Call to Order/Pledge-Board Vice President

Vice President Tangney called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance in President Mininsky’s absence.

Report of the Superintendent

Work Session Topics: 2017-18 Budget

Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation: HS Staffing
Highlights include: Food Service Review, Future Capital Projects Review, HS Curriculum Review, HS Instructional Costs, NIKE program costs, HS program, HS teachers, HS Department staffing, 3 Year View of HS and NIKE

Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation: Special Education
Highlights include: PPS, Special Ed Services, In-District Special Ed Teachers, Speech Teachers, Contractual Services, Out of District Special Ed Students.

Presentations are available on-line and in the office of the District Clerk.
III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topic

- Board Member Ryan asked if summer school was included in the presentation (no); were projections made now for September (yes and extra monies allotted); supports an administrator being MYP coordinator, same with IB; asked for current enrollment figures by grade regularly; requested update on REACH which was grant funded at one time including quality and quantity of services; requested smaller class sizes; hoping that students transitioning from West School to Lido School are given ample notice; asked how that affects staffing (one less teacher); should discuss funding for special education with Assemblywoman Miller and Senator Kaminsky at upcoming meetings with them.
- Board Member Vrona noted the 2 year trend of double digits tapering off; asked about budgeted increase for the last year; expected greater decrease; asked about forecast on special education code.
- Dr. Ryan explained how difficult it is to forecast special education costs (i.e. new students move into neighborhood); asked where homebound teaching was noted (contractual, vendor codes); state needs to take burden off districts.

IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Work Session Topic

- Kim Miller – parent – contractual services line shows decrease but there is an increase in costs (student numbers not linked to costs)
- Alexis Pace – 660 E. Olive – consider additional transportation costs for move of West students to Lido; voiced concerns about lack of exposure to special needs students at West and East; offered to help.

V. Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Ryan reiterated his desire for a HS printed newspaper; electronic news had no articles on the election; only twelve (12) articles posted (lack of student interest in print; pursuing video media news program); suggested discontinuing print version of Connections (decreasing from 8 to 4 but BOE can decide to discontinue).
- Board Member Vrona noted that when she was on the Facilities Advisory Committee the issue of regulating the heat by opening the windows was mentioned.
VI. **Vice President Tangney Called for Announcements**
1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – None
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association – President Joanne Rea asked about fiscal stress and how it is determined.
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None
5. Student Organization – None

VII. **Vice President Tangney called for a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM.**

Motion by: Board Member Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by: ______________________________
Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 9, 2017