



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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## Executive Board Minutes

May 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by Keith Harvey.

### I. President's Report—Keith Harvey

#### A. Executive Board Meeting Dates

5/22/23, 6/13/23

#### B. Long Beach Board of Education

The Long Beach Board of Education voted on April 18th, to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 School Budget. I believe the budget is fiscally responsible for the Long Beach Community while maintaining and enhancing many of our programs for the students.

The Board will put the budget up for a vote to the community on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The community will have the opportunity to vote on the Budget and two School Board Trustee positions.

#### C. NYSTRS Delegate

The following member has volunteered to be NYSTRS Delegate; Lisa Rundo. This position is unopposed. With the approval of the Executive Board, and under the Landrum-Griffin statute, I will cast one vote to appoint her as our Delegate. We have one more position still available as an alternate. If you are interested, please email Keith Harvey at [kh Harvey@lbeach.org](mailto:kh Harvey@lbeach.org).

#### D. Take a Look at Teaching Grant (TALAT)

The LBCTA just received the second phase of our TALAT grant. This three-year grant encourages and supports students looking to enter the field of education. Our multi-year plan engages students in activities involving educational pedagogy, lesson planning, leadership skills, and classroom visits. Thank you to Nancy Connor for taking the lead with the TALAT grant this year.

#### E. LITBF Scholarship Winner-

I am pleased to announce that Ariel Landa, daughter of Liza Landa is the recipient of this year's LITBF Scholarship.

#### F. Lawrence Teachers' Association

The members of the Lawrence Teachers' Association have been working without a contract for an outrageous 12 years! This is due to the inflexible demands of the Lawrence BOE aiming to not only gut teacher's wages and working conditions but also to irreparably impair the learning conditions of the Lawrence students. Thank you to everyone that came out to support the rally on Sunday, April 23rd.



Keith Harvey  
*President*  
Karen Bloom  
*Executive Vice President*  
Beth Prostick  
*Vice President for*  
*Elementary Schools*  
Amy Leder  
*Vice President for*  
*Secondary Schools*  
Patricia Van Loon  
*Recording Secretary*  
Ellen Parks  
*Corresponding Secretary*  
Jonathan Bloom  
*Treasurer*

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## G. Spring Bowling Fundraiser

Thank you and congratulations to the Public Relations committee for their tremendous success with this year's Spring Bowling Fundraiser. Please see the Public Relations Committee report for full details.



## H. Eyeglass Reimbursement



We are in year one of a two-year cycle for eyeglass/contact purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. Such coverage may be used for the members and their family. Completed claim forms with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department in Administration, or email Dr. Natali.

## I. Study Money Dates *Last Chance Reminder*

There is one more opportunity to participate in the Study Money Program, Summer - May 12, 2023. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program— Group A](#).



## J. LBCTA Contract Language

It was recently discovered that the following highlighted language was inadvertently left out of the most recently printed LBCTA contract. This benefit gives LBCTA members the option to be paid the current rate or to receive triple in-service credit when teaching in-service courses for the district. This option is not available when teaching for the Teacher Center. The district is aware and we are going to put it back into the printed contract next time. In the meantime, please note that teachers do have this option when teaching in-service for the district.

“**Article XXII - B.** Any member of this Negotiating Unit who teaches an in-service course shall receive, for a two-hour session, \$145.07 for the 2021-22 school year; \$146.88 for the 2022-23 school year; \$149.09 for the 2023-24 school year; \$151.32 for the 2024-25 school year; and \$153.97 for the 2025-26 school year. The member may elect, as an alternative, in any year of the contract, to receive, instead of payment, three (3) in-service credits for five (5) two-hour sessions.”

## K. Coaching Pay Dates

Below are the payroll dates for coaches for 2022-23 school year:

### High School

Spring: Second Check: 5/12

### Middle School

Spring: Second Check: 6/9

## L. Credit Swap

Please contact Kerri Sinatra at [kerrisinatra@gmail.com](mailto:kerrisinatra@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing 1.5 credits for Hofstra University.

## II. Committees

### A. Grievance Committee—Karen Bloom

1. There are no grievances to report at this time.
2. Please contact me if you have any issues that you feel are a violation of our contract.

