

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: August 13, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Sam Pinto (via Zoom at 4:48pm)
Board Vice President Alexis Pace
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.

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 Vice President Pace called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:03 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

Motion by: Board Vice President Pace
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 3-0

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:22 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Vice President Pace
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 3-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: August 13, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: Board Vice President Alexis Pace
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board President Sam Pinto
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.

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
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board Vice President Pace called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Pace expressed regrets on behalf of Board President Pinto who was unable to attend, and stated that Dr. Ryan would possibly join the meeting late (he did not join the meeting).

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that she did not have a report this evening; all summer programs running beautifully.

III. Vice President Pace called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Conway thanked all of the custodians/ maintenance/facilities staff for all the repairs they addressed over the summer.

IV. Vice President Pace called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- None

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

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

- None

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for June 2024 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session and Reorganization and Regular Meeting of July 23, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for Exec Session and Reorg and Regular Meeting of July 23, 2024.

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 3-0

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Presentations of the Superintendent

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

Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion as amended.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 3-0

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

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 3-0

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) Resignations

Name: Sally Keiser
Assign./Loc: Social Worker/Lido School
Effective Date: August 31, 2024, close of day

(b) Recission

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Margo Montgomery	Regular Substitute Reading Teacher/LBHS
Rachel Dean	Regular Substitute Physical Education Teacher/Lindell
Nicholas Incalcaterra	Part Time Teaching Assistant
Shayne Benz	Part Time Teaching Assistant
Emma Zimmerman	Part Time Teaching Assistant
Julie Braddish	Permanent Substitute Teacher/Per-Diem Substitute Teacher

(c) Appointment: Probationary Italian/ENL Teacher

Name: Alexander Salvata*
Assign./Loc: Probationary ENL (.4) Teacher/Lindell School
Probationary Italian (.4)/Probationary Spanish (.2)
Teacher/Long Beach Middle School
Certification: Initial English to Speakers of Other Languages
Initial Spanish 7-12
Incidental Italian
Effective Date: September 1, 2024
End Date: August 31, 2028
Tenure Date: September 1, 2028
Tenure Area: ENL and Foreign Language
Salary Classification: MA/Step 1 \$73,260 per annum
Reason: To meet a district need
Comment: To fill a vacancy

*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.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Probationary Special Education Teacher

Name: Christina Franceschini*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Special Education Teacher/Lindell School
Certification: Initial Students w/disabilities B-2
Initial Early Childhood Education B-2
Initial Students w/disabilities 1-6 in progress
Initial Childhood Education 1-6 in progress
Effective Date: September 1, 2024
End Date: August 31, 2028
Tenure Date: September 1, 2028
Tenure Area: Special Education
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$76,043 per annum)
Comment: To fill a vacancy
Reason: Rescind Per-Diem Sub Teacher

*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: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Sara Jamison
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education WINGS Teacher/Lido School
Certification: Initial Students w/Disabilities, 1-6
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/Step 1 (\$73,260 per annum)
Reason: To fill a Leave

(f) Appointment: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher

Name: Sarah Gallagher
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher/East School
Certification: Initial Childhood Ed 1-6
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: BA/Step 1 (\$67,033 per annum)
Reason: To fill a Leave

(g) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Christine Smith
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/West School
Certification: Initial Students w/disabilities all grades
Initial Childhood Ed 1-6
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$76,043 per annum)
Reason: To fill a Leave

(h) Appointment: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher

Name: Collyn-Ann Possidel
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Certification: Permanent N-6
Permanent Special Education N-12
Effective Dates: September 5, 2024 – January 24, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Elementary
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$76,043 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a Leave

(i) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Elementary Teacher

Name: Jean McKeon
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Elementary Teacher/West School

Certification: Initial Early Childhood B-2
Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Pending Students w/Disabilities, all grades
Effective Dates: September 18, 2024 – June 25, 2025 (or earlier at the district’s discretion)
Salary Classification: \$245.84 per day
Reason: Annual appointment
Comment: Resigns as a part-time Teaching Assistant

