

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 28, 2025

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Central Administration Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Alexis Pace
Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Sam Pinto (arrived 7:40 pm)
Board Member Anne Conway

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. For Personnel & Administration

Board President Pace called for a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session
--

Motion by: Board Member Anne Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Board President Pace called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:55 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board Member Sam Pinto
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Approved: 5-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 28, 2025

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Middle School Cafeteria

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

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
Members of the Public

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

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Board of Education was called to order by Board President Pace at 9:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- None

III. Questions and Comments from the Public on Tonight's Agenda only

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

- A community member asked whether absentee ballots were sent to all individuals on the permanent absentee ballot list for the bond vote. The district confirmed that they were. The speaker expressed concerns about communication regarding the bond vote and delays in receiving absentee ballots, particularly for military voters.

IV. Presentations of the Superintendent: Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of a Walk on Resolution

Motion by: Board Member Anne Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Approved: 5-0

- **Walk on Resolution**

Presentations of the Superintendent Approval of: Walk on Resolution
--

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §913 of the Education Law, the employee named in executive session and referred to as Employee "A" may be directed by the Superintendent to appear for a psychiatric examination in the office of Dr. Randall Solomon, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Randall Solomon is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to §913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform his duties as an employee of the District.

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

Motion by: Board Member Anne Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora 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) Appointment: Probationary Physical Education/Health Teacher

Name:	Nicole Obzud
Assign./Loc:	Probationary Physical Education /Health Teacher/ Lindell School
Certification:	Physical Education, Initial Health, in process
Probationary Start Date:	November 17, 2025
Probationary End Date:	November 16, 2029
Tenure Date:	November 17, 2029
Tenure Area:	PE/Health
Salary Classification:	MA/Step 2 \$77,374 per annum, pro-rated
Reason:	To fill a vacancy

(b) Appointment: Regular Sub Full Time Teaching Assistant

Name:	Trevor Radin
Assign./Loc:	Special Education Full Time Teaching Assistant/Lido
Certification:	Teaching Assistant – Level I
Effective Date:	October 16, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Grade/Step:	Grade I /Step 2
Salary Classification:	\$28,003 prorated
Reason:	To fill a leave

(c) Appointment: Short Term Substitute Social Worker

Name: Julie Schatt
Assign./Loc: Short Term Substitute Social Worker/West
Certification: School Social Worker
Effective Dates: November 11, 2025 – January 9, 2026, on or about
Salary Classification: \$372.71 days 41+
Reason: To fill a leave

(d) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the 2025-2026 school year.

NAME	POSITION	CERTIFICATION
Anthony Arata	Per diem sub teacher	Social Studies, 7-12 – Pending SWD, 7-12 Generalist - Pending
Emily Coyle	Per diem sub teacher	Childhood Ed, Professional
Sara Heiss	Per diem sub teacher	Teaching Assistant, Pending
Sara Heiss	Per Diem sub teaching assistant	Teaching Assistant, Pending
Joseph Wiener	Per diem sub teacher	School District Administrator, Permanent Reading Teacher k-12, Permanent Biology-General Science 71-12 Permanent

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2026

Spring Sport	Position	Coach	Stipend
Badminton Girls	Varsity	Michelle LaBarbera	\$7,139
Badminton Girls	Junior Varsity	Ashley Gervasi	\$6,142
Baseball	Varsity Head	Jason Zizza	\$9,006
Baseball	Varsity Asst.	Eric Krywe	\$6,615
Baseball	Junior Varsity	Blake Malizia	\$7,746
Baseball	7th Grade	Philip Bruno	\$5,313
Baseball	8th Grade	John Dunne	\$5,313
Flag Football	Varsity Head	Ian Butler	\$9,598
Flag Football	Varsity Asst	Ray Adams	\$7,173
Flag Football	Junior Varsity	Lisa Leibowitz	\$8,254
Flag Football	JV Asst.	Brian Horne	\$6,190
Golf Boys	Varsity	Robert Maggio	\$6,834
Golf Girls	Varsity	John Anfossi	\$6,834
Gymnastics	7/8 Grade	Jessica Baker	\$5,262
Lacrosse Boys	Varsity Head	Jason Pearl	\$9,598
Lacrosse Boys	Varsity Asst. (2)	James Stankard & Aaron Kozlowski	\$7,173
Lacrosse Boys	Junior Varsity Head	Rocco Tenebruso	\$8,254
Lacrosse Boys	Junior Varsity Asst.	Scott Martin	\$6,190
Lacrosse Boys	7th Grade	Laurence Lopez	\$5,664
Lacrosse Boys	8th Grade	John Romano	\$5,664
Lacrosse Girls	Varsity Head	Nicole Obzud	\$9,598

