

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 28, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: High School Main Office Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: 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. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Tom Volz, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Board President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:34 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 4-0

Board President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:56 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

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Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Ryan congratulated Sam Pinto and Alexis Pace for being re-elected to the Board of Education for another term and thanked the community for supporting the budget; Ms. Pace unable to join tonight, sends her regrets; lots of end of year celebrations, parades, assemblies, award nights, best time of the school year.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Student Showcase: Media, Visual & Performing Arts Presentation

Dr. Gallagher asked the Board's permission to conduct the business portion of the meeting prior to the Music and Art Awards, as many parents were not yet there due to a miscommunication on the start time of the meeting.

III. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- None

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Presentations of the Superintendent

Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated

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

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board President Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated

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) Amended Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Jacqueline Harris
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach High School
Original Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day
Amended Effective Date: June 29, 2024, close of day

(b) Recissions

Rescind the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher:

Matthew Mullally

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Hayley Brander
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: June 6, 2024 – June 26, 2024 on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Elizabeth Connors
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: April 17, 2024 – June 30, 2024 on or about
Reason: Medical

Name: Sandra Hnis

Assign./Loc. Spanish Teacher/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 on or about
Reason: Medical

(d) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Kristin Susko
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Original Effective Dates: June 6, 2024 – November 7, 2024 on or about
Amended Effective Dates: May 17, 2024 – October 18, 2024
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Regular Substitute Guidance Counselor

Name: Geoffrey Noss
Assign./Loc. Regular Substitute School Counselor/LBHS
Certification: Provisional School Counselor
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: School Counselor
Salary Classification: MA+10/Step 3 (\$80,240 per annum)
Reason: To fill a leave

(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Kara Doherty
Assign./Loc. Regular Substitute Special Education Elementary Teacher/Lido School
Certification: Initial Students with Disabilities K-12
Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Special Education
Salary Classification: MA/Step3 (\$78,816 per annum)
Reason: To fill a leave

(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher

Name: Lisa Hourigan
Assign./Loc. Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher/East School
Certification: Professional Students with Disabilities B-2, 1-6
Professional Childhood Education B-2, 1-6
Professional Literacy B-6, 5-12
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: MA/Step 3 (\$78,816) per annum
Reason: To fill a leave

(h) Appointment: Regular Substitute Art Teacher

Name: Jaclyn Javakian
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Art Teacher/LBHS
 Certification: Initial Art
 Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Tenure Area: Visual Arts
 Salary Classification: BA/Step 2 (\$69,351 per annum)
 Reason: To fill a leave

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(i) Appointment: Regular Substitute Reading Teacher

Name: Danielle Callahan
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Reading Teacher/LBMS
 Certification: Professional Literacy B-6
 Professional Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
 Effective Dates: September 1, 2024-January 31, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Tenure Area: Reading
 Salary Classification: MA/Step 3 (\$78,816 per annum) prorated
 Reason: To fill a leave

(j) Appointment: Regular Substitute School Psychologist

Name: David Fikhman
 Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute School Psychologist/East School
 Certification: Provisional School Psychologist
 Effective Dates: September 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Tenure Area: School Psychologist
 Salary Classification: MA+40/Step 2 (\$81,739 per annum) * Subject to Negotiations
 Reason: To fill a leave

**(k) AMENDED Appointment: Supervisor for the ENL Summer Program:
 Original: July 1, 2024-July 19, 2024 rate of pay-\$3,575 stipend-Title III Grant Funded
 Amended: July 8, 2024 – July 26, 2024 rate of pay \$3830 stipend-Title III Grant Funded**

Dana Monti

(l) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the 2024/2025

SPORT	Coach	Stipend
V Boys Volleyball Head	Stewart Ratzken	\$8,480
V Girls Volleyball Head	Katherine Meyers	\$8,480

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(m) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2023-2024 school year. \$150 per day

Maxime Esformes	Initial Music in process
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Seena Gordon	Permanent School Attendance Permanent School Social Worker Permanent PreK – 6
Dean Knipe	in process

