MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2019
Type of Meeting: Executive Session
Place of Meeting: Lindell School Teachers’ Faculty Room
Members Present: President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Maureen Vrona
Board Member Perry Bodnar
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Tina Posterli
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Ayesha McArthur, Interim Asst. Supt. for C & I
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Atty., Frazer & Feldman arrived at 5:55 PM
Mr. Tom Volz, Attorney, Thomas Volz & Associates

President Ryan called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:45 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

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

President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the joint executive session at 7:28 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by
Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 14, 2019
MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2019

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lindell Elementary School Auditorium

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Vice President Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Perry Bodnar, Jr.
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Tina Posterli

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Ayesha McArthur, Interim Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Joseph Lilly, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Audit Committee Meeting

President Ryan opened the meeting at 7:33 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and detailed the rationale for the decision made by the board members to maintain the status quo with regard to girls’ lacrosse helmets for now. Mr. Epstein will engage a student sports safety committee to look into the safety issue for next year. Ms. Posterli, Mr. Bodnar and Mr. Pinto concurred; Mrs. Vrona prefers that parents make those decisions on behalf of their children.

II. Report of the Superintendent of Schools—Dr. Gallagher

- Presentation –Elementary Budget Highlights 2019-20- M. DeVito, L. Radice, E. Daza

Highlights include: Outline, Instructional and Mental Health Staff, Lido Pre-K, ENL Program, Guidance Counselors and Social Workers, East Instructional Detail, Vendor Services, New Science Kits, Maker Space Connections, Supplies.
III. President Ryan called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Posterli asked how this fit into the new mandates (additional guidance counselor at MS, .25 for each elementary building- part compliance, part to help families).
- Vice President Vrona asked when the new social worker/guidance counselors would be working pro-actively, where the accountability lies and what results are we expecting (two are working as a team; parent/student/staff survey, reduce reactive issues, starting immediately). Supports district financing instructional school trips including Frost Valley and 5th grade for social/emotional learning. Ms. Vrona questioned allotted time for science in the classrooms (integrated into curriculum, MakerSpace, reading – four (4) quarters per grade level of guided reading; science kits (large bins delivered to class, every lesson has individual component). Later, Mrs. Vrona asked if there was a plan for vaping; there are girls getting UTIs from lack of bathroom facilities (yes- counseling not punishment which is ineffective).
- Board Member Bodnar thanked everyone for presentation; asked about SPIRIT program – evaluation, details, impact on students (good); asked if OT was paid out of grant and whether we get Medicaid reimbursement (yes, we receive millions in grant money for support).
- President Ryan thanked the presenters on a wonderful presentation; explained the budget process and the state’s desire to balance funding amongst elementary schools; we are on track; proposals are not confirmations; asked what Social Workers are doing about absenteeism/attendance (they are involved with crisis intervention, follow-ups, different roles); voiced concern about splitting between buildings and scheduling equity noting that this is another unfunded mandate.
- Board Member Posterli commented that her daughter also told her stories about bathroom vaping.

IV. President Ryan called for Student Organization Announcements

- Eddie Vrona – 7 Oswego Ave, EAB – expressed his disappointment in the way vaping is being handled at the HS and suggested a mandate be issued to focus resources on the vaping problem.

V. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public on Tonight’s Agenda Only

- Pamela Banks – pediatrician and former Merrick School Board Member explained that in her former district, guidance counselors/psychologists met with student at night when students are more likely to seek services; also mentioned psychiatric institutions helping if given space in school districts.
- Carol Catanzaro – 93 Pennsylvania Ave- asked if the field trips were already included in the budget (only $4K); supports E. Vrona’s push for vaping plan.
- Anne Conway – 119 Audrey Drive – vaping was a problem at MS but it seems to have been resolved; education is the key; Dr. Dewey will be speaking on January 28.
VI. President Ryan called for the Presentation of Treasurer’s Report for November 2018.
No action required

VII. President Ryan called for Approval of Minutes for Executive Sessions and Regular Meeting of December 13 and December 21, 2018.
President Ryan called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Bodnar
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 5-0

VIII. Presentations of the Superintendent

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.1 and VIII.2.

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

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

President Ryan called for a motion on Items VIII.1 and VIII.2.
Motion by: Vice President Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 5-0
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Lynn Dean  
   Assign./Loc: Physical Education Teacher/LBMS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

2. Name: Phyllis Flaum  
   Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/LBMS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

3. Name: Betsabe Montoya  
   Assign./Loc: Foreign Language Teacher/LBMS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

4. Name: Elizabeth Sherlock  
   Assign./Loc: ENL Teacher/LBHS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

5. Name: Michele Vais  
   Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

6. Name: Donna O’Neill  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019
VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(b) Resignations

1. Name: Christy Ambrosini  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/LBHS  
   Effective Date: December 17, 2018 close of day

2. Name: Elizabeth Rohrmeier  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/East School  
   Effective Date: December 7, 2018 close of day

3. Name: Denise Cacace  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School  
   Effective Date: December 31, 2018 close of day

4. Name: Elisana Moreira  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School  
   Effective Date: January 8, 2019 close of day

5. Name: Alexandra Nelson  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Pre K Teacher/Lido Pre K  
   Effective Date: January 10, 2019 close of day

(c) Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Gari Ann Harris  
   Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/East School  
   Effective Dates: April 8, 2019-May 31, 2019 (on or about)  
   Reason: Maternity

