

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2025

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Main Office Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Sam Pinto
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Absent: Board Vice President Alexis Pace

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Tom Volz, Attorney

Absent: Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. For Personnel & Administration

Board President Pinto called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:32 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

Motion by: Board President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Nora Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:51 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Dr. Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Ms. Nora Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

MINUTES

- Date of Meeting:** February 11, 2025
- Type of Meeting:** Regular Meeting
- Place of Meeting:** Lido Elementary Multipurpose Room
- Members Present:** Board President Sam Pinto
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Anne Conway
Board Member Nora Bellsey
- Members Absent:** Board Vice President Alexis Pace
- Others Present:** Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
Members of the Public
- Others Absent:** Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks – Board President

Board President Pinto called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Superintendent's Report

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Student Showcase: Middle School and High School Robotics

Board President Pinto introduced the Student Showcase from the Middle School and High School Robotics team. First Mr. Harvey the Board for inviting them to the meeting. He invited one coach, Mr. Santoro and the Middle School Robotics team. Mr. Santoro brought up seventh graders, Brian and Athena and sixth grader, Isabella. Brian spoke about his experience in competition this year playing "Hungry, Hungry Hippos" and "Robot Soccer". Athena spoke about the best part about Robotics is learning how important teamwork and communication are for problem solving. Isabella spoke about the next Robotics competition. They will not be using remote controls. They will be shown an obstacle course and students will have to quickly write code for Robot to complete the maze. Mr. Santoro had the students display some of the robots that the students have designed. Thanked everyone for support and opportunity to coach the students. Mr. Harvey introduced Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lerner and the High School robotics team. Mr. Johnson introduced the Robot that carried the team to 7th place and placed

fifth overall. Mr. Johnson then introduced the High School team members. Each student spoke about how the Robotics team has influenced them and how grateful they are that the district is supporting the Robotics program. The introduced a prototype they are working on. Mr. Pinto thanked Mr. Harvey and noted that the program teaches the kids how to deal with frustration and build resiliency. Ms. Bellsey thanked the club for the presentation and noted the coach's enthusiasm and student's enthusiasm and said it was very exciting. Ms. Conway thanked the group for coming out and liked hearing students talk about being so excited about learning. She asked how students find out about Robotics club. Mr. Santoro replied that they recruit by driving robots around the halls, other classes come down to watch. Dr. Ryan congratulated the students in the High School for pioneering the program and thanked the coaches for going above and beyond. Dr. Ryan asked if the students needed anything. Students replied that they would like a wrap around the trailer and more space in the Robotics lab.

Presentation: Technology, Facilities and Athletics

Mr. Pinto introduced Mr. DeVito to present the Technology, Facilities and Athletics budget. Mr. DeVito presented the detail of the different functions. He started with Technology and the two functions it covers. Dr. Ryan asked if this is an area that can be a cooperative bid> Mr. DeVito replied yes, the district works with BOCES. Ms. Bellsey asked to explain equipment's "end of life" Mr. DeVito said it could be either you can't get the supportive software anymore or equipment is becoming obsolete. Mr. Pinto asked if there are any opportunities for private grants or donations to fund? Dr. Gallagher replied no, Ms. Conway asked about researching different technology needs for different grades? Mr. Harvey replied that the district has been moving forward with the same specific models of smart boards that are compatible with the district software. Ms. Conway asked about State Assessment for Kindergarteners. Mr. Harvey replied about iPads for Kindergarteners., Mr. DeVito moved on to Facilities and the two key functions of Facilities. Ms. Conway asked how many Mechanics are on staff? Mr. DeVito replied 7, want to bring it up to 8. Ms. Conway asked what the advantage is to having mechanics in house? Mr. DeVito replied in house mechanics that pop in to take care of day to day but it would be beneficial to have an inhouse mechanic to on staff to handle all the basic daily maintenance building needs. Next Mr. DeVito spoke about the Athletics budget, specifically the interscholastic athletics. Mr. DeVito then gave dates for other department budget presentations. Ms. Conway thanked Mr. DeVito for his presentation. Ms. Conway commented on 88 teams in district. Mr. Epstein said 30-35% of High School student body involved in every season. Middle School is seasonal. Ms. Conway asked if there is opportunity for athletic grants? Mr. Epstein replied that there aren't really any grants for athletics.

IV. Board President Pinto called for Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

Mr. Pinto welcomed the Student Organization representative. Mr. Barshak reported that the school had the 2nd blood drive, but many students were turned away due to low iron levels. Some students met with Mr. Swan to participate in a taste test for new food options, he also spoke about "PS I Love You Day", Class Olympics and Spirit Week. Mr.

Pinto asked what kind of foods were tested. Mr. Barshak replied he was not there but heard some of the options were Breakfast Burritos and Chicken Tenders. Dr. Ryan suggested Liver in an effort to boost students iron levels

V. Board President Pinto called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Today’s Agenda Only

- None

VI. Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for December 2024 – no action needed.

