

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 22, 2022

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Library Multipurpose Room

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

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Board President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:32 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

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

Central Administration and Attorney (named above) joined the meeting at 5:15PM.

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:59 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 22, 2022

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

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

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
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Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC
Ms. Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Dr. Ryan called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00pm and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that tonight's Student Showcase was "Math Innovation", and introduced Mr. Kozak, Director of Mathematics, who then introduced Mr. Van Nostrand, 5th grade teacher at West School; Mr. Van Nostrand then introduced student Georgia Rechter, who presented her "Travel Around the World" project, where she created a travel budget for her trip to Italy, and learned the importance of proper budgeting. Miss Castanio, 9th grade teacher at Long Beach High School, introduced student Marlene Weiner, who gave a presentation on the usage of Desmos, and Mr. Papetti, 7th grade teacher at Long Beach Middle School, then introduced student Sydney Bergstein, who presented her Math Counts project, consisting of a drawing created by developing 340 separate math equations.

Dr. Gallagher then introduced Michael DeVito, who presented the budget presentation entitled, "Special Education, Health Office, Psychologists, Social Workers and Revenue Projection".

Mr. DeVito stated that although there was a slight increase in staff compensation due to contractual obligations, the overall Special Ed budget shows a decrease due to three fewer students next year. There is an increase in the Health Office budget due to

the addition of a floating nurse, an increase in nurse substitutes, and in increase in compensation to more closely align with competitive "market" salaries. Mr. DeVito also stated that, next year, one of the social workers at the high school will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act federal grant. Mr. DeVito then reviewed the "Transfer to Capital for Facilities" of \$4,285,400, which will cover a subset of capital projects within "Option #3" of the 2022-23 capital plan that was presented at the March 8th meeting. The balance of the capital projects within option #3 (\$7,059,888) will be supported by an allocation from the district's capital reserve funds, and will appear as Proposition #2 on the May 2022 ballot. Mr. DeVito emphasized that there will be no tax impact on the community. He stated that, based on the executive budget proposal, district foundation aid is projected to increase 3%, and the LIPA PILOT is projected to increase 5.10%. The 18.99% increase in "Other Revenue" is based primarily on the expectation that there will be a slight increase in the number of students who will pay tuition to attend our schools.

Finally, Mr. DeVito stated that the tax levy will remain at the same level as the current year – a 0% increase.

The 2022-23 Budget Presentation "Special Education, Health Office, Psychologists, Social Workers and Revenue Projection" is on the District Website and available in the office of the District Clerk.

BOE Comments

III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Pinto stated it's nice to see a 0% tax levy, but asked if a lot is resting on the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. DeVito replied that we are only relying on that for some of the additional programs, for example, the elementary enrichment program. Mr. DeVito also stated that there will be a presentation at another time on everything included in the ARPA grant.
- Board Member Pinto asked about the environmental efficiency with regard to initiatives like solar panels, air quality testing, etc., if the district was realizing a return on investment, and Mr. DeVito replied that it was difficult to say, since we have had atypical building use the past several years, but will know more next year.
- Board Member Vrona asked about a floating nurse hired 1-2 years ago, what happened to her, and Mr. DeVito replied that the district needed an additional floating nurse. Dr. Natali stated that two floating nurses cover lunches, absences, field trips, etc.
- Board Member Vrona if the social worker funded through the ARPA grant is a new hire and Mr. DeVito replied that it was a social worker that was supplying services covered in the ARPA grant.
- Board Member Vrona stated disappointment that the Board will not have further opportunity to discuss the budget, since it was just recently received and the next meeting is the budget adoption. Mr. DeVito stated that all budget areas have been covered and there is nothing "new", and that if the budget had been presented any earlier, there would be numerous changes that would occur before it's presented and then adopted. Dr. Ryan stated that any changes, concerns, or additions to the budget should have been expressed at the time of each presentation.

