

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2026

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 5:09 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
Mr. Tom Volz, Attorney

Board President Pace called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:05 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

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| Motion to Go Into Executive Session |
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Motion by: Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Seconded by: Board Member Anne Conway
Approved: 5-0

Board President Pace called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:00 PM.

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

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2026

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lindell Elementary School Auditorium

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
Mr. Tom Volz, Esq. Volz and Vigliotta
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 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board President Pace welcomed attendees. The meeting was then turned over to the Superintendent.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

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| Superintendent's Report |
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- **Student Showcase: High School Music**

Students from the High School Strings performed several songs for the Board of Ed and those in attendance.

- **Budget Proposal: Transportation and Technology**

Mr. DeVito presented a summary of the preliminary budget, including compensation, equipment, vendor services, materials debt service, employee benefits and fund transfers. Existing staff salaries are expected to increase by 2%.

Due to a bus driver shortage, routes have been consolidated, leading to a 2% cost savings in district transportation and a 30% reduction in contract transportation. The budget plans for 43 bus driver slots (38 routes and 5 spares).

A significant shift of \$440,000 from transportation savings is proposed to upgrade the high school TV and media studio, which was originally created 15 years ago. The budget also includes funding for new and replacement instructional software, new Chromebooks for 6th and 9th grades, desktop computer upgrades, and smartboard upgrades.

There is a projected 5% increase in technology costs due to tariffs, high demand for electronic parts and the evolving AI technology driving prices up. There's also concern about supply chain delays, with Chromebook prices projected to increase by 6-8% and PC prices by 10% soon. The district plans to order equipment early and may consider budget transfers to secure Chromebooks from the current year's funding to hedge against delays.

The budget calendar was reviewed, noting that the budget adoption is scheduled for April 14th and the budget vote and trustee election for May 19th.

III. Board President Pace called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

Board members praised the High School String students for their performance and thanked them for coming.

Board members thanked Mr. DeVito for his presentation.

The Board asked about the disposal of dead chrome books. Mr. Harvey explained that retired Chromebooks and other electronics are disposed of through an e-waste process, which involves data cleaning and regulated disposal by specialized companies. The Board also asked about the price and lifespan of a Chromebook. Mr. Harvey said they are over \$500 now and have a projected lifespan of 3-5 years within the school system.

IV. Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

- The Student Representative provided updates on upcoming events, including Class Olympics (with a plan to livestream the event), the second annual blood drive on February 6th (students only), and discussions for PS I Love You Day on February 10th.

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

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

- None

VI. Treasurers Report for November 2025

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report for November 2025

- No action necessary

VII. Approval of Minutes for Executive Session and Regular Meetings of December 9, 2025.

Board President Pace called for a motion.

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

Approval of Exec Session and Meeting
Minutes for December 9, 2025.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Board President Pace called for a motion.

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

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) Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement

Name: Gregory Cody
Assign./Loc: Social Studies Teacher /LBMS
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: David Lobenstein
Assign./Loc: Music Teacher /LBMS
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Grace Parisi
Assign./Loc: Elementary 6th/LBMS
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Patricia Barrett
Assign./Loc: Library Media Specialist/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Lynn Volosevich
Assign./Loc: PE Heath Teacher/LBHS
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

(b) **Resignation**

Name: Maximillian Grant
Assign./Loc. Part Time Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: December 12, 2025

(c) **Leave of Absence**

Name: Kara Yates
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/Lido
Effective Dates: January 30, 2026- May 12, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Kerri Sinatra
Assign./Loc. Special Education Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: February 23, 2026 – March 20, 2026
Reason: FMLA/Family Illness

Name: Seraphina D'Anna
Assign./Loc. School Psychologist/LBMS
Effective Dates: February 23, 2026 – April 30, 2026
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) **Amended Leave of Absence**

Name: Lauren Muscarella
Assign./Loc. Elementary Teacher/Lindell School
Effective Dates: May 24, 2025 – June 30, 2026, on or about
Original Effective Dates: May 24, 2025 – January 5, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

Name: Meredith Grant
Assign./Loc. Teaching Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: November 13, 2025 – June 30, 2026, on or about
Original Effective Dates: November 13, 2025 – February 2, 2026, on or about
Reason: Family Illness

(e) **Rescissions**

Interscholastic Coaches for the Spring 2025/2026

| Sport | Position | Coach | Stipend |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Gymnastics | 7/8 Coach | Jessica Baker | \$5,262 |
| Boys Track | Varsity Asst | Anthony Dalli | \$6,388 <i>Appoint Jaden Garelle</i> |

Elementary Clubs for January 13, 2026 – March 26, 2026
Rate of pay \$61.93 per hour-per class-10 weeks

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| Ray, Rachel/Loughrey, Cassin | Fitness Club | Tuesday | Lindell |
| Dempsey, Danielle | Lido 5th Grade Committee | Thursday | Lido |