### B. Election Committee—Grace Parisi

1. The following members are running in this year's officer and delegate election;  
President, NYSUT Delegate, AFT Delegate - Keith Harvey  
Executive Vice President, NYSUT Delegate, AFT Delegate - Karen Bloom  
Secondary Vice President - Amy Leder  
Elementary Vice President - Beth Prostick  
Recording Secretary - Patricia Van Loon  
Corresponding Secretary - Elleen Parks  
Treasurer - Jonathan Bloom  
NYSUT Delegate (2) - Jennifer Garrett and Patricia Van Loon  
AFT Delegate (3) - Amy Leder, Elleen Parks, and Patricia Van Loon

2. In accordance with past practice and due to the uncontested election, I would like to make a motion to allow the president to strike one ballot for the uncontested election as per our constitution. A full election, especially to incur the overwhelming cost, is unwarranted.
3. After discussion by the executive board, the motion was seconded by Ali Katulka. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously. Congratulations to our Executive Officers!

**C. New Members—Alison Katulka**

1. Our gathering at EGP on April 21st was a success. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and to our mentors, buddies, and executive board members who encouraged our new members to attend. A great time was had by all!
2. If you know of a new member who is in need of a buddy please email me at [akatulka@lbeach.org](mailto:akatulka@lbeach.org).

**D. Political Action Committee—Jennifer Garrett**

1. BOE elections and budget season are here! Once again the PAC committee would like to endorse the 2023-24 district budget. The proposed district budget allows for program enhancements with a 1.5% tax levy increase. This is significantly below the district’s allowable cap of 2.6%. Similar to previous years, for this year’s budget vote, PAC will endorse the budget via a postcard mailing continuing with the expanded target group. For our social media campaign, we will share a post that also utilizes the postcard design. This will be posted to the LBCTA Facebook page. Please feel free to share the image. Also, in conjunction with PR, PAC will run an ad in the Herald. Each of these items was implemented successfully last year and received positive feedback. In addition, PAC will again mail our LBCTA Newsletter to all NYSUT members residing in the 11561 zip code. The newsletter highlights just some of the many great happenings and fundraising events that we accomplished this year and lists budget vote information. Thank you to all that submitted suggestions for the newsletter. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Ali Katulka and Patty Van Loon for all assistance and technology expertise.
2. A motion was made by Karen Bloom to support the Long Beach Public Schools budget. It was seconded by Alision Katulka. The motion passed. [Here is a link](#) to a summary of the budget presentation.
3. There are 2 open seats on our BOE. Dr. Ryan will be seeking re-election. Dr. Pamela Banks and Ms. Nora Bellsey are also running. PAC was contacted by Ms. Bellsey for endorsement.
4. PAC is recommending the LBCTA again endorse Nora Bellsey for Long Beach School Board Trustee. A motion was made by Amy Leder to endorse Nora Bellsey. It was seconded by John Marr. The motion passed.
5. School Board and School Budget votes are May 16th. Please get out to vote and support your school budget. Every vote counts!
6. On April 23, 2023 many local unions rallied in support of the Lawrence Teachers Association. Despite the inclement weather, fellow NYSUT and UFT members showed up to stand in solidarity with the LTA. Randi Weingarten, President of the AFT, attended the rally as an advocate for the members of the LTA who have been without a contract for 12 years. Our message to the Lawrence BOE was clear, "Enough is Enough!". Special thanks to all LBCTA members that came out in support of the LTA.
7. As always, please feel free to share your ideas on how LBCTA PAC can better serve our members. You can email your thoughts to [LBCTAPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LBCTAPAC@gmail.com).



