

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board President Sam Pinto
Board Vice President 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. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Board Member Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:31 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

Board Member Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:50 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary School Multipurpose Room

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Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board Member Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Ryan expressed regrets on behalf of Board President Pinto and Board Vice President Pace who were unable to attend, adding that that we had a smooth opening of school. He then handed the meeting over to Dr. Gallagher.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that there are two brief reports tonight, a summary of 2023-24 committee work and an update on the American Rescue Plan spending, adding that we are required to update the spending each year, that is coming to a close, and this will be our last update on that. She then introduced Dr. Ostroff, who began the presentation on the Summary of Committee Work by thanking all who join the committees and volunteer their time. She then began with an overview of the Equity Committee's work in the 2023-24 school year and goals for the 2024-25 school year, such as implementing a regional curriculum from BOCES' Symbols of Peace, Hate and Love, hosting a student-led community forum to solicit feedback on how to create and affirming environment for all, apply for a My Brother's Keeper Fellowship and host two beach boutiques annually. Dr. Ostroff then moved on to the Curriculum and Technology Committee, again highlighting what was done in 2023-24 and adding the goals for 2024-25 to include connecting with professional from advisory boards to

curriculum, teachers and classrooms, develop a Long Beach AI Sub-Committee to share new AI learning opportunities and guide relevant district decision making, and lastly, to merge collective Long Beach professional contacts, host Long Beach networking events and develop advisory boards in all major fields. Dr. Gallagher stated that last year this committee was led by Michele Vivona, and this year will be led by Dr. Gallagher. She also gave an overview of work done in 2023-24 and goals for 2024-25, such as hosting the third annual Mental Health and Wellness Fair, expand partnerships to better meet students' mental health needs, expand the initiative to procure locally sourced foods and add multicultural offerings. Mr. DeVito reported on the Health and Safety Committee, stating work done in 2023-24: rescheduled early dismissal drill to better test district communication and transportation systems, conducted a physical environment audit and upgrade as part of the new Workplace Violence Protection Program and new bathrooms installed at the high school. This year's work to include Workplace Violence Prevention training, a review of building safety protocols and a review of incident reporting procedures. Dr. Ostroff concluded the presentation showing the committee meeting dates for the year and urging the public to get involved.

The complete presentation, "Summary of Committee Work 2023-24" can be found on the District website and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Board Member Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Conway thanked all of the volunteers who served on the committees last year, especially Dr. Natali for her hard work in putting together the Beach Boutique – it took a lot of planning and effort, and is a huge success. She then asked what is the S.M.I.L.E. program, and Dr. Ostroff replied that the S.M.I.L.E. Club is now in both the Middle and High Schools, we created the acronym; it's a leadership and mentorship program patterned after My Brother's Keeper, meant to identify students who are underrepresented in our faculty and provide opportunity and guidance. Ms. Conway asked Mr. DeVito about expanding the use of locally sourced products – Mr. DeVito replied that we are always looking for those opportunities, but it depends on distribution and availability. She then asked about the American Rescue Plan funds and Mr. DeVito said that the district has spent it all. We are now absorbing the REACH program in our operating budget, as well as Twilight, Cold Spring Harbor and the Space Flight Program.
- Board Member Bellsey thinks it's wonderful that we have a program to use locally sourced produce but would like to raise the consciousness of single-use plastics. Mr. DeVito stated that we are planning on doing that.
- Board Member Ryan asked, looking back, are we happy with how the funds were spent, and Mr. DeVito replied that the beauty of the program was that we were able to modify it throughout the course of the program, so we were able to shift priorities to best serve the needs of the district as we went along. Dr. Ryan then asked if we have safety protocols for after-school programs and Mr. DeVito replied that we did talk about it, they are not required, but he will get back to him on that.

IV. Board Member Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization
Announcements

- None

V. Board Member Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only

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

- A member of the public stated that she loves the Beach Boutique; suggested offering clothing students can use when dressing for concerts; asked for clarification regarding the Twilight Program – Dr. Ostroff replied that it meets from 6pm – 9pm, based on recommendation for school counselor, there is criteria for recommendation, committee at the high school which include the principal of the Twilight Program, Mr. Myers and the head of guidance; meant for student struggling in the traditional classroom environment.
- A member of the public asked how much are we over on the excess fund balance this year, and Dr. Gallagher replied zero; he asked if the information was deliberately held until after the school election, and Dr. Gallagher replied that it was not, and that the Audit Report findings were received in September of this year.
- A member of the public asked about the single-use plastics and how many estimates are required for maintenance work done in the district and also asked about the safety drills and how they affect the mental health of students; Dr. Gallagher replied that students who suffer from anxiety and relate issues are notified of drills in advance; Mr. DeVito added that, with regards to quotes for maintenance work, etc. we follow our purchasing policy – it’s either three or five quotes, depending on the dollar value. Mr. DeVito also clarified that the recyclable food trays are not single use – they are made of recycled materials and can be recycled at the end of their useful life.