Lacrosse Girls	Varsity Asst.	Ryan Smith	\$7,173
Lacrosse Girls	Junior Varsity Head	Meghan Gallagher	\$8,254
Lacrosse Girls	Junior Varsity Asst.	Aileen Carey	\$6,190
Lacrosse Girls	7th Grade	Hayley Kosiner	\$5,664
Lacrosse Girls	8th Grade	Katherine Dascher	\$5,664
Softball	Varsity Head	Carmine Verde	\$8,992
Softball	Varsity Asst.	Thomas Gaynor	\$6,646
Softball	Junior Varsity	Jessica Kwasnik	\$7,732
Softball	8th Grade	Leo Palacio	\$5,307
Track Boys	Varsity Head	Greg Milone	\$9,062
Track Boys	Varsity Asst.	Anthony Dalli	\$6,388
Track Boys/Girls	Varsity Asst.	Michael Dotzler	\$6,388
Track Girls	Varsity Head	Megan Grahfs	\$9,062
Track Girls	Varsity Asst.	Daniel Vaeth	\$6,388

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(f) Continued: Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2026

Tennis Boys	Varsity Head	Thomas Talenti	\$7,140
Tennis Boys	7/8 Grade	Daniel Bailey	\$4,228
Track Boys/Girls	7/8 Grade (2)	Miguel Rodriguez & Anthony LaPenna	\$5,358
Strength & Conditioning		Lori DeVivio	\$3,715
Athletic Trainer		Davis Tobia	\$9,207
Baseball Volunteer		Justin Rodriguez & Brian Morgan	Volunteer

(g) Amended Appointment: Interscholastic Coaches for the Winter 2025/2026

Winter Sport	Position	Coach	Stipend
Hockey	JV Asst	Marc Falciano	\$4,258
Hockey	Volunteer	Nick Falciano Rescind as co-JV Asst	Volunteer

(h) Appointment Part Time Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2025-2026 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	A.M./P.M
Donna Hegmann	1	\$19.47	Lindell	Special Education	P.M.

- (i)** RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to appoint individuals to staff vacancies that the Superintendent determines must be filled prior to the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on

November 18, 2025, which appointments shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Education on November 18, 2025

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

Motion by: Board Member Anne Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Approved: 5-0

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

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leaves of Absence

Name: Alicia Ciullo
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide /East
Effective Date: November 12, 2025-December 10, 2025 on or about
Reason: Medical

(b) Resignation

Name: Trevor Radin
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/Lido
Effective Date: October 15, 2025, close of day
Comment: To take another position in the district

(c) Appointment: Bus Driver (40 hours per week)

Name: Maria Guardado
Assign./Loc.: School Bus Driver/Transportation Department
Effective Date: October 20, 2025
Salary Classification: \$53,866 per annum
Grade/Step: Grade IIA/Step 13
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Change in work hours

(d) Appointment: Part Time Bus Aides (18.75 hours per week)

Name: Jean Edouard
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: October 29, 2025, on or about
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Name: Cesar Tafar
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: October 29, 2025, on or about
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Name: Judith Ordonez Tatar
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: October 29, 2025, on or about
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

Appointment: Part Time Bus Aides (18.75 hours per week) cont'd

Name: Nuri Ayestas
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: October 29, 2025, on or about
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(e) Appointment: Part Time Teacher Aide 3.5 hours per week for School Year 2025-2026

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	A.M./P.M.
Claire Eaton	1	\$18.20	Lido	1:1	P.M.

(f) Appointment: Alumni Coordinator for the Long Beach School District for the 2025/2026 school year, with a stipend of \$5,000.

Jaime McQuillan

(g) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LBSEA

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 School Employees' Association dated October 17, 2025.

IV.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the Acceptance of Vote for 2025 Capital Projects Bond

Motion by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Anne Conway
Approved: 5-0

Presentations of the Superintendent
Acceptance of Vote for 2025 Bond
Approval

ACCEPTANCE OF VOTE FOR 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby accepts the results of the ballot of the Special District Election bond vote held in the Long Beach City School District on October 28, 2025.

Bond Vote Acceptance: The Board accepted the results of October 28, 2025, Capital Project Bond vote (Yes: 727, No: 131).