## E. Public Relations Committee—Amy Leder and Beth Prostick



1. There are not enough words or thank yous that would justify how wonderful our members are. Our Bowling Event was a true team effort that allowed us to raise \$8500 to be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). It was an amazing sight to see Maple Lanes packed with members from Group A, B, & C. The sportsmanship and camaraderie was incredible. We loved the dedication and spirit with each team's personally created team shirt. To every single member who attended, thank you for your time and dedication to our cause. The event was only a success because of you. To our outstanding building reps, what would we do without you? Thank you for making this event a priority with your building. The raffle baskets have been a huge success with our fundraiser. A special thank you to Dr. Natali and Central Administration for donating the beautiful “Summer Entertaining” basket. We are truly grateful. A personal thank you to Jennifer Garrett, Karen Bloom, Jim Fiola, Keith Harvey, John Bloom, Patty Van Loon, Elleen Parks, and Ali Katulka for being the best helpers around. We are truly appreciative that you volunteered your time to organize such an amazing event.
2. The Big Climb Metro New York has been rescheduled (due to the rain) for June 17th. The event will be at the USTANational Tennis Center. Dr. Natali is leading a team called “Team Beach”. If you would like to join the team and participate in the climbing event, please click on this link to go directly to the [Team Beach](#) page or you can scan the QR code on the attached flyer.
3. Look for our LBCTA Vote Yes on the budget ad in the Herald. Don’t forget to get out and vote on May 16th.
4. Congratulations to Rachell Koegel and her Talented Writer students for being awarded distinctions for their poetry at the **Adelphi Poetry Contest and Walt Whitman poetry Contest**. This has been an incredible year for the students. They have been recognized in local, regional, and national writing contests. Please see the link with all of the [winners](#). Special congratulations to Rachell for being recognized for Excellence in Teaching Poetry.
5. Please consider attending one of our upcoming Happy Teacher Revolution meetings. Please find the May offerings for **Happy Teacher Revolution meetings** below:
  - Monday, 5/8 from 4-5pm (In-person Lido 1LC)
  - Tuesday, 5/9 from 4-5pm (LBMS Rm 106)
  - Tuesday, 5/16 from 5-6pm (Virtual - see email the day of meeting)
  - Thursday, 5/25 from 6:50-7:50 am (LBHS Rm 346)
  - Thursday, 5/25 from 5-6pm (Virtual - see email the day of meeting)
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## F. Social Committee—Elleen Parks

1. We are so excited for our Spring CTA celebration on Thursday, May 18th. Only 13 days away! Please send a check or cash to Elleen Parks at West School **OR** Venmo, @Elleen-Parks by **May 10th** to reserve your ticket for this fun-filled evening. Please see the attached flyer for details. The following 2023 retirees will be joining us: Denise Callahan, Denise Collins, Julie Hall Muirhead and Joan Kavarsky.

## G. Long Beach Teacher Center—John Marr

1. Happy May everyone! The status of grant money for Teacher Centers next year is currently up in the air as the Governor’s budget has been delayed for a month. We hope that when the budget is finally revealed that Teacher Centers will be funded at its current levels.



2. After much discussion, the Long Beach Teacher Center will be moving from Lindell to the Middle School, Room 104 beginning this summer.
3. Recently, the Teacher Center had a meeting with Dr. Ostroff to discuss the format of professional development next year. Moving forward, the district is hoping to develop a quarterly course catalog based around a common theme for the year based on the results of the yearly needs assessment. This will allow teachers to see all the course offerings in one location and will allow them to plan what PD they wish to take on a quarter by quarter basis. Based on this year's needs assessment, all professional development district offerings next year will focus on "student choice and voice."
4. If you are interested in running a workshop for the Teacher Center this summer or next Fall based on this theme, please contact the director at [LBTC@lbeach.org](mailto:LBTC@lbeach.org).
5. The Teacher Center is offering an open house for those interested in obtaining their SBL/SDL certificates on Wednesday, May 24. If you are interested in these courses, please see the email sent to staff or contact the director at the email above.