- Board Member Vrona asked if, once we expend the funds from the undesignated fund balance needed for the capital projects, the district would still have in excess of 4% and Mr. DeVito replied yes; Mrs. Vrona said that is great, so the district will not be in danger of being put in a precarious financial situation, and Mr. DeVito said that is correct. Mr. DeVito stated that we will probably have a “normal” budget increase next year, but happy that we were able to present the public with a 0% tax levy for two years when the community needed it most.
- Dr. Ryan thanked Mr. Kozak for the math presentation, and asked Mr. DeVito if federal interest rates would impact the district. Mr. DeVito replied he doesn’t think that it will impact us that much – borrowing costs may go up if we go out for a bond in the future.
- Dr. Ryan stated that he likes the addition of floating nurses and agreed with the adjustment in their salary.
- Board Vice President Conway asked why, if there is a decrease in enrollment, do we still have a need for an additional special ed teacher, and Mr. DeVito replied that it is a function of the increase in instructional day, and need to cover the additional schedule time at Lindell and Lido. Mrs. Conway stated she would like to make sure Mr. DeVito gets the word out that there is a 0% tax levy. Mr. DeVito stated that we use social media, there are numerous budget presentations and budget mailers, articles in newspapers, information on the website and social media.
- Dr. Ryan asked that the line by line budget be posted to the district website.

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements
None.

Student Organization
Announcements

V. President Ryan 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. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes of Executive Session and Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022.

Approval of Minutes for
Exec. Session & Reg.
Meeting of March 8, 2022

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

VII.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated as amended.

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated

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

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board President Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Vrona

Vote on Item II.(a.1)

Approved: 4-0

Not Approved: 1 – Sam Pinto

Vote on all remaining Non-Certificated Items:

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.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Rhonda Healy
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Date: June 24, 2022, close of day

(b) Resignations

Name: Edward Gallegos
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
Effective Date: March 25, 2022, close of day

Name: Beatriz Martinez
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS
Effective Date: April 1, 2022, close of day

(c) Catastrophic Leave of Absence

Name: Ashley Robinson
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teacher Assistant/Lido School
Effective Dates: March 2, 2022-June 30, 2022 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Reason: Medical

(d) Leave of Absence

Name: Krystal Wildes
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: September 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
Reason: Maternity

(e) Amended Appointment: Probationary Mathematics Teacher

Name: Samantha Metzger
Effective Date: September 1, 2020
Prob End Date: August 31, 2023
Tenure Date: September 1, 2023
Tenure Area: Mathematics

Reason: amended tenure date
Comment: Credit for tenure in another NYS school district

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Appointment: Probationary Coordinator of Special Education

Name: Jake Baron
Assign:/Loc: Coordinator of Special Education/LBMS
Certification: Professional School District Leader
Initial School Building Leader
Effective Date: April 25, 2022
Prob End Date: April 24, 2026
Tenure Date: April 25, 2026
Tenure Area: Coordinator of Special Education
Salary Classification: \$140,000 per annum
Reason: To fill a vacancy

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(g) Appointment: Regents Review for the LBHS 2021-2022 school year-rate of pay \$77.53 per hour-maximum 4 hours per course

NAME	COURSE	HOURS
Brianna Carnevale	ENL English/English	
Samantha Silverman	English	
	English Total Hours	4
Greg Milone	Social Studies	
Claire Stanek	Social Studies	
James Stankard	Social Studies	
Jon Bloom	Social Studies	
Robin Gonzalez	ENL Social Studies	
Brianna Carnevale	ENL Social Studies	
Richard Rogers	Social Studies Skills/Social Studies	
Kristen Susko	Social Studies Skills/Social Studies	
	Social Studies Total Hours	8
Scott Stark	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Heather Yaeger	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Arkadiy Simonovsky	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Laina Beale	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Lee Krinsky	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Anthony Cabasino	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Jennifer Papetti	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Michelle D'Andrea	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Stephanie Bragino	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Michael Dotzler	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Patricia Fallon	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
Jenna Berto	Algebra CC/Geometry CC/Algebra 2	
	Math Total Hours	12
Maggie Todaro	Earth Science	
Megan Grahfs	Living Environment	
Julie Hall	Chemistry	
Loren Wolfin	Chemistry	
Rachel Spitz	Physics	
	Science Total Hours	16
Arlys Digena	FLAC B French	