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

Acceptance of the
Treasurer’s Report

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session of August 20, 2024 and the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of August 23, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for Exec
Session of August 20, 2024 and
Executive Session and Regular
Meeting of August 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 Member Ryan called for a motion as amended.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey

Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 3-0

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

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

Board Member Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
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) Resignation for the purpose of retirement

Name: Doris Schleich-Tavernese
Assign./Loc: Full Time Teaching Assistant/Lido School
Effective Date: November 14, 2024, close of day

(b) Resignations

Name: Scott Brecher
Assign./Loc: Home Economics Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2024, close of day

Name: Sydney Sharpe
Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/East School
Effective Date: August 28, 2024, close of day

Name: Regina Rushford
Assign./Loc: School Nurse/Districtwide
Effective Date: September 6, 2024, close of day

Name: Lyndsay Gonzalez
Assign./Loc: Part-time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Date: August 6, 2024, close of day

Name: Caitlin Breglia
Assign./Loc: Part-time Teacher Assistant/East School
Effective Date: August 28, 2024, close of day

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Lisa Cornell
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Dates: September 3, 2024 – November 25, 2024 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Medical

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Part Time World Language Teacher (.1)

Name: Stacie Seaman
Assign./Loc: Part Time World Language Teacher (.1)/Long Beach Middle School
Certification: Permanent Spanish PreK-6, 7-12
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Salary Classification: 0.1 of MA+80/Step 29 (\$13,465.70 per annum)
Reason: To meet a district need
Comment: In addition to her full-time position

(e) Amended Appointment: Probationary Theater Arts Teacher

Name: Leslie Kohn*
Assign./Loc: Probationary English/Theatre Arts Teacher/(.8) Long Beach High School/(.2) Long Beach Middle School
Certification: Professional English Language Arts, 7-12, 5-6 Extension
Professional Theatre, Professional Music
Professional Students w/Disabilities, 7-12
Professional School District Leader
Initial School Building Leader
Effective Date: September 17, 2024
End Date: September 16, 2027
Tenure Date: September 17, 2027
Tenure Area: English/Theatre
Salary Classification: MA+60/Step 5 (\$94,240 per annum)
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.

(f) The following Short Term Substitute School Social Worker is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Julie Schatt	September 30, 2024 – December 5, 2024

(g) Appointment Part Time AIS Teachers/Long Beach Catholic Regional School – for the 2024/2025 school year – Stipend \$1,068.24 each – grant funded/Title I

Kelly-Anne Toritto
Nicole Guma-Isola
Christina Volpe

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(h) Appointment Part Time AIS Teacher/Yeshiva Darchei Torah – for the 2024/2025 school year – Stipend \$1,068.24 each – grant funded/Title I

Layah Mandelbaum

(i) **Amended Appointment: Advisors for LBMS Co-Curricular Activities 2024-2025 School Year**

MS Club Activity	Advisor	Stipend
Science Research	Caroline Espinet Rescind Natasha Nurse and Cindy LaPenna	\$3,346

(j) **Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2024-2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract**

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason
Louie Ann Murphy	9	\$25.76	LBHS	Annual Re-Appointment
Terence Leonard	1	\$19.09	LBMS	CSE

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

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Jennifer Diamond	N-6
Chelsea McLoughlin	Initial Social Studies 7-12

(l) **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 September 24, 2024, which appointments shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Education on September 24, 2024.

(m) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:**

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 29, 2024.

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) **Appointment: Probationary Occupational Therapist**

Name: Laura Ragona
 Assign./Loc.: Probationary Occupational Therapist/ Districtwide
 Effective Date: September 3, 2024
 Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
 Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

Name: Sallyann Mangano
 Assign./Loc.: Probationary Occupational Therapist/ Districtwide
 Effective Date: September 3, 2024
 Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
 Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

Name: Maria Arroyave

Assign./Loc.: Probationary Occupational Therapist/ Districtwide
Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

Name: Melanie Iacullo
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Occupational Therapist/ Districtwide
Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

(b) Appointment: Probationary Physical Therapist

Name: Eileen Morris
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Physical Therapist/ Districtwide
Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

Name: Renee Ciesleski
Assign./Loc.: Probationary Physical Therapist/ Districtwide
Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2025
Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

(c) Appointment: Permanent Senior Account Clerk

Name: Nicholas Falciano
Assign./Loc.: Permanent Sr. Account Clerk/ Business Office
Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Reason: Promulgation of the Civil Service Eligibility List

