

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 28, 2023

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Administration Building Conference Room

Members Present: President Anne Conway
Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Alexis Pace (arr. 5:20 p.m.)

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Tom Volz, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC (arr. 6:10pm)

Board President Conway called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:08 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

Motion by: Board Member Pace
Seconded by: Board Vice-President Pinto
Approved: 5-0

President Conway called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:52 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Vice-President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Pace
Approved: 5-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 28, 2023

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary Multipurpose Room

Members Present: President Anne Conway
Vice President Sam Pinto
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Maureen Vrona, Esq.
Board Member Alexis Pace

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Tom Volz, Atty., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC
Ms. Lori Dolan, District Clerk
Members of the Public

I. Superintendent's Opening Remarks/Call to Order

Board President Conway called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:02 pm and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Conway complimented our school newsletter, praised the Strategic Plan; praised the Hip-Hop dance team performance at the Barclays Center. Mrs. Conway stated how lucky she feels to live in such a wonderful community. Mr. Pinto praised the Odyssey of the Mind teams and how well they did – all received first place and moving on to the State competition.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

- **Student Showcase: SPIRIT Program**
- **Full Budget Discussion**

Dr. Gallagher handed it over to Dr. Ostroff to present on the Spirit Program. Dr. Ostroff presented Lorie Hartfield, Media Specialist, who spoke about the program – SPIRIT stands for Specialized Program Integrating Research, International Mindedness and Technology. All Long Beach students in grades three through five attend; the program incorporates library research skills, International Baccalaureate principles, using Google apps for creative problem solving and team building. Regarding the technology aspect of the program, the district follows NYS standards with a focus on digital literacy. She then showed a video of students describing their experiences in the program.

See highlights of SPIRIT, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqdzzSKMB74>

Mr. DeVito then presented the “Middle School and High School Clubs and Athletics” presentation as well as a review of the 2023-2024 proposed budget; increase in co-curricula clubs due to contractual salary increases plus the addition of two new clubs: Tri-M Music Honor Society and LBMS Morning Announcements. Increase in Middle School budget also due to contractual salary increases along with an additional permanent substitute slot, a new musical theatre class and additional ENL instructional support; proposed budget increase is offset by one fewer sixth grade class due to smaller incoming class. At the high school, increase in budget also due to contractual salary increases for club advisors plus the addition to two new clubs: Bagpipes and Step Team; also new JV girls flag football team. The proposed program at the high school includes some shifts among the different departments resulting in a net reduction of 0.7 FTE. The proposed 2023-2024 budget of \$151,711,055 does not include funding for capital projects but there is a proposal to spend \$5.2 million for the district’s capital reserve fund for work at the high school, middle school and Lindell Elementary. Mr. DeVito also explained that there is an increase in projected revenue due to additional state aid, additional interest income due to higher interest rates as well as larger class size coming in from Island Park. Mr. DeVito stated that, after reviewing projected revenue increase, he is proposing a tax levy of 1.5%.

The “Middle School and High School Clubs and Athletics and Proposed Budget” presentation is on the District Website and available in the office of the District Clerk.

BOE Comments

II. President Conway called for Board of Education Comments

- Board Member Ryan spoke of healthy enrollment in clubs, hopes high school and middle school engage in recruitment. Mr. DeVito stated that sometimes enrollment does not always reflect the value of the student engagement of the students in the club, pointing to the high school math team and the school newspaper.
- Board Member Pace asked if Mr. DeVito expects the levy to be reduced further by the end of April, and Mr. DeVito replied that the budget is very tight, and \$100,000 fluctuation is not going to do much in terms of the tax levy and he is always mindful of the fund balance.
- Board Member Vrona asked about the procedure on how a club is initiated. Dr. Gallagher replied that it is generally student driven; Mrs. Vrona asked why we are improving our offerings in a year when basic costs are increasing so much? Dr. Gallagher replied that improving our offerings doesn’t really cost much more money at all; we are adding clubs and subtracting clubs; operating costs are really the drivers in the increase in budget, ie, fuel costs and supplies and materials cost increases. Mr. DeVito added that end of year operating surplus will go into capital reserve.
- Dr. Ryan asked about cyber insurance, and Mr. DeVito replied that we have a sufficient level of insurance.