**NAME
CERTIFICATION AREA**

(n) **Appointment: Enrichment Program Instructors for Session 2 of the 2023/2024 School Year- rate of pay \$79.67 per hour-per class-February 27, 2024-May 30, 2024-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ENRICHMENTS	SCHOOL
Finneran	Eric	Substitute	Lido

(o) **Approval of Applications for Participation in Group A Study Programs-Summer 2024-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.**

Name	Allocation	Name	Allocation
Gabriella Febrizio	\$646	Kurt Allen	\$945
Loren Lang	\$969	Erin Cain	\$1,750
Jenna Pierson	\$304	Anne LaPenna	\$580
Jessica Kappauf	\$304	Esmerelda Roberts	\$427.50
Danielle Goggin	\$1,425	Jacqueline Nyman	\$551.50
Alexandra Johnston	\$1,425		

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name: Carol Buonanno
Assign./Loc. Secretary I/Athletics
Effective Date: December 31, 2024, close of day

Name: Linda Farrell
Assign./Loc. Full Time Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Date: December 31, 2024, close of day

Name: Rene Lainez
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver (40 hr)/Transportation
Effective Date: December 31, 2024, close of day

(b) Leaves of Absence

Name: Michael Breglia
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: May 10, 2024 – June 30, 2024 or before
Reason: Medical

(c) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name:	Tamaia Smith
Assign./Loc.	Part Time Building Aide/LBMS
Effective Date:	September 5, 2023-June 30, 2024
Original Dates:	September 5, 2023-May 5, 2024
Reason:	Personal

(d) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the and the 2023-2024 school year.

Name	Position
Nicholas Krzeminski	Cleaner

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items IX.3 through Item IX.8.

Board President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Discussion: Board Member Conway thanked the community for their support in funding of the many scholarships for our students; shows a love of the community and our students. Mr. Pinto echoed those statements as well.

Approved: 4-0

Approval of Scholarships

VI.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended that the APPROVAL OF 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 \$226,825.00.

VI.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF NASSAU BOCES SATELLITE MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM AT NIKE

Approval of BOCES
Medical Assisting
Program at NIKE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES for the operation of a Joseph M. Barry Career and Technical Education Center program ("Barry Tech"), Medical Assisting ("Program"), in its NIKE Center through the Department of Regional Schools and Instructional Programs, for the period September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, at the applicable rates and fees as set forth therein; and hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and operations to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

VI.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

Approval of Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a transfer for unanticipated expenses for Special Education legal stipulations in the amount of \$195,800 and unanticipated Special Education tuition and related services with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$441,000 with appropriations to be taken from A2250-470-00-0000 Special Education Public

School Tuition \$220,000; A2250-469-21-0000 Special Education Middle School related services \$55,000; A2250-469-22-0000 Special Education High School related services \$80,000; A2250-467-00-0000 Special Education private school related services \$25,000; A2250-466-00-0000 Special Education extended day related services \$60,000; A2110-473-00-0000 Regular Education charter school tuition \$30,000; A2250-469-12-0000 Special Education West School related services \$18,700; A2250-469-13-0000 Special Education East School related services \$15,130; A2250-158-25-0000 Special Education Out of District Teachers Assistants \$41,000; A2250-158-14-0000 Special Education Lindell Teachers Assistants \$15,985; A2250-158-14-0000 Special Education Lido Teachers Assistants \$60,000; A2250-158-22-0000 Special Education High School Teachers Assistants \$15,985.

VI.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID #1932-2024 – GENERAL PUMP AND MOTOR & MAINTENANCE COOPERATIVE

**Award of Bid #1932-2024
General Pump and Motor**

WHEREAS, the District placed a legal notice advertising a bid for General Pump and Motor and Maintenance Cooperative in the official district papers on May 9, 2024, and provided bid documents to IVS, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on the General Pump and Motor and Maintenance Cooperative which bids were opened publicly on May 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, IVS Incorporated was the sole bidder for General Pump and Motor and Maintenance Cooperative, at a cost of \$45/hour plus 10% mark-up on materials;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that IVS, Incorporated, as the sole bidder on the General Pump and Motor and Maintenance Cooperative, approves the award of the General Pump and Motor and Maintenance Cooperative contract to IVS, Incorporated, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement on its behalf.