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Part Time Lunch Aide

Name: Fran Terrill
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Lunch Aide/Lindell School
Effective Dates: September 6, 2024
Salary Classification: \$22.09 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade1/Step 6
Reason: To Fill a Vacancy
Comment: In addition to her Bus Aide position

(e) Appointment: Translators for the 2024/2025 school year-\$25.00 per hour as needed

Alison Acosta	Grace Buonocore Mitchell	Raquel Lopez
Sohail Akbar	Caroline Espinet	Mohsin Mizra
Cindy Algarin	Gloria Ferrer	Vania Oliveira
Paige Bade-Ankudovych	Rosa Maria Goeller	Ana Umanzor
Claudia Canner	Beatriz Gruber	Elizabeth Wisey
Crystal Castillo	Aracely Guandique	Sandra Yanowitch

- (f) **Appointment Part Time Teacher 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
Lea Durso	2	\$18.68	Lido	CSE
Tara Bassi	1	\$17.84	West	CSE
Nadia Miranda	1	\$17.84	Lido	CSE
Virginia Sweet	1	\$17.84	West	CSE
India Garone	1	\$17.84	Lido	CSE

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Caitlin Casey	Nurse
Lauren Franceschini	Nurse
Kathryn Noble	Nurse
MaryAnn Zelaya	Nurse
Tara Murphy	Nurse
Sean Gildersleeve	Cleaner
Matthew Walsh	Cleaner

I. 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
Darylann 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	Provisional Physical Therapist
Renee Cielecki	Provisional Physical Therapist

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through Item VIII.7.

Board Member Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey

Discussion: Board Member Conway wanted to clarify that the graduation supply bid award is for Middle School and High School graduation chair rental and dais set-up; she then asked about the tennis court repairs, and Mr. DeVito replied that there are repairs needed at the High School tennis courts; not sure when work is scheduled. Dr. Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito for noting all the bids that were submitted, including those vendors not chosen.

Approved: 3-0

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the AWARD OF BID #409-2025 GRADUATION OUTDOOR TENT AND SUPPLY RENTAL

**Award of Bid –
Graduation Supply**

WHEREAS, the District placed legal notice advertising a bid for Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental in the official district papers on August 17, 2024, and provided bid documents to Ace Party Rental and New York Tent; and

WHEREAS, the District, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited bids on Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental which bids were opened publicly on August 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Jamaica Ash and Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. was the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental bid as follows:

GRADUATION OUTDOOR TENT AND SUPPLY RENTAL OPENED 8/29/2024	
VENDOR	BID
Ace Party and Tent Rental	\$29,643.00
New York Tent	\$30,837.79

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby determines that Ace Party and Tent Rental was the lowest priced responsible bidder on the Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental bid and approves the award of the Graduation Outdoor Tent and Supply Rental contract to Ace Party and Tent Rental, and authorizes the District Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute said agreement on its behalf.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON FOR TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AND REPAIR

Approval to Participate
in Piggyback Agreement
with Town of Huntington

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 Town of Huntington, by Board of Education resolution, awarded to The Landtek Group, Inc., a Contract for Sports Courts Resurfacing and Amenities, Contract No. GS 2022-03/O-E, 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 expires on January 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to piggyback off of the Town of Huntington's contract with The Landtek Group, Inc., for the sports courts resurfacing and amenities services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Contract for Sports Courts Resurfacing and Amenities between The Landtek Group, Inc., and the Town of Huntington for the amounts set forth in the Price Proposal for the purpose of sports courts resurfacing and amenities services.

VIII.5 ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

CPSE/CSE
Recommendations

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

VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA, PLLC

Approval of Payment of
Legal Bills: Legal Services

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 October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period October 1, 2024 through October 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