III. President Conway called for Student Organization Announcements

None.

Student Organization
Announcements

IV. President Conway called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only

Questions/Comments from Public –
Items on Tonight’s Agenda Only

None.

**Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated and Non-Certificated**

V. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Motion by: Board Vice-President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Pace
Approved: 5-0

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

President Conway called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Pace
Seconded by: Board Vice President Pinto
Approved: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leave of Absence

Name: April Andrews-Kosolapov
Assign./Loc. Pre K Teacher/Lido School
Effective Dates: May 19, 2023-June 30, 2023 (on or about)
Reason: Maternity

(b) Appointment: Staff for Afterschool 5th grade Swimming Program for the 22/23 school year- rate of pay \$78.50 per hour-maximum 36 hours

Jessica Risso-substitute
Donald Kramer-substitute

(c) Appointment: East Enrichment Program Instructors/Classes for the 3rd semester 2022/2023 School Year-rate of pay \$78.50 per hour-Maximum 9 hours per class-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant

Gardening	Michele Bennett
Neptune News	Edward Courtney
Word Wiz (Tues)	Cindy Borrelli
Word Wiz (Wed)	Cindy Borrelli
Canva for Kids	Kelly McNamara
Coding (Tues)	Lisa Collins
Coding (Wed)	Lisa Collins
Drum Circles	Michele Bennett
Drawing	Alisa Gore
Mindful Yogis	Jacqui Byrne

3D Printing	Matt Jones
Virtual Field Trips	Mary Jane Rochford
Drawing	Alisa Gore
Genius Time	Edward Courtney
Colors of the Rainbow	Michele Bennett
Substitute for Trimester 3	Mayela Molina

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Lindell School Enrichment Programs Instructors/Classes for the 3rd semester 2022/2023 School Year-rate of pay \$78.50 per hour-Maximum 9 hours per class-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant

Science Inquiry	Lisa Rundo
Comic Book Club	Patty Lugo
Breakout!	Christina Causi
Jewelry Making	Yvonne Miller
Scrapbooking and Making Memories	Gabriella Febrizio
Music and Movement	Amanda Betz
Art Exploration	Lisa Rundo
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	Julie Braddish
Puzzle Masters	Stephanie Esposito
The Magical Universe of Harry Potter	Jackie Nyman
Lindell Leadership Club	Mary Miller
Virtual Field Trips	Jackie Nyman
Social Emotional Soccer Superstars	D. Kaplowitz/C. Franceschini
STEM	Lisa Rundo
Musical Drama Club	Edith Guzman
Substitutes for trimester 3	Jackie Nyman, Danielle Kaplowitz, Christina Franceschini

(e) Appointment: Lido School Enrichment Program Instructors/Classes for the 3rd semester 2022/2023 School Year-rate of pay \$78.50 per hour-Maximum 9 hours per class-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant

Math minds-Games and number play made FUN!	Jean Kushel
Reader's Theatre	Danielle Bruno
Art Class	Ashley Lee
Hocus Pocus!	Katrina Rossi Fuchs
Colors of the Rainbow – Dancing Classrooms	Victoria Stanishia – Ferrara
Escape Rooms	Emily Ciavarella
Directed Drawing	Janine Riomaio
Escape Rooms	Emily Ciavarella
Economics for Kids	Ashley Lee
Health & Wellness	Erin Veltre
Beautiful Me 2.0	Susan Garcia
Lido Idol Workshop	Deborah Cupani
Arts and Crafts	Janine Riomaio
Math minds-Games and number play made FUN!	Jean Kushel
Lido's News Crew	Ashley Lee
Lido Habitat	Victoria Stanishia Ferrara