(j) Appointment: Part Time ENL Teacher

Name: Rachel Wong
Assign./Loc: Part Time ENL (.4) Teacher/Lido School
Certification: Initial English to Speakers of Other Languages
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Salary Classification: .4 of BA/Step 1 \$26,813.20 per annum
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Annual appointment

(k) Appointment: Part Time Permanent Substitute Secondary Teacher

Name: Rachel Wong
Assign./Loc: Part Time (.6) Permanent Substitute Elementary Teacher/LBMS
Certification: Initial English to Speakers of Other Languages
Effective Dates: September 10, 2024 – June 16, 2025 (or earlier at the district’s discretion)
Salary Classification: (.6) of \$245.84 per day, prorated
Reason: Annual appointment

(l) Appointment: Advisors for Co-Curricular Activities 2024-2025 School Year

HS Club Activity	Advisor	Location	2024-25
Robotics Team-Head	Michael Santoro	LBMS	\$8,370
Robotics Team-Assistant	Brian Pross	LBMS	\$6,693
AMEND: Fragments	Rachel Koegel, Samantha Silverman (split)	LBHS	\$6,692

(m)

Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2024-Teachers-Rate of Pay: \$65.48 per hour

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Parker Ramsey	Substitute Speech Teacher
Mary Radin	Substitute Teacher

(n)

Appointment Part Time Pre K Teacher Assistants-Afternoon Shift 25 hours per week September 3, 2024-through June 25, 2024 (or earlier at the district’s discretion). Rate according to contract-subject to negotiations

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason
Eugenia Altman	30	\$29.15	Lido	Resigns from AM TA

- (o) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year. \$150 per day

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Caitlin Glynn	Initial B-2, 1-6
Rachel Kuenzler	In a Program
Roberta Shapiro	Teaching Assistant III
Susan Fishel	Provisional Social Worker, Perm. Reading, N-6
Hannah Clarke	In a Program

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (p) Appointment: The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Roberta Shapiro	Teaching Assistant

- (q) **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has been requested to bring the personnel records of tenured and non-tenured administrative staff to a meeting of the Board of Education for review in executive session pursuant to Part 84 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the information contained in said personnel file(s) will aid in fulfilling its legal responsibilities in making decisions in employee personnel matters; it is
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall meet in the September 24, 2024 and December 10, 2024 executive sessions to review the personnel files of non-tenured administrative staff and tenured administrative staff, after which said files shall be returned to the custody of the Superintendent of Schools.
WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has been requested to bring the personnel records of non-tenured teachers and full-time teacher assistants to a meeting of the Board of Education for review in executive session pursuant to Part 84 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the information contained in said personnel file(s) will aid in fulfilling its legal responsibilities in making decisions in employee personnel matters; it is
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall meet on the January 28, 2025 executive sessions to review the personnel files of non-tenured teachers and full-time teacher assistants, after which said files shall be returned to the custody of the Superintendent of Schools.
WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has been requested to bring the personnel records of unaffiliated staff to a meeting of the Board of Education for review in executive session pursuant to Part 84 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the information contained in said personnel file(s) will aid in fulfilling its legal responsibilities in making decisions in employee personnel matters; it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall meet in the May 27, 2025 executive sessions to review the personnel files of the unaffiliated staff, after which said files shall be returned to the custody of the Superintendent of Schools. (m) **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or her designee

(r) **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to appoint individuals to staff vacancies that the Superintendent determines must be filled prior to the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on August 27, 2024, which appointments shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Education on August 27, 2024.

(s) **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby approves an agreement reached by the School District for an employee discussed in executive session dated August 6, 2024.

