

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 22, 2019

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: West School Teachers' Faculty Room

Members Present: Vice President Tina Posterli
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Members Absent: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Timothy Mahoney, Atty., Frazer & Feldman, LLP
Mr. Al Chase, Interim Business Administrator

Vice President Posterli called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:07 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

Motion by: Vice President Posterli
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 4-0

Vice President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:45 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 4-0

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Date of Meeting: October 22, 2019

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: West Elementary School Cafeteria

Members Present: Vice President Tina Posterli
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Members Absent: President Maureen Vrona, Esq.

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Paul Romanelli, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Albert Chase, Interim Business Administrator
Mr. Timothy Mahoney, Attorney, Frazer & Feldman
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk
Members of the Public

Pledge/
Opening Remarks

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

Vice President Posterli opened the meeting at 7:04 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance, ed that President Vrona was out of town, congratulated the Marching Band on their performance at the Newsday Festival at Hofstra, the Surf Team on their placing third, Arjun Gupta and Hayden Hunter on their achievement on becoming the valedictorian and salutatorian, and Evelyn Daza on her recognition from the Latino Civic Association.

Superintendent's Report

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

- *Presentation –New Mental Health and Wellness Supports*
Highlights include: Elementary School Worker New Initiatives, Role of Elementary Guidance Counselor, South Oaks Partnership, and Safe School Helpline.

This presentation can be located on the district website or in the office of the District Clerk.

III. Vice President Posterli called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Board Member Conway thanked the presenters; appreciates and supports the pro-active stance of LB trying to face mental health issues; asked about staff training (continuing); what feedback is expected (Google forms).

- Board Member Ryan thanked presenters; was surprised that REACH was not included in presentation (new initiatives focus for tonight); questioned whether some of these initiatives were the work of Social Workers (time constraints); \$108K for Northwell; is district still using Dr. Oris (yes but for case services); asked if there was a list serve group for Elementary Guidance Counselors (HS mentoring – former elementary guidance counselor – Amy Powers. North Bellmore creating consortium); Newsday article on suicide prevention and outreach; supports mental health prevention.
- Board Member Pinto thanked presenters; critical and important to address issues; uphill battle; supports efforts especially for young children; hoping these partnerships teach responsibility, repercussions, concepts and clues (LB culture to know who to go to when crisis occurs; educating families and identifying signs through initiatives that teach students to respond and not react; embedded into programs are choices); important to teach the dangers of social media, anti-social tool that was not meant to be used by young teens; need to integrate triggers, impact; Safe School Helpline should go to police (anonymous with follow-up).
- Vice President Posterli thanked the presenters; mental health initiatives are much needed; is there one psychiatrist shared at all schools with South Oaks collaboration and can that be increased (have additional resources there and must consider budget); how are we monitoring data-measuring success (preliminary assessment at budget time, some longer; South Oaks generates data); how is Safe School Helpline being rolled out (purchasing info, sending it home, refrigerator magnet, brochure).

IV. Vice President Posterli called for Questions and Comments From the Public – Work Session Topic Only

Questions/Comments from Public –Work Session Topic

- Renae Ortsman – 84 Kentucky Ave – likes anonymity of helpline.

V. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any

Board of Ed – Addt'l Comment

- Board Member Ryan thanked West School for providing donuts and fruit; two of the oldest members of the East School family passed away this week – Bernice Altarac and Bobby Kirschner, both about 100 years old.
- Board Member Conway supports the mental health initiatives; we provide a positive climate; thanked the staff.
- Board Member Pinto – noted that the family aspect of mental health is valuable; congratulated the CTA on another very successful walk for breast cancer.

VI. Announcements

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1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – President Harvey thanked the Board of Education on board recognition week for their service.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group –None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association –Co-Presidents McCarthy and Ackerman and other PTA presidents presented to the board of education with a token gift of appreciation.

VII. Vice President Posterli called for a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
November 12, 2019