

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 10, 2024

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Sam Pinto
Board Vice President Alexis Pace
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Anne Conway (arr. 4:10pm)
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations (arr. 4:45)
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Tom Volz, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC (arr. 5:00pm)

Board President Pinto called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:05 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

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

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:43 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 10, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary School Multipurpose Room

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

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 President Pinto called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Pinto said that he hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving; many great things going on in the district, great drama production, congratulations to all involved. He then handed the meeting over to Dr. Gallagher.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher stated that we are going to start with a great program going on in our business department, Virtual Enterprise, and turned it over to Keith Harvey, Director of Technology and Innovation.

Student Showcase: Virtual Enterprise

Mr. Harvey stated that the Virtual Enterprise Program offers student to have access not only to academics, but also the occupational benefits in accounting, finance, business administration and marketing. He then introduced the program's officers, who described what Virtual Enterprise is and the product they're creating this year. The first student stated that the program offers a hands-on experimental learning program that focuses on developing business skills, teamwork, entrepreneurship and fostering and understanding of business operations. Another student described this year's "product", Heralos, an app with an intuitive interface and smart tracking capabilities to track that

analyzes posture, movement patterns and techniques while exercising to ensure optimal performance. The students explained that they will be attending a local "Trade Show at LIU Post in January and one in April at the Jacob Javitz Convention Center to help showcase the program and their product. Dr. Ryan said they did a great job and wished them luck at the Javitz Center, and asked where the name "Heralos" comes from and the students stated that it comes from the Greek "Hera" which means strength. Mrs. Conway said that these student presentations are the best part of Board meeting and commended the students on their presentation, adding that she loves the name. Ms. Bellsey congratulated all of the students on their hard work and wonderful presentation. Dr. Gallagher asked Mr. Harvey to let them know when the app would be available for sale.

Presentation: Health Insurance Option for Retirees

Mr. DeVito then began his presentation introducing a new retiree health plan option for Medicare eligible retirees, explaining that it is a comprehensive benefits program with nationwide access, with benefits equal to or better than NYSHIP. He then introduced a representative from Brown and Brown, through Wright Risk Management, who noted some of the benefits, including no referrals for specialist visits, a pharmacy network that includes all major pharmacies nationwide, no out-of-network structure for Medicare eligible retirees and a dedicated customer service unit specifically trained to handle the needs of retirees. There are two options available; the Opt-Out option, whereby the entire group of retirees are automatically opted in and can individually choose to opt out, offers the highest cost savings to both the enrollee and the district; the Opt-In option, whereby the entire group of retirees are automatically opted out and individuals can opt in, offers less savings; both are completely optional. Mr. DeVito reiterated that it is a completely optional program, adding that this meeting is the first step, followed by bringing it to union presidents and Mr. Volpe, the retiree association president, who will send it out to retirees for their feedback.

The complete presentation, "Retiree Health Plan Options (Medicare Eligible Only" can be found on the District website and in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Board President Pinto called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Dr. Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito for bringing a non-instructional way to save the district money. He asked Mr. DeVito how many employees fall into this category (about 500) and asked about the timeline and whether it would be reasonable to make a decision before the budget vote (yes). He also asked what other districts participate: Bayshore, Wantagh, Jericho, Carle Place, Babylon, Bellmore-Merrick.
- Ms. Bellsey asked if Mr. Volpe had any plans to discuss this with the retirees, stating that she feels they will want a cautious approach. Mr. DeVito stated that he wanted to hear the Board's thoughts before Mr. Volpe spoke to anyone about this option.
- Ms. Pace asked what if you choose to participate and then find that you don't like it? MR. DeVito said that you can change back to NYSHIP during open enrollment. She also asked specifically what the average co-pay amount is (typically \$5.00 less than NYSHIP's).

- Mrs. Conway asked about prescription co-pays, and the Brown and Brown representative said that they look to match those co-pays, with a generic co-pay of \$0 (which is less than NYSHIP).
- Mr. Pinto said that the next steps will be to speak to the unions.
- Dr. Ryan asked what districts have explored the option and not chosen to move forward with it (none that we are aware of).

IV. Board President Pinto called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- Mr. Barshak stated that Class Olympics, which takes place at the end of February, plans are underway, hopes to stream the event; will be meeting with Ms. Swan in Food Services to discuss the cafeteria and food options; will be meeting with Mr. Myers for another roundtable discussion, Mr. Myers survey of what students enjoy the most – Pep Rally and Class Olympics (students would like Class Olympics to be a full day event); Blood Drive went well.

V. Board President Pinto 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 October 2024 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session of December 6, 2024 and the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024.

