

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 25, 2008

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Administration Building – Conference Room

Members Present: President Franklin R. Alvarado
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Roy Lester
Board Member Lynn Gergen

Members Absent: Board Member Ruth Kaleko

Others Present: Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
and General Administration
Ms. Helen Cheliotas, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Frank Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk

President Alvarado called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss pending legal matters and personnel issues relating to specific personnel.

Motion to Go
into Executive
Session

Motion by: Board Member Gergen
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 4-0

President Alvarado called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn
Executive
Session

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 25, 2008

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School – Cafeteria

Members Present: President Franklin R. Alvarado
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Roy Lester
Board Member Lynn Gergen

Members Absent: Board Member Ruth Kaleko

Others Present: Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
and General Administration
Ms. Helen Cheliotas, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Frank Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks
President Alvarado

- Called the meeting to order and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:10 PM.
- Announced the following meetings:
 - Thursday, April 3 – Budget Adoption at the Middle School in the cafeteria. The budget will not be adopted this evening.
 - Saturday, March 29 at 9:00 AM – Community Envisioning Meeting at the High School in the auditorium
 - Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM – Community Envisioning Meeting #2 at the Middle School in the cafeteria

Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks

- Mrs. Cheliotos provided information pertaining to the upcoming Envisioning meeting. A Steering Committee has come together and listed five areas to be examined:

1. Curriculum and Instruction
2. Student Achievement
3. Facilities
4. Finances
5. Community Involvement/Community Engagement

Key questions the community is being asked to think about: What is it that you value? What is it that is important to you? People are being asked to think about these two questions in the framework of what is happening in terms of the educational trends? What is happening in terms of our own demographics? Dr. Ross Haber will present a demographic study of Long Beach with reference to school age children, the number of households that are being built, the number of births, the number of students attending private schools. Those at the meeting will break into groups addressing those questions in terms of importance and value and then coming together to create an educational plan for the district looking forward five to ten years in a global view. Everyone is invited to participate – students as well. Sign up online at www.lbeach.org. Go to Envisioning.

Vice President Gallagher emphasized the Board's role is participatory, as members of the community. On April 9 the Board will meet with the Steering Committee to formulate objectives. There will be another opportunity at that time for input from the community. There will be a follow-up meeting on April 29 to discuss measurable objectives. This is a multiple part process providing feedback through the entire process.

II. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Greenberg

Superintendent's Report

- Provided information on the following:
 - ❖ Mrs. Kaleko is absent this evening due to a fall in her home. Dr. Greenberg extended get well wishes, making note of Mrs. Kaleko's dedication to the District.

- ❖ Congratulated the two elementary level teams as first place winners in the Odyssey of the Mind contest and four high school students – Kelly Lester, Samantha Larsen, Michelle Leonetti and Cole Blum have been selected as Long Island Science and Engineering Finalists. They will go on to participate in the Intel Competition.
- ❖ Friday, March 28 at 7:00 PM at LBHS – Teen Night Out sponsored by the Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking
- ❖ Monday, March 31 at the Long Beach Public Library – National Town Hall Meeting also sponsored by the Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking. This is consistent with the Board’s passing of the Alcohol Breathalyzer Policy.
- ❖ Lindell School repairs and waterproofing. Air quality samples have been taken on an almost daily basis with positive results. There is no danger to staff or children.
- ❖ Budget copies are available for your information in draft form this evening. We’re awaiting more information on State aid. This budget represents a reduction from a 4.76% increase to a 4.62% budget to budget increase. The tax levy is reduced from 4.93% to 4.88%. We are continuing to look at the budget numbers to make this budget as tight as it can be while maintaining and strengthening existing programs.
- ❖ Budget adoption meeting will be on April 3 at 7:00 PM here in the Middle School cafeteria. The updated budget will be put on the District’s website. No formal budget presentation will be made tonight.

III. President Alvarado called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

Questions and Comments from the Public

Ms. Carole Butler – CCPTA Co-President, 117 West Beech Street

- Inquired about and commented on the budget adoption date of April 3.
- Inquired about BOCES items listed in the budget

Ms. Darlene Tangney – CCPTA Co-President, 552 East Beech Street

- Verified that tonight’s budget is a draft and inquired when the proposed budget would be available. (Dr. Greenberg informed it will be available on the website and expects it to be ready sooner than April 3.)

IV. President Alvarado called for Board Comments

Board Comments

Board Member Lester congratulated the winners of awards.

Vice President Gallagher commented on the Point of Sale presentation on tonight's agenda. The Board has been looking to implement this program for two years.