2. Name: Ann Wiemann  
   Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/Lido School  
   Effective Dates: March 21, 2019-May 16, 2019 (on or about)  
   Reason: Maternity

3. Name: April Andrews  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Pre K Teacher/Lido Pre K  
   Effective Dates: February 11, 2019-March 25, 2019 (on or about)  
   Reason: Maternity
VIII.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Amended Leave of Absence
   Name: Debra Pearce
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell School
   Effective Dates: September 28, 2018-February 15, 2019
   Original Dates: September 28, 2018-November 5, 2018
   Reason: Medical

(e) Amended Appointment: Per Diem School Social Worker
   Name: Rachel Lonergan
   Assign./Loc: Per Diem School Social Worker/West School
   Effective Dates: November 30, 2018-February 1, 2019* (subject to change at the
district’s discretion)
   Reason: *extended date

(f) Appointment: Interscholastic Coach 2018/2019 School Year
   Michael Medrano-Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach-Stipend $6,575
   *rescind Lenny Latouche

(g) The following Per Diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the
    2018-2019 school year

   NAME          CERTIFICATION AREA
   Catherine Brodsky  Permanent N-6
                   Permanent Special Education
VIII.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement
1. Name: Edward Gennusa  
   Assign./Loc: Custodian/LBHS  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019
2. Name: Masako Yoshida  
   Assign./Loc: Bus Driver/Transportation  
   Effective Date: June 30, 2019

(b) Resignations
1. Name: Jaylon Vega  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS  
   Effective Date: December 7, 2018 close of day
2. Name: Christopher Spinner  
   Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS  
   Effective Date: January 2, 2019 close of day
3. Name: Katherine Leggio  
   Assign./Loc: Support Staff/ALC  
   Effective Date: January 4, 2019

(c) Terminations
1. Name: Steven Rush  
   Assign./Loc: Per Diem Cleaner/Districtwide  
   Effective Date: December 12, 2018
2. Name: Josh Kranitz  
   Assign./Loc: Cleaner/LBMS  
   Effective Date: January 10, 2019 close of day

(d) Leave of Absence
Name: Janet Hauser  
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School  
Effective Dates: December 18, 2018-February 4, 2019

(e) Appointment: Part Time Occupational Therapist Assistant
Name: Christina Schultz  
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Occupational Therapist Assistant/LBCRS  
License: NYS Occupational Therapist Assistant  
Effective Dates: January 22, 2019-June 30, 2019  
Salary Classification: $30 per session-not to exceed $900  
Reason: Grant Funded

(f) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 18/19 school year.
Name          Position
Julianna Ramirez  Clerical
VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #6121 – SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

No action required.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #7522 – CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

No action required

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.5 through VIII.9.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District, based on the recommendation of the District’s Audit Committee, accepts the [Audit Report and Management Letter] for the year ended June 30, 2018 as presented by the District’s independent external auditor, Jill Sanders, approves the Corrective Action Plan and authorizes and directs the Administration to implement the Corrective Action Plan.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to file a certified copy of this resolution and the District’s Corrective Action Plan with the Commissioner of Education and the Office of the State Comptroller.

VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of t-shirts from the Long Beach-USA Wrestling Club to the first 200 fans in attendance at the “white out” varsity wrestling meet verses Baldwin.

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 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

A) INGERMAN SMITH, LLP

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of $1,282.50 to Ingerman Smith, LLP for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of November 1 through November 30, 2018.
B) HARRIS BEACH PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of $4,257 for extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of September 1 through October 31, 2018.

C) THOMAS VOLZ, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorized expenditures in the amount of $3,396 for the monthly retainer and extraordinary legal services rendered during the period of November 1 through November 30, 2018.

D) FRAZER & FELDMAN, LLP

BE IT RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of $15,537.61 for extraordinary legal services for the period of September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

VIII.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the 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 schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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President Ryan called for a motion on Items VIII.5 through VIII.9.
Motion by: Vice President Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 5-0

IX. President Ryan called for Board of Education Additional New/Old Business

• Board Member Bodnar congratulated the students and staff on the wonderful concerts, congratulations to retirees; requested update on HS internet connectivity (shifted access points; revamping servers); asked if notebooks were in budget (yes).
• Vice President Vrona voiced concerns over the use of Chromebooks with the internet issues.
• President Ryan reiterated his support for the Regeneron competition and asked if we were competitive (yes – all contests have specific criteria; our science research students do well; it can be made a priority); it would generate better publicity for LB.
• Mr. Bodnar asked for a listing of student accomplishments in science research.
• Board Member Pinto asked how the Wrap Program is being done in the classrooms (administering exams now, a concrete assessment measure, working with Hofstra, end of the year will have qualitative and quantitative data).
• Dr. Ryan asked when the state of the auditorium seats at Lindell will come up for review (February 28 – capital projects and food services).
• Mrs. Vrona asked if that will include discussion about A/C and ventilation (yes). Shout out to Talia Fernandez, Presidential Scholar.

X. President Ryan called for Questions and Comments from the Public.
None

XI. Announcements:
1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers’ Association – President Harvey thanked and congratulated the retirees, thanked the presenters, BOE and CTA committee on procedures.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA -Long Beach Schools Employees’ Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

XII. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM.
Motion by: Vice President Vrona
Seconded by: Board Member Bodnar
Approved: 5-0

Minutes submitted by: Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 14, 2019