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

Name: Ariel Chajon
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver/Transportation
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

Name: Deborah McClendon
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: June 30, 2024, close of day

(b) Leaves of Absence

Name: Hannah Jean
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational

Name: Margarita Perez
Assign./Loc. Part Time Lunch Aide/Lindell School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – March 2, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Family Illness

Name: Loretta Simonelli
Assign./Loc. Part Time Lunch Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – November 1, 2024 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Medical

Name: Hannah Clarke
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational

(c) **Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide**

Name: Rosemarie Porciello
 Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/West School
 Effective Dates: September 4, 2024
 Salary Classification: \$17.84 per hour
 Grade/Step: Grade1/Step 1
 Comment: To Fill a Vacancy

II. **NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

(d) **Appointment Part Time Building Aides 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2024-2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract-subject to negotiations**

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Comment
Gordana Vujnovic	15	\$27.94	LBMS/AM	Rescind Teacher Aide
Darylanne Boyle	6	\$22.09	LBMS/PM	Takes a leave from Teacher Aide

(e) **The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Name	Position	Step	Rate	Location	Comment
Hannah Jean	Teacher Aide	3	\$19.53	Lindell	On an Educational Leave

(f) **The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Name	Position
Scott Aldoroty	Cleaner
Frank Mangone	Cleaner
Nicholas Mangone	Cleaner
Hannah Clarke	Teacher Aide

(g) **Completion of Probationary Appointments**

The staff members listed below have completed their probationary appointments and have received a satisfactory evaluation and are hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name: Barbara Schneider
 Assign./Loc.: Nurse/West School
 Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Name: Halina Dronia
 Assign./Loc.: Data Specialist/Long Beach High School
 Effective Date: August 31, 2024

(h) **Recommend** that the Board of Education of the Long Beach Public Schools hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to amend the terms and conditions of employment for the following staff members.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Maria Arroyave	Provisional Occupational Therapist
Laura Ragona	Provisional Occupational Therapist
Sally Mangano	Provisional Occupational Therapist
Melanie Iacullo	Provisional Occupational Therapist

Eileen Morris
Renee Cielecki

Provisional Physical Therapist
Provisional Physical Therapist

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through Item VIII.9.

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pace

Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey

Discussion: Ms. Conway asked how participating in piggyback agreements benefits our district and Mr. DeVito replied that it saves us in terms of process in that the bidding process has already been done for us, and if we would like to use a specific vendor that has already been through the bidding process with another municipality, we are permitted to “piggyback” off of their award.

Approved: 3-0

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH ISLAND PARK REGARDING FUEL, BUS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Approval of Agreement with Island Park

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with Island Park Public Schools for use of Long Beach’s gasoline delivery system and vehicle maintenance and repair services for the 2024-25 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement with Island Park Public Schools on its behalf.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH SYNOVIA SOLUTIONS

Approval of Agreement with Synovia Solutions

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City School District (“District”) desires to enter an agreement with Synovia Solutions for the Core Track and Trace GPS Services for the 2024-2025 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Synovia Solutions for the Core Track and Trace GPS Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute the contract on its behalf.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN PIGGYBACK AGREEMENTS

Approval to Participate in Piggyback Agreements

A) SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT – ALL POINTS BUS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District (“District”) is authorized to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus,

materials, equipment or supplies, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(16); and

WHEREAS, the Southampton Union Free School District, by Board of Education resolution adopted on June 18, 2024, awarded to All Points Bus Upholstery & Supplies, a contract for Automative Parts & Supplies, Bid No. SPS24-012, which has been extended by its terms to other governmental entities and political subdivisions in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103(16), the term of which runs through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to piggyback off of the Southampton Union Free School District contract with All Points Bus Upholstery & Supplies, for the purchase of automative parts and supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Contract for Automative Parts & Supplies between All Points Bus Upholstery & Supplies, and the Southampton Union Free School District for the amounts set forth in the Bid Response Sheet for the purpose of purchasing automative parts and supplies.

