MINUTES

Date of Meeting: **February 10, 2026**

Type of Meeting: **Executive Session**

Place of Meeting: **Long Beach Central Administration Conference Room**

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

Absent: **Board President Alexis Pace**
Board Member Anne Conway

Others Present: **Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools**
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Mr. Mike Vigliotta, Attorney

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

Motion to Go Into Executive Session

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:34 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

Motion by: **Board Vice President Nora Bellsey**
Seconded by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Approved: **3-0**

Adjournment

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:25 PM.

Motion by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Seconded by: **Board Vice President Nora Bellsey**
Approved: **3-0**

MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	**February 10, 2026**
Type of Meeting:	**Regular Meeting**
Place of Meeting:	**Lido Elementary Multipurpose Room**
Members Present:	**Board Vice President Nora Bellsey** **Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.** **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Absent:	**Board President Alexis Pace** **Board Member Anne Conway**
Others Present:	**Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools** **Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations** **Mr. Michael Vigliotta, Attorney** **Members of the Public**
Absent:	**Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration**

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 Vice President Bellsey at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Vice President Bellsey welcomed attendees and those attending remotely. Community members wishing to speak were reminded to complete a speaker card. The meeting was then turned over to the Superintendent.

Superintendent's Report

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

- **Student Showcase: Elementary Enrichment**

The Board viewed a video showcase highlighting the district's elementary programs. The presentation featured student participation and engagement in enrichment opportunities that were initially expanded following COVID relief funding and have continued in a modified format.

- **Budget Proposal: Curriculum and in Service**

The administration continued its budget development presentation for the 2026–2027 school year, focusing on:

Curriculum Development: Proposed increase of approximately 5% (approximately $100,000). The Primary driver: relocation of curriculum writing stipends from Teaching (A2110) to Curriculum Development (A2010). Additional increases include BOCES cooperative services (COSERs), Professional development in reading and math and Contractual salary increases for curriculum administrators and clerical support. Other line items remain relatively stable with minor adjustments.

Professional Development / In-Service Training: Proposed decrease of approximately 5% (from approximately $300,000 to $277,000). Decrease attributed primarily to the District not participating in the Tri-States consortium next year. Budget includes Staff stipends for in-service instruction, Contractual allotments for coursework and BOCES workshops and Frontline professional development tracking software.

Technology Budget Update: Software line items are being consolidated under Function 2630 (Computer Assisted Instruction). A proposed budget transfer was presented to address supply chain delays and anticipated cost increases for technology purchases.

New Courses in the High School including AP Cybersecurity, Barbering program through BOCES, Social Studies Psychology course and an Economics course (second year of implementation).

Budget Timeline is Budget Adoption: April 14, 2026, Budget Hearing: Week prior to vote, Budget Vote: May 2026.

III. Board Vice President Bellsey called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

Board members Board members asked questions regarding technology reallocation and new course offerings.

IV. Student Organization Announcements

Student Organization Announcements

Student representative reported:

- 67 pints collected at the recent blood drive, potentially saving over 180 lives.
- An upcoming blood drive in early May.
- Class Olympics planning underway.
- Spirit Week activities.
- PS I Love You Day participation, during which students placed positive affirmation notes on desks throughout the building.

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

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

- None

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for December 2025

VI. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report December 2025

- No Action Necessary

Approval of Exec Session January 20, 2026, and Exec Session and Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2026.

VII. Approval of Minutes for Executive Session of January 20, 2026 and Executive Session and Regular Meetings of January 27, 2026.

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion.

Motion by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Seconded by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Approved: **3-0**

Approval of Walk on Resolution

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

WALK ON RESOLUTION

The Board adopted a resolution supporting the advocacy efforts of the New York State School Boards Association opposing charter school expansion without local voter approval.

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion.

Motion by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Seconded by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Approved: **3-0**

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

Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion.

Motion by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Seconded by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Approved: **3-0**

RESOLUTIONS

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leaves of Absence:

Name: Jeanne Larson
Assign./Loc. Teacher Assistant/West
Effective Dates: February 6, 2026- March 16, 2026, on or about
Reason: Medical

Name: Jennifer Papetti
Assign./Loc. Math Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: April 9, 2026- June 4, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Maternity

(b) Recission: Interscholastic Coaches for the Winter/Spring 2026

Golf -Girls	Varsity	John Anfossi	$6,834
Wrestling - Boys	7/8 Grade	John Anfossi	$6,314 ***Appoint: Miguel Rodriquez***

(c) Appointment: Regular Substitute Full-time Special Education Teacher

Name: Bill Dubin
Assign./Loc.: Regular Substitute Special Education Teacher/LBHS
Certification: Special Education, Permanent
Mathematics, SOCE
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Dates: February 11, 2026 – June 30, 2026, on or about
Grade/Step: MA/Step 2
Salary Classification: $77,374 per annum (pro-rated)
Reason: To fill a leave