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Dates Requested</u>
Long Beach Theatre Guild	Play rehearsals	Lindell Auditorium	Various weekdays Sept. 9 – Nov. 11, 2024 5:30pm – 9:15pm
Long Beach Theatre Guild	Play rehearsals	Lindell Auditorium, First Fl. Faculty Rm., Cafeteria A	Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 and Nov. 9, 2024 9:00am – 2:00pm Friday November 15, 2024 5:30pm – 9:15pm
Long Beach Theatre Guild	Play performances	Lindell Auditorium, First Fl. Faculty Rm., Art Gallery, Auditorium Lobby	Saturday Nov. 16, 2024 and Nov. 23, 2024 5:30pm – 10:30pm Sunday Nov. 17, 2024 and Nov. 24, 2024 12:30pm – 5:15pm
Long Beach Cub Scout Pack 51	Cub Scout Meetings	Lindell Gym	Friday Sept. 13, 2024 5:15pm – 8:00pm
Long Beach Cub Scout Pack 51	Cub Scout Meetings	Lindell Cafeteria A and B	Various Weekdays Sept. 9 – Dec. 11, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Long Beach Cub Scout Pack 51	Cub Scout Meetings	East School Cafeteria	Wednesdays Sept. 11, 2024, Oct. 2, 2024, Nov. 6, 2024 and Dec. 4, 2024 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Long Beach Football Club	Soccer practice/training	Middle School Soccer/Lacrosse Fields, Tennis Courts	Saturdays Sept. 7 – Nov. 23, 2024 8:45am – 11:00am Sundays Sept. 8 – Nov. 24, 2024 8:45am – 11:00am
Long Beach Football Club	Soccer Games	Middle School Soccer/Lacrosse Fields	Sundays Sept. 8 – Nov. 24, 2024 9:00am – 6:00pm Mon. – Fri. Nov. 9-Nov. 29, 2024 6:00pm – 9:00pm
CYO Tri-Parish	Boys/Girls Basketball	East School Gym	Mondays Oct. 7 – Dec. 16, 2024 6:30pm – 9:30pm
City of Long Beach Recreation	Recreation Basketball/Volleyball	Lindell Gym	Mon., Wed., Fri. Sept. 16 – Dec. 11, 2024 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

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

- Ms. Conway stated that she was able to attend some sporting events; wonderful to see students engaged; noticed that there were cars parked at the high school blocking the bus lanes – Mr. DeVito replied that he would notify security. Mrs. Conway asked about college courses offered, especially college math; Dr. Gallagher replied that over the past three years we have been trying to work more and more with the Community College President, Jermaine Jackson – they run dual enrollment courses through Nassau; they have dropped off over the years because cost is high and they make it difficult for teachers to get accredited, poor graduation rates; were told that he didn't think they would be able to get one of our teachers accredited; can accredit the teachers who happened to be an adjunct professor there, but not the other teacher; tried to switch program to Farmingdale, cost much lower – was blocked by Nassau – went to SUNY Chancellor with other Superintendents – at the end of the summer we went with Molloy, who will give accreditation to both teachers, using the same curriculum we planned to use,

and Molloy credits are just as transferable as Nassau's. Ms. Conway asked about how the district was commemorating September 11th and Dr. Gallagher stated that there are Patriot's Day activities throughout the district.

- Board Member Ryan asked about banning cell phone use in schools, and asked if that has come up in discussion – Dr. Gallagher replied that both at the Middle and High Schools, teachers are becoming increasingly strict regarding cell phone use, conversations are continuing, but for now, cell phone use is restricted during the day, especially during class time.

Questions and Comments from the Public

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public said it was very difficult to hear everyone except Dr. Ryan; asked if the district was moving toward the use of electric buses, and Dr. Gallagher replied yes; spoke in favor of banning wind turbines, asked Board to advocate for the community.
- A member of the public who is a teacher in the district stated that he wanted to correct something Dr. Gallagher reported regarding the accreditation of one of the teachers – the teacher that was not accredited did not have a Master's; spoke in support of SUNY credits and curriculum; expressed concern regarding the switch to Molloy.
- A member of the public asked if the district was looking into panic buttons in light of the recent school shootings; asked about a HVAC system and playground at East – Dr. Gallagher replied that these items are on the list of capital projects but priorities are juggled according to budget and most urgent needs – Mrs. Conway also reiterated that all playgrounds are looked at for safety issues – Mr. DeVito explained the process for addressing day to day safety issues and/or repairs that come up.
- A member of the public asked the Board if any members went to speak at the Rockefeller presentation concerning State funding – Mrs. Conway stated that she has been talking about this through NYSSBA, so they can work together as a cohort; stated that there is an elevator at East that is out of service – Mr. DeVito stated that they are aware of it and parts have been ordered.
- A member of the public expressed concern that there is a plan for turf at West School but not for heat; asked if there is still a plan to close East – Dr. Gallagher replied that there is no change in plan.
- A member of the public asked if new PreK students have been permitted to enroll and Dr. Gallagher replied yes.
- A member of the public expressed concern that the loss of enrollment at East makes it difficult for PTA to raise funds needed for the students at that school.
- A member of the public asked about the plasma cutter and Dr. Gallagher that it was purchased.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom welcomed all back to school, thanks to maintenance and grounds crews; High School restricts cell phone use – shoe rack in each classroom.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma welcomed everyone back to school; Middle School is "phone free" as well.

3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – none
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Aimee McNicholas stated all PTAs have had their first meetings, well attended, encourage all to attend Board meeting, suggested Board members to attend some PTA meetings to inform new parents.

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment

Vice President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Dolan, District Clerk
September 10, 2024