### III. Executive Vice President's Report—Karen Bloom

#### A. APPR

1. Please take an active role in the observation process. Keep in mind that the Danielson framework that we use is based on best practice and observable measures. You should not see opinions from your evaluation team. Be sure to address issues in your post observation conferences.
2. Our APPR handbook is on our website. You can find all timelines, conversion charts and percentages here.
3. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

#### B. Health & Safety

1. We would like to thank Mr. DeVito for providing us with a TA at the back of the Middle School from 3-4pm. Hopefully this will help to alleviate some after school issues that have arisen.
2. We had our last Health & Safety meeting of the year on May 1st. The following items were discussed:
  - a) **Student ID's at HS:** Checking at doors in the morning, and seems to be going well. Most students are in compliance. However, Mr. Myers suggested starting in the MS so that students are familiar with the process.
  - b) **Pest Control:** Most buildings seem to have improved in mice sightings, and have not been reporting more issues. There were some gaps on the exterior of the MS that will be filled in with caulking to reduce the number that can enter. There were some roaches found in a room at the HS. The exterminator came & treated the area. There have been some ant problems, but spraying soapy water around the perimeters of classrooms seems to help.
  - c) **Capital Projects:**
    - (1) **Lido Complex:** Steam conversion to hot water, partial AC and Boilers #2 & #3 were approved and are out for bid. However, it is likely that the boiler work will not be completed before the next heating season so the temporary boiler will remain until it is fixed.
    - (2) **HS:** Bathrooms on 2nd and 3rd floors will be gutted and replaced as well as adding 3 new bathrooms in between Library and Cafeteria. Work was approved, awarded and will be completed this summer. Summer school will not be housed at the high school, either Lindell or the MS.

- (3) Public Library:** HVAC units will be replaced this summer
  - (4) West:** Rooftop AC Unit needs to be replaced but this has not yet been approved by NYSED.
  - (5) NIKE:** Sidewalks, paving, turnaround, gazebo...all still waiting for NYSED approval to begin.
  - (6) Transportation:** The building will be demolished soon, need to rethink the pre-fab building due to costs. Reconstruction of sewer line, also waiting on approval.
  - (7) Other Capital Projects:** There are a few projects that are listed on Proposition 2 of the Budget Vote this year to ask for approval. The pipes in the 100's wing of the MS need to be relocated from the crawl space. Some HVAC units at the HS need to be replaced. Lindell needs to replace a sewer line and sidewalk.
- d) Early Dismissal Drill:** The district is going to move this drill and use it to check for communication issues. It will be announced to the community so that people can make sure that they are receiving the proper messages from the district.
  - e) Fire Drills/Lockdown Drills:** All drills must be completed by the end of the school year; 4 lockdown and 8 fire drills. The district will be conducting lockdown drills this month and next in conjunction with the 4th precinct in order to check that all protocols are in place, and do not need to be adjusted. It was suggested that each building should announce that this is a drill, BEFORE playing the recording on the loudspeaker.
  - f) Classroom Doors:** It was discussed that NO doors should be propped open with anything. Doors should remain closed, unless there is a real need to open and get some fresh air.
  - g) Shades:** If you are in a room that you cannot physically hide behind furniture, then shades should always remain in the closed position. However, if you are in a location that you can hide, then Shades should remain open, or remain in the position they were at the start of the drill. Shades should not be adjusted at the start of drills. We discussed the new Library at the HS and the need to add frosting or some other way to shield the view into the library, as there is no longer a place for people to hide.
  - h) Single Point of Entry:** All buildings should still be using a single point, unless it is for a brief time in the morning for students to enter the building at 2 locations. It was discussed that this is okay, as long as during the school day, there is only ONE single point of entry.
  - i) Building Level Safety Plans:** These must be completed and submitted to board for approval at the last meeting of the summer so that they are in place for the start of the school year.
  - j) District Wide Safety Plans:** Plan will be sent to Board for 5/9 so that the comment period can be opened. 6/13: after the comment period closes, the Board adopts the new policy. We need to update the plan to include remote instruction as well as the results from the digital equity survey.
  - k) Other:** There was also a discussion about outside groups using our schools in the evening. It was suggested to have more security or to use buildings with security since they often do not adhere to the same guidelines that we do during the day.
3. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at [kbloom@lbeach.org](mailto:kbloom@lbeach.org).

**C. Other**

1. Don't forget to sign up for our End of the Year Celebration on May 18th!
2. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.
3. Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at [www.lbcta.com](http://www.lbcta.com).