Advisors for LBHS Co-Curricular Activities, 2025/2026 School Year

| HS Club Activity | Advisor | 2025-26 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| American Sign Language Club | Leigh Yazak | \$1,703 (Rescind semester 2 1/26/26 \$851.50) |
| Environmental Club (HOPE) | Leigh Yazak | \$1,703 (Rescind semester 2 1/26/26 \$851.50) Appoint Andrew Rossi \$851.50 |

- (f) **Amended Appointment: Mentors 2025/2026 School Year Stipend: \$1200 each**

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| Amanda Bernstein | 30% of Stipend |
| Danielle Goggin | 70% of Stipend |

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (g) **Appointment: Per Diem Substitute Teacher is recommended for approval for the 2025/2026 school year at the rate of \$150 per day**

| NAME | CERTIFICATION |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Maximillian Grant | Childhood Education 1-6, Pending |

- (h) **Appointment: Per Diem Teacher Assistant for the 2025/2026 School Year at the rate of \$17.00 per hour.**

| Name |
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| Maximillian Grant |
| Aileen Monahan |

- (i) **The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2025/2026 school year at the higher rate of pay, \$250.76 per day**

| NAME | CERTIFICATION |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jessica Schweers | Teaching Assistant, Level 1 |
| Brigid Whelan | Childhood Education (Gr 1-6), Initial |

- (j) **Appointment: Regular Substitute Teacher**

Name: Mary Radin
Assign./Loc.: Regular Substitute Teacher/Lindell
Certification: Initial Birth – Grade 2
Childhood Education (Gr 1-6), Initial
Early Childhood Education (B-2), Initial
Students w Disabilities (All Grades),Initial
Effective Dates: September 1, 2025 – June 26, 2026
Grade/Step: MA/Step 1
Salary Classification: \$74,542 per annum (pro-rated)
Reason: To fill a leave – previously served as a Permanent Substitute

(k) Appointment: Probationary Full Time Teaching Assistant

Name: Fallon Haggerty
Assign./Loc: Probationary Full Time Teaching Assistant/LBMS
Certification: Teaching Assistant-Level I
Probation Start: January 14, 2026
Probation End: January 13, 2030
Tenure Date: January 14, 2030
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 2
Salary Classification: \$28,003 per annum (pro-rated)
Reason: To fill a vacancy
Comment: Takes a leave from Part Time Teacher Aide position

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (l) **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.**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Allocation</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Megan Cullinan | \$1,195.00 |
| Anthony Cabasino | \$ 678.00 |
| Richard Pellegrini | \$ 580.00 |
| Melanie Dibernardo | \$1,750.00 |
| William Papetti | \$1,750.00 |

- (m) **Approval of Applications for Participation in Group B 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.**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Allocation</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Rachel Lonergan | \$662.00 |
| Shelly Cepeda | \$390.00 |

- (n) **Appointment: 2025-2026 Curriculum Writer-Rate of Pay \$44.25 per hour**

| Course/Goal | # hrs total | Teachers |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Regents Biology | 20 | Karen Bloom |
| Regents Biology | 20 | Robyn Tornabene |
| Regents Earth and Space | 20 | Cherie Mannarino |
| Regents Earth and Space | 20 | Maggie Todaro |
| Grade 6 Science | 10 | Elizabeth Chimienti |

- (o) **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an extension of the probationary period for Monica Martin to October 16, 2027.
- (p) **Be it resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an amendment to the contract for Michael DeVito Esq. as Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, dated January 13, 2026.

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

Motion by: Board Member Dennis Ryan Ph.D.
Seconded by: Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Approved: 5-0

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| Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated |
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I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the purpose of Retirement

Name: Lucille Crespo
Assign./Loc: Bus Aide 30 hrs./Transportation
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Edwin Algarin
Assign./Loc: Bus Driver 40 hrs./Transportation
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Anthony Pugh
Assign./Loc: Driver/Transportation
Effective Date: June 30, 2026, close of day

Name: Donald Kramer
Assign./Loc: Director-Facilities and Transportation/Buildings & Grounds
Effective Date: June 26, 2026

(b) Resignation

Name: Angelica Mora Lopez
Assign./Loc: Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: December 4, 2025

(c) Leave of Absence

Name: Tyesha Carr
Assign./Loc: Food Service Worker/LBMS
Effective Dates: September 15, 2025 – June 30, 2026, on or about
Reason: Medical Leave

Name: Stephen Salerno
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/LBMS
Effective Dates: January 6, 2026- – June 30, 2026, on or about
Reason: Personal

Name: Kenrick McPhoy
Assign./Loc: Safety Inspector/Transportation
Effective Dates: January 12, 2026- – April 10, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Family Illness

II. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(d) Rescissions:

Transportation Bus Aides extra work as Food Service (up to 20 hours per week)

| Name |
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| Angelica Mora Lopez |

Part Time Bus Aides (18.75 hours per week)