B) TOWN OF BABYLON - FLEETPRIDE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District is authorized to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and the contracting of services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of those items, pursuant to General Municipal Law section 103(16); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon has awarded a contract to Fleet Pride, Inc. d/b/a Fleetpride Heavy Duty Parts & Service for the procurement of heavy equipment parts and/or labor to repair equipment parts and associated work, pursuant to Town of Babylon Bid No. 23G40 and Town Board Resolution No. 419 of June 7, 2023, which has been extended by its terms to other governmental entities and political subdivisions in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103(16) through May 31, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the District has received and seeks to accept a pricing proposal from Fleet Pride, Inc. d/b/a Fleetpride Heavy Duty Parts & Services dated July 1, 2023 for the purchase and/or labor of school bus parts, pursuant to the foregoing requirements of the contract bid award ("Pricing Proposal"); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves Fleet Pride, Inc.'s Pricing Proposals pursuant to the Town of Babylon Bid No. 23G40 at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000, which shall be governed by the terms set forth in such the Town of Babylon's Bid. No. 23G40 – Heavy Equipment-Parts and/or Labor to Repair.

C) TOWN OF ISLIP – INTEGRATED WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District ("District") is authorized to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and contract for

services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of those items, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(16); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Islip, by Town Board resolution adopted June 16, 2020, awarded to Integrated Wireless Technologies, LLC a contract for Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment (Contract #524-84) (the "Integrated Wireless Contract") which has been extended by its terms to other governmental entities and political subdivisions in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103(16), the term of which was renewed and runs through May 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to procure two-way radio system maintenance and equipment pursuant to the Integrated Wireless Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Integrated Wireless Contract for two-way radio system and maintenance procurement in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00 and authorizes Superintendent or her designee to executed such documents as are necessary in connection with such procurement.

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Appointment of Special Education Committee Members

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of David Fikham, Chairperson/Psychologist and Nora Strecker, Chairperson/Psychologist to the Committee on Special Education; and Nora Strecker, Chairperson/Psychologist, to the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

CPSE/CSE Recommendations

VIII.8 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 \$5,000.00 to Volz & Vigliotta for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of September 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

VIII.9 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 Aquatics Club	Swim Practice	Long Beach High School Pool	Monday through Friday Sept. 14 – Oct. 26, 2024 11:00am – 1:30pm Monday through Friday Sept. 5 – Nov. 8, 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Long Beach Bulldogs	Youth Football Day and Youth Football Games	Long Beach Middle School Veterans Field	Saturday August 24, 2024 8:00am – 6:00pm Sundays Sept. 8 – Nov. 17, 2024 8:00am – 5:00pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Lacrosse Scrimmages and Practices	Long Beach Middle School Veterans Field	Saturday August 10, 2024 8:00am – 12:00pm Mondays Sept. 9 – Nov. 25, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Varsity Spirit	Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp	Long Beach High School Cafeteria	Tues. and Wed. Aug. 27 – Aug. 28, 2024 11:00am – 6:00pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments
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- Ms. Conway asked Mr. DeVito for an update on the NYS Comptroller’s Audit. Dr. Gallagher stated that the Comptroller’s office does selective audits on a rotational basis, usually on a narrow scope, and our district’s audit encompassed 2018-2022. The State was specifically looking at how the district manages fund balance and reserve accounts. The report was received by the district this past Friday, and had some recommendations for the district; we will be issuing a Corrective Action Plan in response to those recommendations. To sum up, the State believes we put too much money in our reserves during that time; we had received advise from our

auditor that it would be a good idea to retain those funds in case we did not receive the Sandy reimbursements. We knew we were over the 4% during those years, but felt it was fiscally responsible to do so; the State was critical of that, and we have since reduced that. The second area that the State was critical of is that each year we usually finish the year with a small surplus, less than 1%, which is pretty close on a \$150 million budget. The State doesn't like to see any surplus; we usually put it back into Capital Reserves for emergencies that might come up during the year. The State believes that we should have used that money to reduce the tax levy, even though we had a 0% levy for two years in a row during that timeframe. The district will be posting the State Audit Report, the District's response and our Corrective Action Plan.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

- None

Questions and Comments
from the Public

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom welcomed and congratulated the new hires, and wished Mr. Harvey good luck in his new position with the district.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – none
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – none
4. Parent/Teacher Association – none

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment

Vice President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 5:45 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 3-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
August 13, 2024