IV.4-13 Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined voter items 4 through 13.

Motion by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Sam Pinto
Approved: 5-0

4. THIRD READING OF POLICY # 3180 TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

No Action Necessary

5. THIRD READING OF POLICY # 3180 TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

No Action Necessary

**APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

6. APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANT

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education wishes to approve the contract with School Construction Consultants for the 2025-26 school year.

7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – ZYCRO INDUSTRIES

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT ZYCRO
INDUSTRIES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves the addendum to the contract with Zycron Industries, dated April 11, 2025, effective October 14, 2025, to and including June 30, 2026, to provide Medicaid management, STAC services, parental consent management, staff training, comprehensive data entries, and in-depth desk review.

**8. APPROVAL OF PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT – NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HI TECH AIR
CONDITIONING SERVICE, INC.**

**APPROVAL OF PIGGYBACK AGREEMENT NASSAU
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District ("District") is authorized to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(16); and

WHEREAS, the Nassau Community College, by Board of Education resolution adopted on July 12, 2021, awarded to Hi Tech Air Conditioning a Contract for HVAC System Parts & Repairs, which has been extended by its terms to other governmental entities and political subdivisions in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103(16), the term of which runs through July 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to piggyback off the Nassau Community College's contract with Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service, Inc. for HVAC Maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the use of the Contract for HVAC Maintenance & Repairs between Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service, Inc. and Nassau County Community College for the amounts set forth in the Bid Response Sheet For HVAC maintenance and repairs

9. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2025, an H&V unit malfunction associated with the District's Middle School heating system was discovered, which requires shaft replacement as emergency repair and the shutting down of portions of the system; and

WHEREAS, the District needed, on an emergency basis, to have HVAC services to remedy the above referenced condition and Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service was engaged to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103(4), the ability to obtain services as referred to above in a timely manner was essential to protect the life, health and safety of District students, staff and others present in the affected District buildings and constitutes such immediate action which could not await competitive bidding or competitive offering; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby declares the timely and immediate procurement of HVAC services at the Long Beach Middle School as referred to above to be essential to protect the life, health and safety of District students, staff and residents and to constitute action which could not await competitive bidding or competitive offering, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4); and hereby authorizes the engagement of Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service as referred to above for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00 without competitive bidding or competitive offering.

10. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER - LIDO COMPLEX MECHANICAL RECONSTRUCTION

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER - LIDO COMPLEX
MECHANICAL RECONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2025, Long Beach City School District awarded a contract to Thermo Tech Combustion in the amount of \$1,210,780.70 (SED Project No. 28-03-00-01-0-001-045) (hereinafter, the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the School District's Architect, John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., recommends modification to the Contract, increasing \$38,400 to the cost of the Contract, as indicated in Change Order No. 1 to demo piping to all existing units, supply and install all pipes, valves and fittings to reconnect existing equipment and reinsulate all new piping as requested.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order increase \$38,400.00 to the cost of the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute Change Order No. 1 Mechanical Reconstruction on behalf of the Board of Education.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**ACCEPTANCE OF CORRECTIVE ACTION
PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District, based on the recommendation of the District's Audit Committee, approves the Corrective Action Plan and authorizes and directs the Administration to implement the Corrective Action Plan.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to file a certified copy of this resolution and the District's Corrective Action Plan with the Commissioner of Education and the Office of the State Comptroller.

12. PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

APPROVAL OF LEGAL BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes expenditures in the amount of \$3,244.60 to Volz & Vigliotta for general counsel fees for the period of September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

13. APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOL APPLICATION

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

Long Beach Wrestling Club	Wrestling Tournament	Long Beach High School Gymnasium	Sunday December 7, 2025 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Long Beach Girl Scouts	Girl Scout Galore	Long Beach High School Cafeteria	Friday April 17, 2026 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Inferno Dance	Long Island Regional	Long Beach High School Auditorium and Cafeteria	Friday May 15, 2026, 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

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

- None

**Board of Ed – Additional
Comments**

VI. Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

- A speaker raised concerns about the district's compliance with a recent federal executive order regarding school discipline and restorative justice. The Superintendent responded that district policies do not explicitly reference restorative justice and follow age-appropriate progressive discipline.

X. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom congratulated the district.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – None
3. LBSEA– none
4. Parent/Teacher Association – none

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment

Board President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 9:44 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by:

Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
October 28, 2025