**IV. Vice President for Elementary Schools' Report—Beth Prostick**

- A. If you are interested in serving as a Building Rep for the 2023-2024 school year, please email me at [bprostick@lbeach.org](mailto:bprostick@lbeach.org) or send a letter of interest to me c/o Lido School. The letter or email must be received by the close of business Friday, May 19. All Elementary Schools need 3 reps and 3 alternates. Elections will take place on Wednesday, May 24th.
- B. Our next Elementary Council meeting will be on June 5 at 4:15 in L24 at Lido.
- C. Please consider donating a day to our sick bank.
- D. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at [bprostick@lbeach.org](mailto:bprostick@lbeach.org).

**V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report—Amy Leder**

- A. We will be holding our Building Rep elections during the week of May 22nd. If you are interested in serving as a Building Rep, please email me at [aleder@lbeach.org](mailto:aleder@lbeach.org) or send a letter of interest to me c/o High School. The letter or email must be received by the close of business Friday, May 19th. This will also allow any new Building Reps to attend our last meeting of the year on June 12th. Middle School: 5 Reps High School: 8 Reps.  
HS elections will take place in person on Thursday, May 25th from 7:20-8am. MS elections will take place on Friday, May 26th from 7:20-8am.
- B. Look for our LBCTA Vote Yes on the budget ad in the Herald. Don't forget to get out and vote on May 16th.
- C. Please consider attending one of our upcoming Happy Teacher Revolution meetings. Please find the May offerings for **Happy Teacher Revolution meetings** below:
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**VI. Treasurer's Report—Jonathan Bloom**

- A. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank.
- B. Please consider attending a few School Board meetings. Your presence is always noted.
- C. Please join us at the LBCTA Spring Party on May 18th at Temple Avodah.

**D. March Financials**

**Revenues**

Union Dues	41,334.33
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$41,860.89</u>

**Expenditures**

Officer & Rep Stipends	26,427.12
Payroll Taxes and Fees	8,890.05
Morning Madness Donation	500.00
Bowling Fundraiser	1,573.75
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$37,390.92</u>

## E. April Financials

### Revenues

Union Dues	46,331.28
Retirees	72.00
Vote Cope	<u>2,571.80</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,975.08</b>

### Expenditures

NYSUT	31,018.00
AFT	19,630.04
Future Teachers Club	59.08
Spring Buddy Party	2,016.00
Payroll Fees	<u>240.49</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,963.61</b>

**For tax purposes, the 2022 union dues are \$1,023.**

## VII. Building Reports

### A. West School

1. Congratulations to Brittany McManus on the birth of her daughter, Charlie.
2. Thank you to our reading staff for coordinating our Poem in Your Pocket day and to all the staff and students who participated.
3. Congratulations to Mrs. Krywe, Mrs. LaPenna, Ms. Way, Ms. Watcher and the Kindergarten on their successful play. The students did an amazing job! Thank you to all those who assisted with set and costume design.
4. Thank you to all who participated in the LBCTA Bowling fundraiser. A fun night was had by all!
5. Thank you to all who wore their Autism Awareness shirts on 4/21.
6. Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind students who competed in the New York State Finals Competition in April. We are so proud of all the students and coaches! Our elementary students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the state championship. They will be traveling to Michigan State University to compete in Worlds May 24th-28th. Wishing them the best of luck! Thank you to Doug MacConnell, Andie Techera, and Jennifer Seychell for their direction and coaching.
7. Thank you to Allison Katulka for a fabulous buddy party.
8. Please join us at our LBCTA Gala at Temple Avodah on May 18th. Please send your payment to Elleen Parks by May 10th.

### B. Lindell School

1. Thank you for participating in our CTA Annual Bowling Event at RVC Lanes on March 30th, a great time was had by all. A special thanks to Tracy Polete and Tom Knag for their exceptional donations that were included in Lindells' baskets.
2. Thank you to the PTA for our School Wide Activity of planting beautiful flowers in celebration of Earth Day.
3. Please join the LBCTA on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Temple Avodah in Oceanside for our spring get together. Information posted in the faculty rooms.
4. Much appreciation to all who wore their Autism Awareness shirts on 4/21.
5. Condolences to Joanna Clancy on the loss of her Mother-In -Law.
6. The H.S. Athletes Helping Athletes engaged Lindell's fifth graders in a discussion about making healthy life choices.
7. Congratulations to Kindergarten for a wonderful Spring sing a long.
8. Kindergarten and Grade 2 had a huge success with items students made from recyclable materials and setting up projects for all to enjoy - remember to reduce, reuse and recycle!
9. Our fifth grade students enjoyed competing in the March Madness Robotics Competition. Grades 3 and 4 cheered them on while learning about robotics.