(d) Appointment: Regular Substitute Full-time Teacher Assistant

Name: Brittany Goll
Assign./Loc.: Regular Substitute FT Teacher Assistant/Lido
Certification: Initial Birth – Grade 2
Teaching Assistant Level 1, Initial
Effective Dates: January 7, 2026 – June 30, 2026, on or about
Grade/Step: Grade IV/Step 1
Salary Classification: $26,501 per annum (pro-rated)
Reason: To fill a leave

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Part Time Speech and Language Therapist (.6)

Name:	Deirdre McCloskey Haunss
Assign./Loc:	Part Time Speech and Language Therapist (.6)/Lido & Pre-K
Certification:	Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Permanent
Salary Classification:	.6 of MA +10/Step 2 ($78,822 per annum), pro-rated
Effective Dates:	February 27, 2026-June 26, 2026, on or about
Reason:	To meet a district need

(f) 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	Start Date
Ruiz-Fernandez, Ana Takes a leave from current position	3	$21.16	East	CSE	2/9/2026

(g) Recommendation for Appointment on Tenure: the staff member listed below is eligible for appointment on tenure in the area and on the date indicated. He has been found to be competent, efficient, and satisfactory in his total professional performance.

Name	Tenure Area	Date
Jake Baron	Coordinator of Special Education	4/25/2026

(h) Appointment: Coaches for Special Olympics/Challenger – 2025/2026 school year, rate of $61.93 per hour, max 70 hours each.

Jill Capozzi
Dayna Griffin
Andrea Hinke
Erin Veltre
Jordan Barto

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

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

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Sam Pinto
Seconded by: Board Member Dennis Ryan
Approved: 3-0

I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Leaves of Absence

Name: Ellen Moran Stewart
Assign./Loc. Purchasing Agent/Clerical
Effective Dates: January 19, 2026- February 9, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Sick

(b) Amended Leave of Absence

Name: Robert Post
Assign./Loc. 40 Hour Bus Driver/Transportation
Effective Dates: January 29, 2026 – April 9, 2026, on or about
Original Effective Dates: December 15, 2025 – March 3, 2026, on or about
Reason: FMLA/Medical

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

Name	Effective Date
Goldshmidt, Abigail	1/23/2026
Potash, Hailey	1/29/2026
Merritt, Shadajha	1/23/2026
Ruiz-Fernandez, Ana	2/6/2026
Ciullo, Alicia	2/4/2026

(d) Appointment: Part Time Teacher Aide 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2025/2026 (or earlier at the district's discretion)

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Comment	Effective Date
Djira Ridenhour	3	$19.92	Lido	***Resigns as a Lunch Aide/ Appoint as an A.M Group Aide 8:1:2***	2/11/2026
Grady De Bruin	1	$18.20	West		

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

Nathan Sukonik – Cleaner

(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	Effective Date
Slade Kenney	1	$18.20	LBHS	2/11/2026

3. Third Reading of Policy # 5681 School Safety Plans

Third Reading of Policy #5681 School Safety Plans

No Action Necessary

Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined vote items 4 through 11

Board Vice President Bellsey called for a motion.

Motion by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Seconded by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Approved: **3-0**

Approval of Extension to Bid #1932-2024 General Pump and Motor Repairs

4. EXTENSION TO BID #1932-2024 GENERAL PUMP & MOTOR REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Long Beach City School District awarded the General Pump & Motor Repairs bid to IVS Inc., 244 North Main Street, Freeport, NY 11520 on May 24, 2024, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 103 of Article 5A for a period of one year, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**,**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District approved an extension for IVS Inc. on March 11th, 2025, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, IVS Inc. agrees to extend the award for another year under the same terms and conditions as the signed award (May 24, 2025).

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Long Beach City School District recommends another extension for IVS Inc. on February 10th, 2026, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Long Beach City School District hereby approves the extension of Bid #1932-2024 for IVS Inc. from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER - LIDO COMPLEX GENERAL CONSTRUC

Approval of Change Order

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, Long Beach City School District awarded a contract to Renu Contracting and Restoration in the amount of $687,000.00 (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 $27,123 to the cost of the Contract, as indicated in Change Order No. GC-1 to as requested.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order GC-1 increase $27,123.00 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. GC-1 General Construction on behalf of the Board of Education.

6. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE

Approval of Emergency Expenditure

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2026, malfunctions associated with the District's High School heating system were discovered, which required emergency repairs in order to provide heat to the building; and

WHEREAS, the District needed, on an emergency basis, to remedy the above-mentioned condition and Thermotech Combustion 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 High 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 Thermotech Combustion Service as referred to above for a sum not to exceed $40,000.00 without competitive bidding or competitive offering.