V. President Alvarado read the Proclamation designating March 28-31, 2008 as Underage Drinking Prevention Weekend.

Proclamation Designating March 28-31, 2008 Underage Drinking Prevention Weekend

VI. President Alvarado called for Presentations of the Superintendent.

Presentations of the Superintendent

Dr. Greenberg called on Mr. Ruggiero and Mr. Kevin Hannon to introduce tonight's presentation. Mr. Ruggiero indicated the District put out tight specifications for a cost effective program that would improve the overall operation of the cafeteria system. This also brings us into line with the State and Federal reporting system. From the parents' and students' points of view, this program improves the lunch experience with faster lines and accountability of funds and greater parent control on what children spend. This was well researched. We did have a Request for Proposals and did make a selection being presented here tonight.

Presentation and Approval of Proposal for Point of Sale System

Mr. Kevin Hannon, Food Services Director introduced Mr. Roy Olsen of Nutrikids Lunchbyte Systems.

Mr. Olsen then provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Point of Sale System.

**VI. 1. President Alvarado recommended the
APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR POINT OF SALE
SYSTEM**

**Approval of
Point of Sale
System**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the award of the proposal for the Point of Sale System to Lunch Byte Systems, as included in the materials accompanying the agenda dated March 25, 2008.

President Alvarado called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Lester

Approved: 4-0

**VI. 2. Dr. Greenberg recommended the
second reading of Policy #6615:
Investment Policy.**

**Second Reading Policy 6615:
Investment Policy**

**VI. 3. Dr. Greenberg recommended the
Adoption of Proposed Policy No. 1120:
School District Records.**

**Adoption of Proposed Policy
#1120: School District
Records**

President Alvarado called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Lester

Approved: 4-0

VI. 4. Dr. Greenberg recommended the tabling of Item VI. 4. – Approval of Contract until the April 3, 2008 Board meeting.

Approval of Contract
ITEM TABLED

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tuition agreement with the Island Park Union Free School District as included in the materials accompanying the agenda date March 25, 2008.

VI. 5. Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF SEQRA RESOLUTION

**APPROVAL OF SEQRA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvement projects and reconstruction projects:

1. Lindell Masonry Restoration (Full)
2. CNG Pumping Station at the Transportation Center
3. 2007/08 Capital Projects which include:
 - Lido Gymnasium Roof Replacement (and interior bleachers, divider screen)
 - Long Beach HS Elevator refurbishment and concrete stabilization
 - East Elementary School storm water piping repairs and roof repairs
 - West School masonry repairs and handicap entry ramp

WHEREAS, said capital improvement projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of, existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6NYCRR 617.5(8); and

APPROVAL OF SEQRA RESOLUTION (continued)

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects listed in the attachment hereto and has determined that said capital improvement projects are classified as a TYPE II action pursuant to Section 617.5(8) of the SEQR Regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement projects listed in the attachment hereto are Type II actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of said projects from the New York State Education Department.

President Alvarado called for a motion on APPROVAL OF SEQRA RESOLUTION.

Motion by: Board Member Gergen
Seconded by: Vice President Gallagher
Approved: 4-0

VI. 6. Dr. Greenberg recommended the APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE SHED BY LITTLE LEAGUE

Approval of Construction of Storage Shed by Little League

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the construction of a storage shed by the Long Beach/Lido Little League. The shed will be constructed in accordance with all local Building Codes and be contingent upon the District's approval of the Little League's construction plans and specifications.

President Alvarado called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Gergen

Seconded by: Vice President Lester

Approved: 4-0

VI. 7. Dr. Greenberg recommended the USE OF SCHOOLS.

Use of Schools

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools as attached.

President Alvarado called for a motion.

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher

Seconded by: Board Member Gergen

Approved: Yes: Board Members: Gallagher, Gergen, and Alvarado

Abstained: Board Member Lester

VII. Adoption of the Proposed Budget for the Long Beach Public Schools for the 2008-09 School Year.

Adoption of Budget – This item was tabled until April 3, 2008.

VIII. President Alvarado called for Questions and Comments from the Public.

**Questions and
Comments from the
Public**

There were none.

IX. President Alvarado called for Announcements.

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – No comments
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – No comments
3. LBPS Group C EMPLOYEES Association – No comments
4. Parent/Teacher Association – No comments
5. Student Organization – Dayshawn Simmons
 - Expressed get well wishes to Mrs. Kaleko
 - Provided info on the successful blood drive and Class Olympics
 - Thanked the Board for their hard work

X. President Alvarado called for Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any.

**Board of Education
New/Old Business**

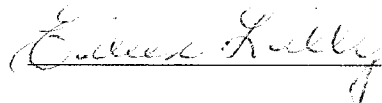
There was none.

XI. President Alvarado called for a motion to adjourn at 9:13 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by



Eileen Lilly, District Clerk
March 31, 2008