10. Teachers are concerned about the lack of social emotional support in our building due to psychologists chairing more annual review meetings each year. The Social Worker has taken on the caseload when available but it is still not enough. The growing need for support is prevalent at every grade level this year. The psychologists and social worker will also have to service the 3 Pre-K classes next year spreading themselves even thinner.

11. Please consider donating a day to the CTA sick bank.

#### **C. East School**

1. Congratulations to Julianne White and her husband, Terence, on the birth of their daughter, Marie Joan.
2. Condolences to Jennifer and Robert Maggio on the passing of Rob's mother.
3. Please join us on Thursday May 18th for the LBCTA Group Gala. Information is posted in the faculty room and by the copy machine by the elevator.
4. Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind students who competed in the New York State Finals Competition in April. We are so proud of all the students and coaches! The Middle School students are 1st, 3rd and 9th place champions. Elementary students are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd state champions. They will be traveling to Michigan State University to compete in Worlds May 24th-28th. Wishing them the best of luck! Thank you to Doug MacConnell, Andie Techera, and Jennifer Seychell for their direction and coaching.
5. Please consider donating a day to the LBCTA sick bank. Thank you to all those who have donated.

#### **D. Lido School**

1. Thank you to Dr. Hernandez and Mr. Webel for all the treats to start off Staff Appreciation Week.
2. PARP winning classes had a blast silly stringing Dr. Hernandez and wrapping Mr. Webel in toilet paper. What a great incentive!!!
3. Thank you to Ali Katulka for organizing the Spring Buddy Party! It was nice to get together with our newer members across the district.
4. Condolences to Rob Maggio on the loss of his mother.
5. Condolences to Ana Umanzor on the loss of her mother in law.
6. Congratulations to Megan Lyons on the birth of her son, Brody Peter Lyons.
7. Thank you to Mr. Scheinson, Ms. Kupferman, Ms. Tomek, Ms. Garfinkle, and Ms. Riomao for the Willy Wonka Kids Musical. Students enjoyed watching this Enrichment Musical.
8. Thank you to Amy Leder, Beth Prostick, and the LBCTA Public Relations Committee for organizing the LBCTA Bowling Fundraiser.
9. Thank you to all who participated in the LBCTA Bowling Event. Your donations and participation were greatly appreciated.
10. Please consider joining us at the LBCTA End of Year Celebration at Temple Avodah in Oceanside on Thursday, May 18th.
11. Remember to vote and support your local school budget on Tuesday, May 16th.
12. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.

#### **E. Pre-K**

1. Congratulations to Megan Lyons on the birth of her son, Brody Peter Lyons!
2. Welcome back to Megan Lyons!
3. Get well wishes to Claire McGovern.

4. Thank you to Dr. Lizzy for coming to share her story and book with us! A huge thank you to the Pre-K PTA for sponsoring this event!!
5. Thank you to the Pre-K PTA for Kerboom Kids!! The students really enjoyed it!
6. Thank you to Dr. Hernandez and Mr. Webel for the Teacher/Staff appreciation week activities and goodies!
7. Please support your local school budget on Tuesday, May 16th.
8. Save the date for the 22/23 retirement party, Thursday, May 18th at Temple Avodah.
9. Please consider donating a [sick day](#) to the LBCTA sick bank.