Approval of Minutes for Exec. Session of Dec. 6, 2024 and the Exec Session and Reg Mtg of Dec. 10, 2024.

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

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

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

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

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

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

President Pinto called for a motion as amended.

Motion by: Board Vice President Pace

Seconded by: Board President Pinto
Discussion
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) Amended Resignation for the purposes of Retirement

Name: Doris Schleich-Tavernese
Assign./Loc: Full Time Teaching Assistant/Lido School
Effective Date: November 13, 2024, close of day

(b) Leave of Absence

Name: Nilka McDonnell
Assign./Loc. Guidance Counselor/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Dates: November 18, 2024 – January 6 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: FMLA/Family Illness - Intermittent

Name: Melissa Flood
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: January 6, 2025 – April 4, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Haley Pues
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: January 6, 2025 – January 5, 2026, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity Leave

Name: Sydney Caven
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: January 13, 2025 – May 9, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational Leave

Name: Julianne White
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Dates: February 26, 2025 – June 2, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity/FMLA

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(b) Leave of Absence - Continued

Name: Erin Gabriel
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/East School
Effective Dates: March 14, 2025 – May 30, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity Leave

Name: Coleen Iaboni
Assign./Loc. AIS Reading Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: April 11, 2025 – June 27, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity/FMLA

Name: Alexis Caruso
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/Lido Elementary
Effective Dates: January 27, 2025 – May 9, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: Educational Leave

(c) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Kaitlin Smith
Assign./Loc. Reading Teacher/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 on or about
Original Effective Dates: September 1, 2024 – January 24, 2025 on or about
Reason: Maternity

Name: Marisa Tyd
Assign./Loc. ENL Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: January 30, 2025 – February 13, 2025 on or about at the district's discretion
Original Effective Dates: November 21, 2024 – December 5, 2024 on or about at the district's discretion
Reason: FMLA/Medical

(d) Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Maeve Lawe
Assign./Loc. Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/LBMS
Certification: Professional Stud. W/Disabilities, Grades 1-6
Professional Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
Effective Dates: November 19, 2024-April 22, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
Tenure Area: Special Education
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$76,043 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a leave

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Amended 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-June 30, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Original 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

(f) Appointment: Elementary Clubs for the 2024/2025 School Year-rate of pay \$60.86 per hour-per class-10 weeks

East	Club	Hours
Sofia Notar-Francesco	Orchestra	20
Esmeralda Roberts	ENL Club	10
Matthew Hartman	Sports stats	20
Lisa Collins	Coding	20
Esmeralda Roberts	ENL Enrichment for the Upper Grades	10
Mayela Molina	Budding Scientists	10
Mayela Molina	Math Mania	10
Julie Feldman	Math Olympiads - 4th Grade	10
Gina Coletta	Math Olympiads - 5th Grade	10
Arlys Digena	French Club / Club de Francais	10
Lindell	Club	Hours
Stephanie Kornacki	Mural Masters	10
Michele Aulenti	Pickleball Club	20
Edith Guzman	So You Think You Can Dance?	20
Felice Dolger	Bracelet making	10

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Appointment: Elementary Clubs for the 2024/2025 School Year-rate of pay \$60.86 per hour-per class-10 weeks - Continued

Lido	Club	Hours
Arlys Digena	French Club / Club de Francais	10

Emily Ciavarella	Colors of The Rainbow (Dancing Classrooms)	20
Ashley Woo	Lido News Crew	10
Scott Scheinson	Theater Games and Improv	10
Deb Cupani	Digital Escape Rooms	10
Krista Piarulli	Move Your Body	10
Krista Piarulli	Healthy Heroes: Health, Wellness, & Mindfulness	10
Susan Garcia	Beautiful Us	10
Danielle Bruno	Lido Leaders	10
Danielle Bruno	Reader's Theater	10
Dana Monti	Big Brothers Big Sisters	10
Erica Yoo	Community Champions	10
Tova Markowitz	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) ROMYO (Reading On My Own)	10
Maris Lynch	Crocheting w/ Ms. Lynch	20
West	Club	Hours
Michelle Spreckels	Visa Travel Club	20
Brittany Clancy	Mathletes	20
Stephanie Kornacki	Mural Masters	10
Jessica Biscardi	Scrapbooking	20
Hannah Gallo	Makerspace	20
Brittany McManus	Directive Drawing	10
Taylor Pollock	Yoga/Mindfulness Club	10
Nicole Petrullo	Comic Book Authors	10
Nicole Petrullo	Scrabble Word Masters	10
Christine Smith	Comic Book Authors	20
Erin O'Driscoll	4th Grade Fitness Club	20
Laura Borawski	Cook Book Creators	10
Stephanie Zimmerman	Podcasting	10
Elementary - Subs	Jaclyn Borneman, Kara Doherty, Christine Zelter, Justin Sulsky, Emma Zimmerman, Sarah Gallagher, Katherine Meyers, Cindy Lazovick, Jackie Kupferman, Eileen Parks, Jean McKeon, Jackie Nyman, Melissa Canner, Caitlyn Glynn, Danielle Lopez, Shari Brown	

