

**MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting:** March 23, 2017

**Type of Meeting:** Work Session

**Place of Meeting:** Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

**Members Present:** President Stewart Mininsky  
Board Member Dennis Ryan  
Board Member Maureen Vrona  
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.

**Members Absent:** Vice President Darlene E. Tangney

**Others Present:** Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Asst. Superintendent – C & I  
Mr. Arnold Epstein, Director, Athletics, PE and Health  
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

Call to Order/Pledge

**I. Call to Order/Pledge-Board President**

President Mininsky called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Report of the Superintendent**

Superintendent Weiss thanked all of the organizers of the Mental Health Forum for the necessary and important program/forum on March 22.

**Work Session Topic: Budget - Athletics**

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*Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation:  
Athletics*

Highlights include: Participation Facts, 3 Year Budget, HS Athletics, MS Athletics, Equipment, Contractual, BOCES, and Supplies

*Presentation: 2017-18 Budget Preparation: Draft Total Budget by Function  
Summaries*

Presentations are available on-line and in the office of the District Clerk.

### III. Board Discussion of Work Session Topics

<b>BOE Comments on WS Topic</b>
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#### Athletics

- President Mininsky asked what the travel costs (\$8800) included (kids are paid for "states" but coaches are not: meals, hockey and surf clubs transportation).
- Board Member Ryan discussed intramurals for 6<sup>th</sup> grade (golf, hockey); asked how many participants for strength and conditioning coach (20-30 – students are taking full advantage); how the new fields are responding to hard rain (great); whether there is less maintenance required of new fields (yes); applauds vigilance on helmets/headgear; asked about wish list (pool lift for disabled students, portable vacu-chair). Thanked Mr. Weiss, Principals Myers and Romanelli and others for the mental health forum.
- Board Member Vrona praised Mr. Epstein on a great job; need to engage students. For some, athletics is everything; thanked M. DeVito.
- Board Member Bodnar thanked M. DeVito and A. Epstein for their dedication.

#### Budget

- Board Member Ryan thanked Mr. DeVito; asked how purchasing was saving \$20,000 (retirement of G. Lustberg); asked about legal fees (good); clarification of Lido/MS complex accounts (separate but shared custodial); energy costs (good); cyber insurance (under consideration); summer school savings (will see more state aid); reduction in health liaison (new staffing); security (reviewed each year); encouraged video studio at MS (under discussion).
- Board Member Bodnar asked about 0 to \$63,000 (shifting cost to BOCES).
- Board Member Vrona asked about the status of BOE memberships; wants to join Nassau-Suffolk association (D. Ryan does not support); curriculum development (moved); string instruments but no others (look into it); is continuing ed still self-sustaining (close); if budget is flat why raise taxes (sustainability, lost revenue from HALB); \$350K food service subsidy (recovered insurance money, net impact, has to be paid by end of the year); state aid (expectation of 1% increase, BOCES helps, need to pay attention to Washington); non-highlighted budget items any impact (no); how do we advertise the budget (website, Herald, reminders, Connections).
- President Mininsky thanked T. Kaminsky for meeting where they discussed money; funding for all-day Pre-K, charter schools, vouchers, transportation, grants.

**IV. Questions and Comments from the Public on Work Session Topics**

Questions and  
Comments from Public

- Mary Ellen Caggiano – Food Service Advisory Committee Member –read a statement which was submitted to the BOE on behalf of her support of food services. Does not support RFP, need new equipment, cold food arrives at elementary schools, staff is dedicated, meal charge policy needs to be revised.

BOE Comments

**V. Board of Education Comments**

- Board Member Vrona made a shout-out to PTA, S. Powers for the mental health forum; asked if there was a follow-up to expand on the forum (yes); any update on student parking (not enough spaces for it to be equitable); revamping of FLES (strengthening it); life skills had a great recycling kick-off;
- Board Member Ryan asked the Herald to publicize it; take advantage of Connections and website. Sister Act was outstanding.
- Board Member Bodnar reported on financial forum; explained coding system and budgeting. He thanked CCPTA for mental health forum; commended Sister Act performances. Asked about FEMA money (feeling optimistic).

**VI. President Mininsky Called for Announcements**

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey gave a thank you for CBA, apologized for missing last meeting; spring fundraiser for Camp Sunrise raised \$3,200.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – President Epstein voiced his concerns with Washington DC and ACA, afraid of impact and willing to offer to have SAANYS help (meeting with local superintendents).
3. Long Beach Schools Employees Association –None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – CCPTA Co-Presidents Jackie Miller and Gerri Maquet – athletics make better students, thanked A. Epstein for being the most incredible leader, supports athletic budget; agree with going to the max on taxes to fund sustainability. Sister Act was incredible; students went to Locust Valley Film Festival; get younger kids involved sooner.
5. Student Organization – None

**VII. President Mininsky called for a motion to adjourn at 9:49 PM.**

Adjournment

**Motion by:** Board Member Ryan  
**Seconded by:** President Mininsky  
**Approved:** 4-0

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Butler, District Clerk  
April 6, 2017