

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Central Administration Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Sam Pinto
Board Vice President Alexis Pace
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Anne Conway (arrived 5:22 pm)
Board Member Nora Bellsey

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. For Personnel & Administration
Mr. Tom Volz, Attorney (arrived 5:15 pm)

Absent: Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Dr. Janna Ostroff, Asst. Supt. For Curriculum & Instruction

Board President Pinto called for a motion to go into executive session at 4:00 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into
Executive Session

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

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:55 PM.

Adjournment

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2025

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Auditorium

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

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, Attorney
Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
Members of the Public

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. Mr. Pinto welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gallagher introduced Ms. Tursi, Director of Science. Ms. Tursi introduced and spoke about the nights Student Showcase on Science Research. The video highlighting the science research program was played.

Student Showcase: Science Research

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Budget Hearing:

Mr. DeVito stated that everyone in the audience has previously heard the Budget Hearing so he spoke about a few highlights. The budget is going to be about \$2.6 million with a increase of about 1.67 %. The proposals for next year include employee compensation which is the largest category that

increases overall, including restoring and adding some positions that were eliminated in past years. The increase includes refreshing student and classroom devices, and an upgrade to the infrastructure

support. Keeping up with cost of repairs and maintenance as well as increases in insurance premiums. Four new gasoline buses are included in the budget so there is funding to continue with the districts vehicle replacement policy. The district has been speaking with a consultant who is working to get some grant funds to have an electrification plan put into place. The district is working on trying to switch over to electric buses which is down the road but the structure is in place.

The final State Aid numbers came out and they are pretty much the same as what was in the Governor's proposal – a 2% increase in foundation aid. Some areas of revenue for district are going down due to a large outgoing 12th grade versus the incoming 9th grade. The tax levy is a 2.4% increase which is below the cap, below the allowable maximum limit. Looking at the 10 year history of the district, the past 6 six years have been really. It is hard to sustain that and also keep pace with inflation. This year Long Beach is just about under the average tax levy for the county.

Mr. DeVito presented a slide of a sample ballot for the Budget election to give the community a preview of the ballot for the budget Vote and BOE election. He explained Proposition 1, 2 and 3 and pointed out the candidates. He stated that tonight's meeting is the Budget hearing so if anyone wants to say something, now is the time to do it.

III. Board President Pinto called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Dr. Ryan asked Mr. DeVito if he met with Civic Associations in regard to the budget. Mr. DeVito replied that he met with the Chamber of Commerce, he reached out to the Civics but there didn't seem to be much interest in meeting. He also met with the PTA's.
- Ms. Bellsey thanked Mr. DeVito for all of his hard work putting the budget together, she hopes everyone gets out next Tuesday to vote.
- Ms. Conway told Mr. DeVito that he has always explained everything so well in detail. She asked just for the record, what is the maximum lending? Mr. DeVito replied that for this year, it is 2.96%, just under 3%.

IV. Board President Pinto called for Student Organization Announcements

**Student
Organization
Announcements**

- None

V. Board President Pinto 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

VI. Board President Pinto recommended the acceptance of the Treasurers Report for March 2025

**Acceptance of the
Treasurer's Report**

- No action needed

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

**Board President Pinto called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Dr. Ryan
Seconded by: Board Member Bellsey
Approved: 5-0**

**Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters:
Certificated**

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) Leaves of Absence

Name: Krystal Ferraro
Assign./Loc. Effective Dates: Reason: Art Teacher/Long Beach Middle School June 9, 2025 – June 27, 2025, on or about FMLA/Maternity

Name: Assign./Loc. Stephanie Meyer
Effective Dates: Reason: Art Teacher/East School
April 22, 2025 – June 27, 2025 , on or about
FMLA/Family Illness

Name: Assign./Loc. Faith Ferrante Ramsey
Effective Dates: Reason: English Teacher/Middle School April 30, 2025,
Intermittent FMLA/Medical

Name: Assign./Loc. Daniel Bailey
Effective Dates: Reason: Phys Ed Teacher/West School
September 8, 2025 – October 15, 2025 , on or
about FMLA/Paternity

Name: Assign./Loc. Michael Santoro Technology Teacher/LBMS
Effective Dates: Reason: May 2, 2025 – June 30, 2025, on or about
FMLA/Family Illness

Name: Assign./Loc.
Effective Dates:

Pamela Bankey Science Teacher/LBHS
May 12, 2025 -June 30, 2025, on or about

Reason:

FMLA/Family Illness

Name: Assign./Loc.
New Effective Dates:

Colleen Iobaoni
AIS Reading Teacher/West School September 1,
2025 – June 30, 2026, or earlier

Reason:

FMLA/Maternity

Name: Assign./Loc.
New Effective Dates:

Kylee Nicholls
STEM Teacher/Lido School
June 7, 2025 – June 27, 2025, on or about

Reason:

FMLA/Maternity

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Leaves of Absence (cont'd)

Name: Lauren Muscarella
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
New Effective Dates: May 24, 2025-June 30, 2025, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

(b) Amended Appointment: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher

Name: Maeve Lawe
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher
Certification: Professional Stud. W/Disabilities, Grades 1-6 Professional Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
Effective Dates: April 28, 2025-June 30, 2025/Lindell
Original Effective Dates: November 19, 2024-April, 25,
2025/LBMS Tenure Area: Special Education
Salary Classification: MA/Step 2 (\$76,043 per annum)
prorated Reason: To fill a leave

(c) Amended Appointment: The following Short Term Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

Samuel Fiallos Effective Dates: December 16, 2024 – June 16, 2025
Original Dates: December 16, 2024 – May 16, 2025

(d) Appointment: Supervisor for the ENL Summer Program-July 1, 2025-July 25, 2025 rate of pay-\$4,596 stipend-Title III Grant Funded.