Gina Scafidi	FLAC B Italian	
Christos Koutsoumbis	FLAC B Spanish	
	World Language Total Hours	8

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(h) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for the 2021/2022 School Year-rate of pay \$77.53 per hour-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant

Name of Enrichment Class	Facilitator	Number of Hours
Lindell School		
Science Inquiry	Lisa Rundo	16
Creative Thinking and Problem Solving (K-2)	Julie Braddish	8
Art Exploration	Jacqueline Gropper	8
Fitness and Wellness (3-5)	Terriann Eidt	8
SEL Superstars	Kirstyn Golden	8
Fun Photographers	Amanda Betz	8
Break Out! (Grades 4 & 5)	Lauren Muscarella	8
Fitness and Wellness (K-2)	Phil Cabasino	8
Super Smart Strategies (Group A)	Sue Corrie Del-Cid	8
Sculpture	Kaitlyn McCormack	8
Super Smart Strategies (Group B)	Jackie Nyman	8
STEM	Lisa Rundo	8
Lindell Sunshine Surfers	Rachel Lonergan	8
Literacy Exploration Through Scrapbooking	Roseann Pinto	8
The Lindell News	Jackie Nyman	8
Break Out! (Grades 2 & 3)	Christina Causi	8
Super Smart Strategies (Group C)	Sue Corrie Del Cid	8
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (3-5)	Julie Braddish	8

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(i) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for the 2021/2022 School Year-rate of pay \$77.53 per hour-maximum 10 hours each-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant cont:

Name of Enrichment Class	Facilitator	Number of Hours
West School		
Yoga	Chelsea Way	8
Drawing	Denise Collins	8
American Sign Language (K-2)	Dana Wachter	8
Coding	Tara Salvador	8
Seahorse Scoop Jr.	Nicolette Samardich	8
H.E.A.R.T. Service Learning	Nicolette Samardich	8
Lego Engineers	Nicolette Samardich	8
Podcasting	Stephanie Zimmerman	8
Chess	Erin Cain	8
Mindfulness	Hannah Gallo	8
American Sign Language (3-5)	Nicole Petrullo	8
Art Masterpieces	Vjosa Celaj	8
Macrame	Maryann Hommel	8
Gardening	Kelly Mendoza	8
Bookworms	Jessica Donato	8
Hockey and History	Bryan Rosen	8
Game Masters	Sue Masloja	8
Musical Theater	Mariana Rotenberg	8

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(j) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for the 2021/2022 School Year-rate of pay \$77.53 per hour-maximum 10 hours each-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant cont:

Name of Enrichment Class	Facilitator	Number of Hours
East School		

Escape the Classroom	Gina Patronaggio	8
Neptune News	Edward Courtney	8
Lego Lovers	Alisa Gore	16
Chess	Alisa Gore	8
Welcome to Hogwarts!	Eileen Bauer	8
Mindful Yogis	Jacqui Byrne	8
Painting & Drawing	Jackie Gropper	8
Math Olympiads	Jennifer Diamond	8
Drum Circles	Michele Bennett	8
String Enrichment	Michele Bennett	8
East Has Talent!	Michele Bennett	8
Let's Dance	Kelly McNamara	8
Math Rocks	Denise Levitt	8
Scrabble	Lauren Breen	8
Robotics	Matt Jones	8
Game On	Julianne White	8
Osmo Genius	Julianne White	8
Geography Explorers: Mexico & Spain	Mayela Molina	16
Coding	Lisa Collins	16

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(k) Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for the 2021/2022 School Year-rate of pay \$77.53 per hour-maximum 10 hours each-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant cont:

Name of Enrichment Class	Facilitator	Number of Hours
Lido School		
Lego Robotics	Kylee Nicholls	16
Health & Wellness	Erin Veltre	8