Name: Martha Londono
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Bus Aide/Transportation
Effective Date: December 10, 2025, on or about
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour Grade I/Step 1
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(e) Appointment: Per Diem Teacher Aide for School Year 2025-2026 Rate of Pay: \$17.00 per hour

| Name | Location | Position |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| Kaitlin Buonocore | Lido | Teacher Aide |

(f) Appointment: Part Time Building Aide 19 hours per week for School Year 2025/2026 (or earlier at the district's discretion)

| Name | Step | Rate | Location |
|-----------------|------|---------|----------|
| Stephen Buckley | 1 | \$18.20 | LBHS |

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

Patrick Ryan - Cleaner
Nathan Sukonik - Cleaner

(h) Appointment: The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2025/2026 school year. \$25.67 per hour

Name

Position

Grace Buonocore-Mitchell Clerical

I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(i) Appointment: Probationary Full Time Night Cleaners

Name: James Cooper
Assign./Loc. Probationary Night Cleaner/LBHS
Effective Date: January 14, 2026
Probationary End Date: January 13, 2030
Salary Classification: \$42,519 per annum – (pro-rated)
Step: Grade I/Step 3
Reason: To meet a district need

Name: Brian Von Braunsberg
Assign./Loc. Probationary Night Cleaner/LBMS
Effective Date: January 14, 2026
Probationary End Date: January 13, 2030
Salary Classification: \$42,519 per annum – (pro-rated)
Step: Grade I/Step 3
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(j) 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: Giancarlo Tutino
Assign./Loc.: Cleaner/LBMS
Effective Date: February 8, 2026

Name: Colleen Butler
Assign./Loc.: Senior Data Specialist/LBHS
Effective Date: February 11, 2026

(k) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LONG BEACH SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' 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 School Employees' Association, dated December 23, 2025.

3. First Reading of Policy # 5681 School Safety Plans

No Action Necessary

First Reading of Policy #5681 School Safety

4. Third Reading of Revised Policy # 7550 Dignity for All Students Act

No Action Necessary

Third Reading of Revised Policy
#7550 Dignity for All Students Act

5. Third Reading of Revised Code of Conduct

No Action Necessary

Third Reading of Revised Code of
Conduct

Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of District-Wide School Safety Plan 2025-2026

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

Adoption of District-Wide School Safety
Plan 2025-2026

6. ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAEFTY PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the updated District-wide Safety Plan 2025-2026.

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote items 7 through 12

Motion by: Board Member Sam Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Dennis Ryan Ph.D.
Approved: 5-0

7. APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COOPERATION RESOLUTION

Approval of Municipal
Cooperation Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Long Beach School District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS the Long Beach School District wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows: that Michael I. DeVito, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Operations of Long Beach School District is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – ZYCON INDUSTRIES

Approval of Agreement – Zycron Industries

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to enter into an agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 with Zycron Industries to provide Medicaid management services at a rate equal to 16% MMIS/DOH share, STAC services at a rate of \$12,900 per quarter, 1:1 staff training at a rate of \$3,750 per quarter, and annual Medicaid cost reporting at \$2,950.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of \$1,000 to the Long Beach Varsity Cheer Team from Sportset Cheer RVC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of \$5,000 to the Long Beach High School Robotics Club from Mr. Nat Alcamo.

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

Acceptance of Recommendations from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education and Committee on Special Education

11. PAYMENT OF LEGAL BILLS: LEGAL SERVICES

Payment of Legal Bills

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 \$5,083.33 to Volz & Vigliotta for the monthly retainer for general counsel legal services for the period of February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026; \$3,666.67 for the monthly retainer for labor counsel legal services for the period February 1, 2026, through February 28,

2026 and \$7,688.00 for the General Counsel Services and Expenses for the period of November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

10. 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 and/or rescheduled based on building schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

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| Long Island Swimming LTD | LIAC Practice | Long Beach High School Pool | Monday – Friday Feb. 2, 2026 - Feb. 13, 2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Long Beach Lacrosse Club | Indoor Sessions | Long Beach Middle School Gym | Tuesday and Thursday Jan. 6, 2026 – Feb. 26, 2026 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm |
| Long Beach Football Club, Inc. | Soccer Training | Long Beach Middle School Gym | Wednesdays Jan. 14, 2026 – March 4, 2026 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm |
| Lindell Elementary PTA | Adult Wellness Night | Lindell Gym | Friday February 13, 2026 3:30 pm – 8:30 pm |

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

Board of Ed – Additional Comments

- The Board thanked the Director of Transportation and the Director of Technology for coming to the meeting.
- The Board thanked Sportset Cheer and Mr. Nat Alcamo for the donations.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions & Comments from the Public

- None

Announcements

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1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Happy New Year
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Happy New Year
3. LBSEA– none
4. Parent/Teacher Association – Happy New Year

XI. Adjournment

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| Adjournment |
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Board President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

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

Minutes submitted by: _____

Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
January 13, 2026