VII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID #444-2024 – FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR

**Award of Bid #444-2024 - Food
Service Equipment Repair**

WHEREAS, the District placed a legal notice advertising a bid for Food Service Equipment Repair in the official district papers on May 9, 2024, and provided bid documents to Kitchen Dynamics; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on the Food Service Equipment Repair Bid which bids were opened publicly on May 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kitchen Dynamics was the sole bidder for the Food Service Equipment Repair Bid, with an hourly rate of \$160.00 per hour;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Kitchen Dynamics, as the sole bidder on the Food Service Equipment Repair Bid, approves the award of the Food Service Equipment Repair contract to Kitchen Dynamics, and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement on its behalf.

VII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

CPSE/CSE
Recommendations

VII.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

Approval of Payment of
Legal Bills: Legal Services

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$8,246.85 to Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC for general counsel legal services for the period of April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024; and \$3,846.50 for labor counsel legal services for the period of April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

VI.10 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 schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

Organization	Purpose	Facility Requested	Dates Requested
Long Island Swimming Club	Swim Practice	High School Pool	Thursday July 11, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am Thurs. – Fri. August 1-2, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am Mon. – Tues. August 5-6, 2024 7:00am – 9:00am
Camp Invention	Summer Camp	Lido Elementary School Cafeteria, Break Room, Classrooms L9, L13, L24, L57	Mon. – Fri. July 8 – July 19, 2024 9:00am – 3:30pm

Dr. Ryan

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- Mrs. Conway gave a shoutout to Ms. Espinat, Middle School Teacher NEARPOD Vocabulary Teacher of the Year, and Cody Onufrock, who was recognized in the Herald for his STEM Leadership, and recognized Ms. Tursi, Science Director, as well. She added that the parade was amazing yesterday; baseball team made it to the playoffs for the first time in 40 years, just incredible.
- Sam Pinto had a chance to see the Long Island High School Flag Football Championships, great to see, even though our school was not in it, we still hosted.
- Ms. Conway asked how we were going to encourage our students to read over the summer and prevent the “summer slide” and Dr. Gallagher replied that we will be sending home a whole menu of exciting reading events.

VI. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public stated that tomorrow night at the high school is the Senior Fashion Show, which is also a fundraiser for Morning Madness, which is an alcohol free, drug free After-Prom event at Dave and Busters.

Dr. Ryan made a motion at 7:12pm to temporarily adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 4-0

Dr. Ryan led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Ryan explained that he understands that there was a misunderstanding and parents were told that the Board meeting started at 7:30.

Dr. Ryan made a motion at 7:30pm to resume the meeting.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Dr. Ryan then turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Dr. Gallagher stated that this is always one of her favorite meetings every year, because we get to celebrate all of our artists and musicians and theatre people, and every year we are amazed at all of the awards you win. She then turned it over to the Director of Media, Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Julia Lang-Shapiro. Ms. Lang-Shapiro began by noting that this was our 14th year attaining the Best Communities for Music Education distinction, and thanked the students, teachers, Administration and Board of Education for their support. Ms. Lang-Shapiro then showed a musical video highlighting the department's students throughout the year. She then presented the award to All State Musicians, All County Musicians, Long Island String Festival Musicians, All County Art students, Scholastic Young Artist Award recipients, Long Island's Best Young Artist recipient, and Advanced Visions and Photographic Federation of Long Island award recipients.

Ms. Conway thanked the teachers especially for helping their students grow and feel confident in their ability – thank you for your care and dedication to your students. Ms. Bellsey stated that she was thrilled to see the students' accomplishments, and thanked the teachers as well. Dr. Ryan thanked Ms. Lang-Shapiro for her getting the kids to compete, to apply and to demonstrate their talents in various competitions.

XII. 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

XIII. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
May 28, 2024