American Sign Language	Jean Kushel	8
Art Class	Ashley Lee	16
Escape Rooms!	Deb Cupani	8
Kindergarten Artists	Janine Riomao	8
Go Green!	Victoria Stanishia	8
Power of WE	Christine Lamarca	8

- (I) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2021-2022 school year.**

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
Kara Gumiela	Initial Childhood Education 1-6 (in process)

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Termination

Name:	Michael Sacks
Assign./Loc.:	Night Custodian/Lido Middle School Complex
Effective Date:	March 22, close of day

(b) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name:	Yudelka O'Sullivan
Assign./Loc.:	Part Time Lunch Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2022

(c) Resignation

Name:	Ines Robles
Assign./Loc.:	Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date:	March 18, 2022

(d) Leave of Absence

Name:	Cynthia Turnbull
Assign./Loc.:	Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS
Effective Dates:	March 25, 2022-June 30, 2023 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Reason:	Personal

Name:	Nancy Murray
Assign./Loc.:	School Nurse/District Float
Effective Dates:	March 31, 2022 -a date to be determined
Reason:	Medical

(e) Appointment: Probationary Bus Drivers-30 hours per week

Name: Cesar Salmeron
Assign./Loc.: School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: March 23, 2022
Probationary End Date: March 22, 2026
Salary Classification: \$31,225 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Probationary Bus Drivers-30 hours per week- continued

Name: Jose Hernandez
Assign./Loc.: School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: March 23, 2022
Probationary End Date: March 22, 2026
Salary Classification: \$31,225 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

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

Name: Marcela Zelaya
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/18.75 hours per week/Transportation Department
Effective Date: March 23, 2022
Grade/Step: Grade 1/Step 1
Salary Classification: \$17.07 per hour
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(g) Appointment Part Time Aides 17.5 hours per week start date through June 24, 2022 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.

Name	Step	Rate per hour	Location	Reason	Start Date
Vassa Senken	1	17.09	Lido School	504	3/23/2022

(h) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2021-2022 school year.

Name	Position
Shannon Hughes	Nurse
Alexis Conrad	Nurse

(i) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Long Beach School Employees Association, dated March 15, 2022.

VII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

Approval of Budget
Transfers

A) SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT LINDELL

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer in the amount of \$80,000 from the health insurance code A9060-800-00-0000 to the maintenance and repair code A1621-431-00-0000. Because the anticipated health insurance premium increase was lower than anticipated, there is no impact on the health insurance budget.

B) SPECIAL ED

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer in the amount of \$45,000 from the health insurance code A9060-800-00-0000 to the Middle School Special Ed tutoring code A2250-473-21-0000 and \$35,000 from the health insurance code A9060-800-00-0000 to the High School Special Ed tutoring code A2250-473-22-0000. Because the anticipated health insurance premium increase was lower than anticipated, there is no impact on the health insurance budget.

President Ryan called for a motion.

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

Board of Ed – Additional
Comments

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

- Board President Ryan thanked the students in the Middle School production of "The Addams Family" – it was nice to see them mask free and see kids having a good time on stage.
- Board Member Pinto gave a shout-out to Odyssey of the Mind.
- Board Member Vrona asked about having Board meetings at other school buildings and Dr. Gallagher replied that we can move the meetings. Dr. Ryan asked if the rest of the Board was in agreement. Mrs. Vrona asked if we could hold the April 12th meeting at East or West, and Dr. Gallagher replied yes.
- Board Vice President thanked all of our social workers for their tireless efforts. She also thanked all of the coaches for getting students ready for the spring sports. She then asked about learning projects at the greenhouse, and Dr. Romanelli said that Lido Elementary students recently visited the greenhouse, they are learning about plants, and did some hands-on projects there. Mrs. Conway then asked Mr. DeVito asked about signage for the bus lanes at the high school, and Mr. DeVito replied that there are 3 signs that say bus lane only, and there is a security guard, and also planning on painting new lines when repaving is done over the summer.
- Dr. Ryan asked if the high school will be off limits due to construction projects, and Mr. DeVito replied yes.

IX. Questions and Comments from the Public

- None

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association - None

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Vrona

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
March 22, 2022