Reader's Habitat	Danielle Bruni
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(f) **Appointment: West School Enrichment Program Instructors/Classes for the 3rd semester 2022/2023 School Year-rate of pay \$78.50 per hour-Maximum 9 hours per class-American Rescue Plan Federal Grant**

ASL K-2	Dana Wachter
Lego club	Nicolette Samardich
Super Readers	Brian Morgan
Comic Book Authors	Chelsea Way
Heart Ambassadors	Jessica Donato
Drama	Courtney O'Donnell
Macrame	Maryann Hommel
Coding Club	Hannah Gallo
History and Hockey	Bryan Rosen
History of Dance	Emma Biordi
Poetry	Nina Arlotta
Game Masters	Sue Masloja
Comic Book Authors	Nicole Petrullo
Kindergarten Art	Sarh Franzino
Math Play	Elleen Parks
Chess	Erin Cain
Fashion Design	Nicolette Samardich
Podcasting	Stephanie Zimmerman
Painting Like A Master	Denise Collins
Zumba	Dana Wachter
Seahorse Scoop	Nicolette Samardich
Word Games	Elleen Parks
Improvisation	Sue Masloja
Robotics	Brian Morgan
Scrabble Word Masters	Nicole Petrullo
Math-letes	Brittany Clancy
Substitutes for trimester 3	G. Tomicick and M. Grant

(g) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant is recommended for approval for the 2022-2023 school year**

NAME	CERTIFICATION AREA
Sandra Yanowitch	Teaching Asst.

(h) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH CLASSROOM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association, dated March 24, 2023.

II. NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) **Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

Name: Deanna Lavelle

Assign./Loc.: Secretary I/LBHS
Effective Date: July 28, 2023 end of day

(b) Resignations

Name: Yolanda Green
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Building Aide/LBMS
Effective Date: March 17, 2023

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name: Kimberly Innella
Assign./Loc.: Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Dates: March 30, 2023 – June 30, 2023 or earlier
Reason: Medical

Name: Kelly Stokes
Assign./Loc.: Teacher Aide/East School
Effective Dates: March 27, 2023 – June 30, 2023 or earlier
Reason: Medical

) Appointment: Part Time School Nurse (.6)

Name: Pamela Kavanaugh Smith
Assign./Loc.: Part Time School Nurse (.6)/LBMS
Effective Date: March 27, 2023
Salary Classification: .6 of Step 1-\$49,876 per annum-prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(e) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week Start Date through June 23, 2023 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.

Name	Step	Rate \$	Location	Reason	Start Date
Sarah Rende	1	17.35	Lido School	CSE	3/29/23
Candice Herman	1	17.35	Lido School	CSE	3/29/23

(f) Appointment: Part Time Food Service Worker (17.5 hours per week)

Name: Creiseda Izarra
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Food Service Worker/LBHS
Effective Date: March 29, 2023
Salary Classification: \$17.16 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 8
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.3 through VIII.5.

President Conway called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Vice-President Pinto

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 5-0

VIII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO BUDGET TRANSFERS

Approval of Budget
Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves transfers from various codes as per as per budgetary transfer forms attached to this agenda as follows: \$461,952 to the Special Ed Tuition – NYS Out of

District code A2250-471-00-0000 to cover the cost of tuition for students attending out of district schools; \$425,620 to the Special Ed Related Services Out of District code A2250-468-000 for students attending Family of Kidz; \$107,612 to the Health Contractual code A2815-400-00-0000 to cover home care services; \$93,000 to the Special Ed Tuition Public Schools code A2250-470-00-0000 to cover out of district tuition; \$211,895 to the Operations Electricity code A1620-405-00-0000 to cover PSE&G expenses; and \$78,464 to the Operations Heating Natural Gas code A1620-402-00-0000 to cover heating costs.

