

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 4, 2014

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Library

Members Present: President Patrick E. Gallagher
Vice President Dennis Ryan
Board Member Stewart Mininsky
Board Member Darlene Tangney
Board Member Roy Lester

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Graham, Assistant Superintendent –
Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge-President Gallagher

Call to Order/Pledge

President Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. Work session topic is NYS Report Card.

**II. Presentation on 2012-2013 NYS School Report Card
Presented by Dr. Kenneth Graham**

**Presentation on NYS
Report Card**

Highlights include: Overview, Terms, How to Read the Accountability Report, All Students – ELA and Math, Economically Disadvantaged ELA and Math, Students with Disabilities – ELA and Math, Elementary/Middle Science Results, Secondary ELA Results, English Regents Exams, AYP, Grade 8 Science, Graduation Rate, Secondary Level Math, Four Year Graduation Rate Cohort, Five Year Graduation Rate Cohort, Overall Graduation Rate. Presentation can be located on line or in the office of the District Clerk.

Board Discussion

III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topic

- Vice President Ryan noted greater concentration of special education students at Lindell may have contributed to need for LAN there.
- Board Member-elect Vrona noted poverty as a contributing factor. (it is both)
- Board Member Mininsky asked if the re-distribution of students would change the scores. (no)
- Vice President Ryan asked about the consensus of the new trainers. (positive)
- Board Member-elect Vrona asked how we know our students are learning if the tests are poorly written after noting the poor 6th grade math scores. (NWEA is another measurement)
- Board Member Mininsky asked how we measure poverty. (federal standards)
- Vice President Ryan asked if there was too much pressure being placed on students to pass. Then discussed instructional days, throwaway days.
- Board Member Lester commented on the lack of school days the last few weeks of June and questioned why students go home after exams.
- President Gallagher mentioned that testing causes a loss of instructional time.
- Vice President Ryan asked about the hiring of a math teacher mid-year and whether it was effective. (yes) He cited the difference between girls and boys and the need to discuss more academic focus.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only

Questions and Comments from the Public

None

V. Announcements

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None

VI. President Gallagher called for a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

Adjourned to Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Mininsky
Seconded by: President Gallagher
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by: _____

Carole Butler, District Clerk
July 1, 2014