Approval of Contract

7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – A.W. GRIFFITH TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING LLC.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves the Proposal and Agreement for 19-A work with A.W. Griffith Transportation Consulting LLC effective February 1, 2026, to
June 30, 3036.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

Approval of Budget Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves budget transfers totaling $160,000 to purchase Chromebooks for 4th, 6th and 9th grade classes; $140,000 to replace cooling coils at the Lido Complex and $53,000 to replace boiler gas valves at the High School. The transfers are for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

TO BUDGET CODE AMOUNT	
A1620-431-00-0000 Operations: Repair and Maintenance	193,000
A2630-490-00-0000 Computer Aided Instruction: BOCES Services	160,000
TOTAL	353,000

Funds for these transfers will come from the following code:

FROM BUDGET CODE AMOUNT	
A2250-491-00-0000 Special Education: BOCES Tuition	353,000
TOTAL	353,000

9. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Acceptance of Donations

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 High School Robotics Club from Rainbow Research Corp., $300 to the Long Beach High School Robotics Club from the Long Beach Ancient Order of Hibernians, $200 from YN Chen Piano Tuner, and $150 from Young Life.

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

Acceptance of Recommendations from CPSE and CSE

11. 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

Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Outdoor Grass Practices	Lindell Elementary Lacrosse & Soccer Field	Monday – Friday March 2, 2026 – July 3, 2026 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Saturday, Sunday March 7, 2026 – July 4, 2026 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Long Beach Recreation	Long Beach Recreation Basketball	East Elementary Gymnasium	Tuesdays, Thursdays March 3, 2026, March 31, 2026 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Flight Cheer / Bulldogs Cheer	Competition Cheer	Long Beach High School Cafeteria	Tuesdays, Thursdays March 3, 2026 – June 4, 2026 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Long Beach Theater Guil	Auditions Spring Play	Lindell Elementary Auditorium	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday March 16, 2026 – March 18, 2026 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm
Island Beach Girl Scouts	Renewal Night	East Elementary Cafeteria	Monday April 13, 2026 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Long Beach Theater Guild	Spring Play Rehearsal	Lindell Elementary First Floor Faculty Room #142	Monday – Thursday May 4, 2026 – May 7, 2026 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm
Hagen School of Irish Dance	Rehearsals and Recital	Lindell Elementary Auditorium, Lobby, Faculty Room, Cafeterias A & B	Wednesday – Friday June 3, 2026 – June 5, 2026 4:15 pm – 9:30 pm Saturday June 6, 2026 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Long Beach Head Start	Graduation Ceremony	Long Beach High School Auditorium	Wednesday July 8, 2026 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Beach Baseball Camp	Camp	Long Beach High School Lower Commons, Alumni Field, Bleachers, Baseball Fields, Softball Field, Gym	Monday – Friday June 29, 2026 – July 10, 2026 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Turf Summer League	Long Beach Middle School Veterans Field	Thursdays July 9, 2026 – July 30, 2026 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Writing with Dana	Reading and Writing Reboot	Lido Elementary Library	Monday – Friday August 10, 2026 – August 14, 2026 8:15 am – 3:00 pm
Beach Soccer Camp	Camp	Long Beach High School Baseball Field, Boys Locker Room, Girls Locker Room, Cafeteria, Classrooms, Upper and Lower Commons	Monday – Thursday August 10, 2026 – August 13, 2026 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Long Beach Football Club	Soccer Training	Long Beach Middle School Gym	Mondays January 26, 2026 – March 9, 2026 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Indoor Sessions	Long Beach Middle School Gym	Tuesdays March 3, 2026, March 10, 2026 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Long Beach Lacrosse Club	Outdoor Turf & Grass Games & Practice	Long Beach Middle School Veterans Field, Soccer/Lacrosse Field	Sundays March 8, 2026 – June 28, 2026 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Monday – Friday May 18, 2026 – July 3, 2026 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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IX. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any

Board of Education Additional Old and New Business

- Board members emphasized the importance of fiscal accountability and local oversight of public funds.
- Board members expressed appreciation for donations from Rainbow Research, AOH, Chen Piano Tuning, Young Life.
- Board members discussed State minimum temperature regulations for school operations and attendance levels during recent extreme cold weather.
- The Board congratulated the Middle School production cast and crew of Once Upon a Matress.
- The Board members recognized two high school students accepted into the juried student exhibit at the Heckscher Museum of Art: Layla Pinto and Kayla Richardson.

X. Questions and Comments from the Public

Questions and Comments from the Public

- A community member addressed the Board regarding concerns about communication practices related to a recent matter. The Board acknowledged the comments but noted limitations on discussing personnel matters in public session.

XI. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association –Thanked the Board of Ed for adopting the charter school advocacy resolution.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Offered Congratulations for the newly tenured staff member.
3. LBSEA– None
4. Parent/Teacher Association – None

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment

Board Vice President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 6:32 PM.

Motion by: **Board Member Sam Pinto**
Seconded by: **Board Member Dennis Ryan**
Approved: **3-0**

Minutes submitted by: _____
Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
February 10, 2026