Acceptance of the
Treasurer’s Report

VII. Dr. Gallagher recommended the Approval of Minutes for the Executive Session of January 7, 2025, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025, Executive Session of January 23, 2025 and Executive Session and Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025.

Approval of Minutes for
Exec. Session of Jan. 7,
2025, Exec Session and Reg
Mtg of Jan. 14, 2025, Exec.
Session of Jan. 23, 2025 and
Exec. Session and Regular
Meeting of Jan. 27, 2025

Board President Pinto called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board President Conway
Approved: 4-0

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated

Board President Pinto called for a motion as amended.
Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 4-0

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

Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated

President Pinto called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Dr. Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

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) Resignation for the purposes of Retirement

Name:	Raquel Torres-Allen
Assign./Loc:	Elementary Teacher/Lido School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Patricia Lugo
Assign./Loc:	Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Mayela Molina
Assign./Loc:	Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Marleen Dougherty
Assign./Loc:	Elementary Math Teacher/West School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Nancy Connors
Assign./Loc:	English Teacher Long Beach Middle School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Pamela Bankey
Assign./Loc:	Science Teacher/ Long Beach High School
Effective Date:	June 30, 2025, close of day
Name:	Valeria Paz
Assign./Loc:	Permanent Substitute Teacher/ Long Beach High School
Effective Date:	February 14, 2025, close of day

(b) Resignation

Name:	Ashanti Sherred
Assign./Loc:	Part Time Teaching Assistant/Long Beach High School
Effective Date:	February 28, 2025, close of day
Name:	Anthony Schiliro
Assign./Loc:	Permanent Substitute Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Date:	January 27, 2025, close of day

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name:	Jeanine Sorensen
Assign./Loc:	Psychologist/Lindell School
Effective Dates:	September 16, 2024 – May 1, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: FMLA/Family Leave - Intermittent

Name: Elena Frishman
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: January 18, 2025 – March 14, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: FMLA/Family Leave

Name: Alexis Caruso
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/Lido Elementary
Effective Dates: February 3, 2025 - June 30, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: Medical Leave
Comment: Replaces Educational Leave

Name: Rachel Geraghty
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: February 3, 2025 - April 7, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: Medical

Name: Jessica Baker
Assign./Loc. Physical Education Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: March 17, 2025 - June 2, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: Maternity

Name: Scott Stark
Assign./Loc. Math Teacher/Long Beach High School
Effective Dates: February 1, 2025 - May 3, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: FMLA/Medical

Name: Jessica Culkin
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/West School
Effective Dates: March 10, 2025 – June 30, 2025, on or about at the district's discretion

Reason: FMLA/Maternity

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Owen Sculley
Assign./Loc. Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher/Lido School

Certification: Initial Students with disabilities, all grades extension
Initial Students with disabilities, grades 7-12

Effective Dates: February 12, 2025 – June 25, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)

Salary Classification: \$245.84 per day

Reason To fill a vacancy

(e) Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Name: Ashley Segarra
 Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/Long Beach High School
 Certification: Initial Visual Arts
 Effective Dates: February 12, 2025 – June 16, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Salary Classification: \$245.84 per day
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

Name: Daisy Cook
 Assign./Loc: Permanent Substitute Teacher/Long Beach High School
 Certification: Initial English to Speakers of other languages
 Initial English Language Arts 7-12
 Effective Dates: February 12, 2025 – June 16, 2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion)
 Salary Classification: \$245.84 per day
 Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Approval of Applications for Participation in Group A Study Programs-Winter 2025-The following staff members have applied for funding for coursework as indicated under the appropriate provision of their contract. Recommend approval of the tuition/fees.

Name	Allocation
Kurt Allen	Amend to Rescind
Crysti Cardineau	\$624
William Papetti	Amend to \$ 1,295

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(g) Appointment: Advisors for LBHS Co-Curricular Activities 2024-2025 School Year

HS Club Activity	Advisor	2024-25
String Quartet	Sun Shin	\$5,020

(h) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2025

Spring Sport	Position	Coach	Stipend
Badminton	Junior Varsity	Jaden Garelle Rescind Ashley Castanio	\$6,037

(i) Appointment: Homebound Instructor for the 2024/2025 school year-Rate of Pay: \$60.86 per hour-individual/\$80.87 per hour-group

Lisa Roberts

- (j) **The following Short Term Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Samantha Fasano	February 26, 2025 - June 2, June 16, 2025

- (k) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year. \$150 per day**

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Daniel Mullin	In a program
Cassin Loughrey	In a program
Valeria Paz	Permanent French and Italian, 7-12
Justin Rich	In Process

- (l) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ASPPG**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Administrative, Supervisory and Pupil Personnel Group, dated January 23, 2025

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leaves of Absence

Name: Thalia Rodriguez
Assign./Loc. Part Time Food Service Worker/Lido School
Effective Date: March 17,2025 – June 27, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity

Name: Jarnita Davis
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teacher Aide/Long Beach High School
Effective Date: March 16,2025 – June 27, 2025 or earlier at the district's discretion
Reason: Maternity

(b) Amended Leaves of Absence

Name: Adalgiza Rosales
Assign./Loc. 40 Hr. Bus Driver/Transportation

Effective Date: December 2, 2024 – December 16, 2024 or earlier at the district’s discretion
Reason: Family Illness

(c) Appointment: Probationary Secretary I

Name: Colleen Butler
Assign./Loc. Probationary Secretary I/Long Beach High School
Probationary Start Date: February 12, 2025
Probationary End Date: February 11, 2026
Salary Classification: \$43,988 per annum, prorated
Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(d) Appointment: Probationary Senior Data Specialist

Name: Melissa Hartman
Assign./Loc. Probationary Senior Data Specialist/Long Beach Middle School
Probationary Start Date: March 24, 2025
Probationary End Date: September 23, 2025
Salary Classification: \$51,739 per annum, prorated
Step: Grade IV/Step 10
Reason: To fill a vacancy

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Provisional Personnel Clerk

Name: Rebecca Greenberg
Assign./Loc. Provisional Personnel Clerk/ Human Resources
Effective Date: February 24, 2025
Salary Classification: \$43,988 annum, prorated
Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) Appointment: Personnel for 2024 -2025 Adult Education Program. Classes implemented only if there is sufficient enrollment. Each class is self-sustaining, subject to satisfactory performance.

Name	Title of Workshops	Hours	Hourly Rate	Maximum
Edwin Algarin	Recreational Volleyball	10	40.00	400
Jacqueline Byrne	Open-Level Yoga	15	40.00	600
Adrian Gioulis	The What, Why, and How of Mindfulness	15	40.00	600
Raquel Lopez	Recreational Play Pickleball	30	40.00	1200

- (g) **Appointment Part Time Teacher Aides 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2024-2025 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.**

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Start Date
Cheyenne Profeta	1	\$17.84	West	2/12/25
Margaret Holland	1	\$17.84	Lido	2/12/25

- (h) **Amended Appointment: The following Short Term Substitute Clerical is recommended for approval for the dates below:**

Name	Position	Dates	Rate
Rosa Anna Knag	Clerical	Effective: January 7, 2025 – February 14, 2025 Original: January 7, 2025 – January 31, 2025	\$55.01/hr.

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves effective January 14, 2025 an increase to Step 10 of the per diem substitute rates as per our Group C contract for our Long Beach Public School District Retirees in the positions below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Step 10 Hourly Rate</u>
Bus Driver	\$28.39
Clerical	\$29.76

- (j) **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves an increase of the per diem **after school** substitute nurse rate:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Nurse	\$50.00

- (k) **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EMPLOYEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Employment Agreement between the Long Beach Public Schools and the Employees discussed in Executive Session.

VIII.3-16 **Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of items #3- #16 in the interest of the Snowy weather.**

President Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 4-0

3. Adoption of 2025-2026 School Calendar
4. Adoption of 2025 School Election Calendar
5. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Nassau County Board of Elections
6. Approval of Budget Transfer
7. Approval of Transportation Agreement – Guardian Bus Company, Inc.
8. Approval of Bid Awards – 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Projects
9. Approval of Addition Change Order –Middle School HVAC Reconstruction
10. Approval To Participate in Piggy Back Agreements
11. Approval of Emergency Expenditure
12. Approval of Designation of petty cash appointee
13. Acceptance of Donations
14. Acceptance of Recommendations of CPSE/CSE
15. Payment of Legal Bills: Legal Services
16. Approval of Use of Schools Applications

IX. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business

**Board of Ed – Additional
Comments**

- Ms. Conway reported on the wrestling team and the hockey team progress and the district is fortunate for all of the hardworking coaches. Ms. Conway thanked Mr. Epstein for all that he does for the students.
- Ms. Conway asked Dr. Gallagher about the roll of Khanmigo. Dr. Gallagher stated district received a grant for middle and high school students to use it. Dr. Gallagher will send out a letter to parents.
- Ms. Conway asked Mr. DeVito if there are any updates on school playgrounds.
- Mr. DeVito stated a slide was taken out but other areas are usable. District looking into adding a new device to the playgrounds that doesn't take up a lot of space.
- Ms. Conway spoke about talk in the community about BESS in Island Park.
- Mr. Pinto mentioned Wrestling team is in the County qualifiers. Hockey is in States

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

- Odyssey of the Mind being held at the Middle School
- Thank you to Mr. Epstein for supporting the Bowling program. Girls team went to county.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

- Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association - Karen Bloom thanked Mr. Harvey and teachers and students for Tech presentation. Thanked Mr. DeVito for his presentation. Welcomed new staff member and good luck to retirees
- Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
- LBPS Group C Employees Association – None
- Parent/Teacher Association - None

XII. Adjournment

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn at: 8:06 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Board President Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by: _____
Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
February 11, 2025