State Street

Mr. Marty Klain – 168 Lagoon Drive

- ❖ Each person listed above commented on and/or inquired about East School.

**VIII. Vice President Lester called for Announcements.**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Mr. Volpe
  - ❖ Congratulated students and staff on their awards.
  - ❖ Indicated that the Association wishes to be involved in a dialogue on the budget and/or the bond issue
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Mr. Richez
  - ❖ Congratulated Ms. Mancusi, students and Dr. Westervelt for giving of their time and donating books to the Martin Luther King Center.
  - ❖ Congratulated Ms. Myrnissa Stone for her work at the Martin Luther King Center
  - ❖ Congratulated Ms. Guilia Simone and Mr. Steve Lahey on their appointments
  - ❖ Congratulated Dr. Greenberg, Mr. DeVito, Board Members, and Administrators for coming up with a remarkably responsible budget.
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – Mr. Snow
  - ❖ Congratulated students for collecting books for the Martin Luther King Center, Ms. Simone on tenure and Mr. Lahey on his new position.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Ms. Trish Barbato and Ms. Andrea Wayne
  - ❖ Congratulated all those previously mentioned.
  - ❖ Thanked Dr. Greenberg and Mr. DeVito for their work on the budget and they look forward to the line by line budget.
5. Student Organization – No comments

**Announcements**

**IX. Vice President Lester called for Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any.**

Board Member Ryan

- ❖ Commended the work done by LBHS PTSA, Mss. Tangney, Martin, and Mosca on the PTSA Fashion Show
- ❖ Congratulated Ms. Simone

**Board of  
Education –  
New/Old  
Business, if any**



- ❖ Commented that the District will work to preserve program, staff and extra curricula activities while being responsible to the taxpayers in the community in preparing this budget

Board Member Gergen

- ❖ Congratulated Ms. Simone and Mr. Lahey

Vice President Lester

- ❖ Commented favorably on the Fashion Show and on the increased number of those who attended this meeting

X. **Vice President Lester called for a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM.**

**Motion by: Board Member Gergen**

**Seconded by: Board Member Ryan**

**Approved: 3-0**

**Adjournment**

Minutes submitted by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eileen Lilly, District Clerk  
March 20, 2009

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