VIII.4 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO OPT OUT OF TAX EXEMPTION UNDER TAX EXEMPTION UNDER RAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §487

Approval to Opt Out of
Tax Exemption Under Real
Property Tax Law §487

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 provides that solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems are exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 further provides that certain micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems and electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems will be exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 permits a school district to adopt a resolution providing that the exemption under Real Property Tax Law §487 shall not apply within its jurisdiction to such energy system projects which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adopt a resolution opting out of the tax exemption under the amended Real Property Tax Law §487.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The tax exemption made available by Real Property Tax Law §487 with respect to any solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Long Beach City School District.
2. The tax exemption made available by Real Property Tax Law §487 with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems and electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Long Beach City School District.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

VIII.5 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Approval to Dispose of
Obsolete Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the disposition of three school buses and one van

to be sold for scrap to A. Auto Scrap and Recycling for \$1200 per bus and \$700 per van for a total of \$4300.

- VIII.6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #7510 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**
No action required.

Second Reading of
Policy #7510 Student
Health Services

- VIII.7 Dr. Gallagher recommended the SECOND READING OF POLICY #7521 STUDENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS**
No action required.

Second Reading of
Policy #7521 Students
with Life-Threatening
Health Conditions

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote Items VIII.8 through VIII.10.

President Conway called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Ryan

Seconded by: Board Member Pace

Approved: 5-0

- VIII.8 Dr. Gallagher recommended the ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Acceptance of
CPSE/CSE
Recommendations

- VIII.9 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: Legal Services**

Approval of Payment of
Legal Bills

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$\$7,894.69.00 for general legal services for the period of February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023; and \$336.00 for general counsel legal services for February 28, 2023.

- VIII.10 Dr. Gallagher recommended the APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS**

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/rescheduled based on building schedules.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>
Long Beach/Lido Beach Little League	Baseball Practice	Lindell Elementary Baseball Field	Thursdays April 1, 2023 – April 6, 2023 4:00pm – 8pm
Long Beach/Lido Beach Little League	Baseball Practice	Lindell Elementary Baseball Field	Sundays April 11, 2023 – June 23, 2023 8:00am – 8pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Beach Lacrosse Day	Middle School Soccer	Wednesdays March 22, 2023-June 14, 2023 6:00pm – 8:00pm
City of Long Beach Recreation	Rec Basketball	High School Gym	Thursday March 30, 2023 6:00pm -9:30pm

Board of Ed – Additional Comments
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VI. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any

- Board President Conway stated that she visited the Adult Learning Center last week and praised Ms. Reddock and the students.
- Board Member Vrona asked about the Seal of Civic Readiness and if this is still a pilot program and Dr. Gallagher replied no. She also asked why ending High School Tutoring program and Dr. Gallagher replied that it was being temporarily suspended due to low attendance. Mrs. Vrona also asked about flooding issues at a Middle School field and Mr. DeVito replied that that is always a low spot, but not clear if problem is originating with our property or the golf course property, and that a representative from the Town of Hempstead is coming tomorrow to discuss.

Questions and Comments from the Public

VII. Questions and Comments from the Public

- A member of the public asked, in light of another mass shooting, what our vulnerabilities are in our buildings, and what emergency procedures are in place. Mr. Pinto and Dr. Gallagher stated that we don't advertise to the community what we have in place for security reasons. Dr. Gallagher added that it might be a good idea to meet with Mr. DeVito individually to discuss concerns. Dr. Gallagher added that we consult with experts for advice. Board Member stated that we have an excellent and comprehensive plan in place, and thanked her for coming forward with her concerns.
- A member of the public praised the Women's Business Brunch group that presented at the Chamber of Commerce meeting and did an excellent job; spoke in support of the Mindfulness Program.

VIII. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Keith Harvey – looking forward to Spring Bowling Fundraiser, proceeds going towards the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

**Motion to Go into
Executive Session**

President Conway called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding specific personnel and pending and proposed legal matters at 8:02PM.

**Motion by: Board Vice President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Pace
Approved: 5-0**

IX. Adjournment

President Conway called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

**Motion by: Board President Conway
Seconded by: Board Member Pace
Approved: 5-0**

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: _____
Lori Dolan, District Clerk
March 28, 2023