I. **CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**
(g) **Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2025**

Spring Sport	Position	Coach	Stipend
Lacrosse Girls	Junior Varsity Asst.	Aileen Carey Rescind Katherine Meyers	\$6,083
MS Gymnastics	Head Coach	Jessica Risso Rescind Jessica Baker	\$5172
MS Gymnastics	Asst. Coach	Christina Franceschini Rescind Jessica Risso	\$4327

(h) Amended Tenure: Probationary Mathematics Teacher

Name: Heather Johnston*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Math Teacher/Long Beach Middle/High School
Certification: Professional Math 7-12, 5-6 extension
Effective Date: September 1, 2024
End Date: August 31, 2028
Tenure Date: September 1, 2028
Tenure Area: Math

*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) Amended Tenure: Probationary Business Teacher

Name: Brittany Carpenter*
Assign./Loc: Probationary Business Teacher/Long Beach High School
Certification: Initial Business and Marketing
Effective Date: September 1, 2024
End Date: August 31, 2028
Tenure Date: September 1, 2028
Tenure Area: Business

*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

(j) The following Short Term Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

Name	Dates
Sam Fiallos	December 16, 2024 – March 31, 2025

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

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Linda McGuiness	N – 6 Permanent

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement

Name: Christine Bulik
Assign./Loc. Sr. Data Specialist/MS Guidance
Effective Date: March 27, 2025

(b) Resignation

Name: Dora Salinas
Assign./Loc. 40-hr. Driver / Transportation
Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Name: Nancy Sedor
Assign./Loc. 30-hr. Driver / Transportation
Effective Date: December 9, 2024

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Barbara Vahey
Assign./Loc. Data Specialist/Long Beach Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2024 – January 6, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: FMLA/Family Illness – Intermittent

(d) Appointment: Provisional Supervisor of Transportation

Name: Paul Weydig
Assign./Loc. Supervisor of Transportation/Transportation
Effective Date: December 11, 2024
Salary Classification: \$130,000 per annum, prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(e) Appointment: Probationary Account Clerk

Name: Joanne Mastropietro
Assign./Loc. Probationary Account Clerk (12 month)/Business Office
Probationary Start Date: December 11, 2024
Probationary End Date: December 10, 2025
Salary Classification: \$43,988 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Probationary Account Clerk (continued)

Name: Kristin Olmsted
Assign./Loc. Probationary Account Clerk (12 month)/PPS
Probationary Start Date: January 6, 2025
Probationary End Date: January 5, 2026
Salary Classification: \$43,988 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Probationary Secretary I

Name: Laura Bavasso
Assign./Loc. Probationary Secretary I/Athletics-LBHS
Probationary Start Date: December 16, 2024
Probationary End Date: December 15, 2025
Salary Classification: \$43,988 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from her Lunch Aide position

(g) Appointment: Provisional Library Clerk

Name: Nicole Faas
Assign./Loc. Provisional Library Clerk (10 months)
Effective Date: December 9, 2024
Salary Classification: \$37,709 per annum, prorated
Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 8
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from her Account Clerk position.

(h) Appointment: Bus Driver (40 hours per week)

Name: Juan Umana
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver (40 hours per week)/ Transportation
Effective Date: January 6, 2025
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Change in work hours/holds permanent status

Name: Zbigniew Bujak
Assign./Loc.: Bus Driver (40 hours per week)/ Transportation
Effective Date: January 6, 2025
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Change in work hours/holds permanent status

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(i) Appointment: Probationary Bus Driver (30 hours per week)

Name: Endry Garcia-Fermin
 Assign./Loc.: Probationary School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
 Effective Date: December 16, 2025
 Probationary End Date: December 15, 2029
 Salary Classification: \$32,651
 Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
 Reason: To fill a vacancy
 Comment: Resigns from 18.75 hr. Bus Aide position

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

Name: Clara Gonzalez
 Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
 Effective Date: November 18, 2024
 Salary Classification: \$17.84 per hour
 Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 1
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

(k) 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

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Start Date	Comment
Kristen Mahon	1	\$17.84	LBHS	1/6/25	IEP, PM
Sarah Franzino	4	\$20.37	West	12/9/24	Resigns from FT Aide position

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Rosa Anna Knag	Clerical
Carol Buonanno	Clerical
Hayden Schneider	Teacher Aide
Samantha Schneider	Teacher Aide
Sylvia Gray	Building Aide

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(m) 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: Anmarie Creighton
 Assign./Loc.: Personnel Clerk/Human Resources
 Effective Date: December 12, 2024

Name: Theresa Stavola
 Assign./Loc.: Payroll Clerk/Business Office
 Effective Date: January 9, 2025

(n) **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 November 21, 2024.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through Item VIII.4.