Priscilla Edwards

(e) The following Short term per diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the dates below. \$245.84 per day

Name	Dates
Aydin Kessler	April 24, 2025-June 27, 2025

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

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Jim Fiola	Permanent Math Grades 7-12
Abigail Mongello	Visual Arts in process

(g) Appointment: Club Advisors for the East School Morning Prodigy Jam Sessions-Rate of Pay \$60.86 per hour, 9 sessions.

Edward Courtney
Mayela Molina

- (h) **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an extension of the probationary period for Kristin Hyman to October 12, 2026.

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

**Approval of Personnel
Matters: Non-Certificated**

President Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement

Name: Genoveva Franco
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/West School
Effective Date: June 26, 2025 close of day

(b) Resignation

Name: Elissa Michaels
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/ Lido Elementary School
Effective Date: April 22, 2025 close of day

Name: Denise Doall
Assign./Loc: Personnel Clerk/ Human Resources
Effective Date: April 25, 2025, close of day

Name: Catherine Shubert
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: April 30, 2025 close of day

Name: Maria Walsh
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School
Effective Date: May 2, 2025, close of day

Name: Brianna Cantore
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido Elementary School
Effective Date: May 16, 2025, close of day

Name: Kimberly Innella
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
Effective Date: May 16, 2025 close of day

(c) Termination

Name:	Sara Koslowski
Assign./Loc:	Part Time Lunch Aide/East School
Effective Date:	May 2, 2025, close of day

(d) Leaves of Absence

Name:	Sarah Romig
Assign./Loc.	Part Time Teacher Aide/Lindell School
Effective Dates:	May 7, 2025 – May 28, 2025, on or about
Reason:	Medical

I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Leaves of Absence (cont'd)

Name: Linda McCormack
Assign./Loc. Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Dates: April 21, 2025-June 30, 2025, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Catastrophic

Name: Lea Durso
Assign./Loc. Teacher Aide/Lido School
Effective Dates: April 21, 2025-June 30, 2025, on or about
Reason: Medical

(e) Appointment: Provisional Data Specialist

Name: Danielle DeStefano
Assign./Loc. Provisional Data Specialist (10 months)/LBMS
Effective Date: April 28, 2025
Salary Classification: \$35,226 per annum,
prorated Grade/Step: Grade II/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Note: Taking a leave from a Teacher Assistant position

(f) Appointment: Provisional Personnel Clerk

Name: Ceili Heffernan
Assign. /Loc.: Provisional Personnel Clerk/Human Resources
Start Date: June 9, 2025
Salary Classification: \$43,988 per annum,
prorated Step: Grade IV/Step 5
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(g) Appointment Part Time Teacher Aide 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
Nora Smith	1	\$17.84	West	4/28/25
Katie Deely	1	\$17.84	Lido	5/19/25
Kristin Mahon	1	\$17.84	LBHS	5/5/25
Savanna Valentin	1	\$17.84	West	5/14/2025
Derek Ramos	1	\$17.84	Lido	5/19/2025
Raymond Adams	1	\$17.84	Lido	5/14/2025
Morgan McCaffrey	1	\$17.84	Lido	5/14/2025

- (h) **Appointment: Extended School Year Program Summer 2025 -Nurses-Rate of Pay: \$48.07 per hour**
Name

Laura Scheurer – Substitute Nurse

- (i) **Appointment: Translators for the 2024/2025 school year-Rate of Pay \$25.00 per hour as needed**
Name

Yuni Mejia Flor West

- (j) **The following Substitute Teacher Aide is recommended for approval for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Elissa Michaels

- (k) **Completion of Probationary Appointments**

The staff members listed below have completed their probationary appointments and have received a satisfactory evaluation and are hereby recommended for permanent appointment.

Name:	Yaneva Macedo
Assign./Loc.:	Assistant Dispatcher/Transportation
Effective Date:	April 21, 2025

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Name: Kimberly Innella
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBHS
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(c) Termination

Name: Sara Koslowski
Assign./Loc: Part Time Lunch Aide/East School
Effective Date: May 2, 2025, close of day

(d) Leaves of Absence

Name: Sarah Romig
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/Lindell School
Effective Dates: May 7, 2025 – May 28, 2025, on or about
Reason: Medical

VII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the acceptance of donation for the Hockey team

Acceptance of donation
for the Boy's hockey
team

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of \$10,000 from the High School Hockey League of Nassau for the High School Hockey Team.