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Conway

Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey

Approved: 5-0

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH NASSAU BOCES

Approval of Transportation Agreement with BOCES

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a transportation contract dated September 1, 2024 with Nassau BOCES in connection with students attending Nassau BOCES programs in the sum of \$584,352.00, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER – MIDDLE SCHOOL PLUMBING RECONSTRUCTION

Approval of Deduct Change Order – Middle School Plumbing

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2024, Long Beach City School District awarded a contract to Seaford Avenue Corp. in the amount of \$109,500 (SED Project No. 28-03-00-01-0-001-044) (hereinafter, the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the School District's Architect, John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., recommends modification to the Contract, deducting \$5,444.82 from the cost of the Contract, as indicated in Change Order P-1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order P-1, deducting \$5,444.82 from the cost of the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute Change Order P-1 on behalf of the Board of Education.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF AMENDED POLICY #3230 PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS

Second Reading of Policy #3230 Public Comment at Board Meetings

No action needed.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.6 through Item VIII.8.

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of CPSE and CSE Recommendations

VIII.7 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 \$1,687.50 for general counsel legal services for the period of September 17, 2024 through September 30, 2024; \$1,575.00 for general counsel legal services for the period of October 1, 2024 through October 30, 2024; \$5,000.00 to Volz & Vigliotta for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025; \$1,450.00 for labor counsel legal services for the period of September 5, 2024 through September 24, 2024; \$862.50 for labor counsel legal services for the period of October 1, 2024 through October 28, 2024; and \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025.

VIII.8 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 Island Swimming	Long Island Aquatics Club Swim Practice	High School Pool	Mon – Fri Dec. 5, 2024 – Feb. 14, 2025 6:30pm – 8:30pm Saturdays Jan. 4, 2025 – Feb. 15, 2025 11:00am – 1:30pm

Super Soccer Stars	Youth Soccer Classes	Lido Elementary School Gym	Saturdays Dec 14, 2024 – Mar 8, 2025 8:45am – 1:45pm
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Leader Meeting	Middle School Library	Wednesday Dec. 12, 2024 7:00pm – 9:00pm

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- Ms. Conway once again raised the issue of traffic safety on Lido Boulevard near Greenway, stating that the police officer from the Fourth Precinct that she spoke to really does want to help, there simply isn't the money in the budget, she has requested a meeting with them and the Board; she urged everyone to encourage neighbors to drive safely; Patrick Mullaney has also been supportive. Ms. Conway also gave a shout-out to all staff involved in the amazing Pre-K program she visited. She asked Dr. Gallagher how we are preparing our High School students and parents for the college process and Dr. Gallagher replied that the guidance director and counselors have done in excellent job in helping families and providing virtual workshops on how to complete the Common Application and FAFSA process.
- Ms. Bellsey said the production of "Almost Maine" was excellent.
- Dr. Ryan thanked Dr. Brancaccio and all Administration for their efforts in making the Special Education Pre-K program come to fruition so our young students don't have to spend a great deal of time on buses commuting to other programs.
- Mr. Pinto asked about the Beach Boutique, and Dr. Natali replied that they were able to assist 100 families over the two days, with both student and community member volunteers helping to run the event.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public stated good job getting the Special Ed Pre K program to the District. She also expressed concern about the lack of comments on the IEP Progress Reports once they reach middle and high school.
- A member of the public said she was happy that the issue of foundation aid has been taken off the table for this school year; is there an update or a timeline to a decision on East School? Mr. Pinto said that the Board is working on a timeline now.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom thanked Mr. Harvey and the student on their Virtual Enterprise presentation; thanks to Mr. DeVito for exploring ways to save the district and retirees money; raised over \$1200 to donate to the Long Beach Food Pantry and currently accepting donations for

- Little St. Nick in collaboration with the LBSEA; congratulations new members and retirees.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Amy Dirolf wished all happy and healthy holidays.
 3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
 4. Parent/Teacher Association – Giulliana Carmichael said that the Pie Fundraiser was a success, raised just over \$700 and thanked everyone for their support

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn at: 8:09 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by:

Lori Williams, District Clerk
December 10, 2024