President Pinto called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Conway
Approved: 5-0

VII.4-6 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Policy reads

Approval of Policy Reads

- No action needed

VII.7-12 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Items VII 7-12

Approval of Sale of Obsolete
School Buses

President Pinto called for a motion.

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

7. APPROVAL OF SALE OF OBSOLETE SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS, District Policy #5250 authorizes the sale of school property when such property is determined to be obsolete, surplus, or unusable; and

WHEREAS, A. Auto Scrap Metal & Recycling has submitted the highest offer to purchase certain obsolete property as more fully set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach CSD hereby approves the sale of the following obsolete equipment to A. Auto Scrap Metal & Recycling at the following prices:

Bus # 270 2005 Thomas Bus CNG VIN# 1T7YR4F2051147478	\$1,850
Bus # 272 2005 Thomas Bus CNG VIN# 1T7YR4F2951147480	\$1,850
Bus # 281 2005 Thomas Bus CNG VIN# 1T7YR4F2551147489	\$1,850
Bus # 303 2009 Thomas Bus CNG VIN# 1T7YL4F2X91107108	\$1,850
Van #51 2008 GMC Savana Passenger Van VIN# 1GDJG31K581106317	\$1,000
Unit 6 2011 Ford Escape VIN# 1FMCU9DG7BKA75732 -	\$450
Total	\$8,850

8. APPROVAL OF NASSAU BOCES MEDICAL ASSISTING I & II PROGRAMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District hereby approves the agreement with Nassau BOCES for the operation of a Joseph M. Barry Career and Technical Education Center program ("Barry Tech"), Medical Assisting ("Program"), in its NIKE Center through the Department of Regional Schools and Instructional Programs, for the period September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, at the applicable rates and fees as set forth therein; and hereby authorizes the Superintendent to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

9. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN RIC ONE RISK OPERATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach School District through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Long Beach School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Long Beach School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

11. PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

A) VOLZ & VIGLIOTTA, PLLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Volz & Vigliotta for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025; \$3,583.33 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025; and \$1,600 for general counsel legal services for the period of March 10, 2025 through March 31, 2025.

12. 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 schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Dates Requested</u>
Long Island Swimming	Practice	Long Beach High School Pool	Monday – Thursday May 1, 2025-June 26, 2025 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday June 28, 2005 8:30 am – 11:00 am
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Troop Meeting	Lido Elementary Library	Wednesday June 25, 2025 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Camp Invention	Camp	Lido Elementary Classrooms and Cafeteria	Monday -Friday July 7, 2025 – July 18, 2025 8:45 am – 3:15 pm
Gummy LLC	Superlative Day Film Shoot	Lido Elementary Gym	Thursday and Friday July 10, 2025 & July 11, 2025 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Freeport Public Schools	Varsity football vs. Port Washington	Long Beach Middle School Boys locker room, Gym, Small cafeteria, Veterans Field, Veterans Field bleachers	Saturday September 20, 2025 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Freeport Public Schools	Varsity football vs. Herricks	Long Beach Middle School Boys locker room, Gym, Small cafeteria, Veterans Field, Veterans Field bleachers	Saturday October 11, 2025 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Leader Daughter	Long Beach High School Cafeteria	Thursday June 26, 2025 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Circulo de la Hispanidad	Awards Night	Long Beach High School Cafeteria, Auditorium and Classrooms 257, 259 and 268	Friday June 20, 2025 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

**Board of Ed – Additional
Comments, New/Old
Business**

- Ms. Conway thank Dr. Ryan, Dr. Gallagher and Dr. Brancaccio for their help and guidance on the Policies.
- Dr. Ryan asked about the Use of Schools section - Port Washington and Freeport using the Long Beach fields. Dr. Gallagher replied that both schools were doing construction on their own fields and Mr. Epstein felt it would not have any negative impact on Long Beach. Dr. Ryan asked if the other schools would be reimbursing for any clean up costs. Dr. Gallagher answered yes, its contractual in the district's use of school policy.
- Dr. Ryan stated that people who watch the BOE meetings from home and they can not hear people speaking. Mr. DeVito replied that everyone who speaks has to pay attention to being close to the mic when speaking. He also said the district technology department can investigate to see if there are any other solutions. Ms. Conway stated she brought up the topic in the beginning of the year because especially at the Middle School when people are up on the stage they can not be heard. She said Mr. DeVito was looking into different technology earlier in the year so people at home could hear the meetings. Mr. DeVito replied that people can hear him because he speaks very closely to the microphone.
- Ms. Conway said she attended some sports events at the High School and concerts at the Middle school. The Middle School concerts were amazing. She likes to see the camaraderie at the games and listen to the parents talk.
- Mr. Pinto echoed Ms. Conway's statement. He mentioned the district is coming into celebration season. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the events and celebrating the kids because they definitely deserve it.

IX. Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

- None

X. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association – none
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma thanked Mr. DeVito and his team for presenting the budget and going through the process. He also thanked Ms. Tursi for the presentation and working with all the science teachers and students.
3. LBSEA – none
4. Parent / Teacher Association - none

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment

Board President Pinto called for a motion to adjourn at: 8:05 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by:

Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
May 13, 2025