#### **F. LBMS**

1. Thank you to Mr. DeVito for the additional adult supervision post added to the back door of the building until 4:00. This post will greatly assist with supervision in the back hall of the building after school.
2. Our 8th grade students enjoyed the recent trips to the Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center. Special thanks to all chaperones for helping to make the trip a success!
3. Congratulations to our 2 Odyssey of the Mind teams (advisors Mrs. Seychell and Mr. MacConnell) for their recent win. These teams will be moving on to Worlds!
4. The 2023 Joe Farrell Memorial Scholarship Basketball Tournament was a fun success. The stands were filled with smiling faces enjoying an afternoon of basketball, raffles and treats. Special thanks to Keith Biesma for organizing this event and to everyone that helped or participated to make this day happen.
5. Our 6th grade students enjoyed their recent trip to the Cradle of Aviation. Kudos to our 6th grade advisors Patty Van Loon and Regina Dean for all of the hard work they put into planning this great trip. Special thanks to all 6th grade teachers and chaperones for helping to make the trip a success!
6. Congratulations to Dayna Griffin on the birth of her daughter, Caelin Rae Griffin
7. Condolences to the Maggio family on the loss of Mary Ann Maggio.
8. Very special thank you to Amy Leder, Beth Prostick, the LBCTA public relations committee, everyone that came out to bowl and all who donated to the 6th Annual LBCTA Bowling Fundraiser. Together we raised \$6,000 for
9. Special thanks to Ali Katulka and our New Members Committee for our Spring Buddy Party. Fun time was had by all!
10. School Board and School Budget votes are May 16th. Please get out to vote and support your school budget. Every vote counts!
11. Please join us at the LBCTA End of the Year Celebration on Thursday, May 18th at 5:00 at Temple Avodah.
12. Thank you to the many members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating if you have not done so already.

#### **G. LBHS**

1. Condolences to Sylvia Gray on the loss of her son, Shawn Usher.
2. Condolences to Kerri Sinatra on the loss of her sister-in-law, Pamela Bolkcom.
3. Thank you to everyone who came down for the LBCTA bowling event. It was a great success for a great cause. Thank you to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for putting it together.
4. Congratulations to all of the teachers and students involved in the IB Dance Recital.
5. Congratulations to Rachell Koegel and the Talented Writers for their success at the Walt Whitman and Adelphi poetry contests.

6. Congratulations to the music department on a wonderful performance at the Encore concert.
7. Thank you to the Special Education department for hosting the Autism Awareness Day.
8. The staff is anxiously awaiting the reopening of the newly remodeled library.
9. The staff would like to see the implementation of an attendance policy.
10. Best wishes to all AP & IB students and teachers on their upcoming exams.
11. Please consider attending the End of Year LBCTA Gala on Thursday May 18th at Temple Avodah in Oceanside.
12. Please go out and vote in your local School Board Budget and Elections on May 16th.
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank.

At 5:43pm, a motion was made by John Marr to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Elleen Parks.

**In Attendance:**

**West:** Anne LaPenna

**Lindell:** Susan Simons, Cathleen Barone, Heather Puckhaber

**East:** Melissa Canner

**Lido:** Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti, Lori Parenti

**Pre-K:** Molly Drake

**LBMS:** Jennifer Garrett, Alison Katulka, John Marr, Natahsa Nurse, Grace Parisi

**LBHS:** Lisa Casey, Pamela Bankey, Camila Gamboa, Brian Petschauer

**Long Beach Teacher Center (LBTC):** John Marr

**Retiree Representative:** Frank Volpe

**Executive Officers:** Keith Harvey, Karen Bloom, Beth Prostick, Amy Leder, Patricia Van Loon, Elleen Parks, Jonathan Bloom

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



## NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT!

# Universal Life Insurance with Convalescent Care Benefit

provided by:

**Trustmark**<sup>®</sup>  
benefits beyond benefits

- Innovative universal life insurance product provided by Trustmark<sup>®</sup>, combining life insurance coverage with a convalescent care benefit that can be used to pay for long-term care services.
- **Limited time offer!** In-service members ages 18-64 who enroll between May 1 and June 16, 2023 may qualify for guaranteed coverage (no medical questions) up to \$50,000.
- Retiree members up to age 70 may elect coverage up to \$100,000 by answering some medical questions.

### LIVING BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM CARE

You could require long-term care services at any point in your life, which could cost hundreds of dollars per day. This universal life insurance program includes a convalescent care benefit that can help pay for these services at any age. Policyholders with a qualifying claim can collect up to 4% of their universal life death benefit per month for up to 25 months -- helping to cover the cost of long-term care services such as an in-home health aide, assisted living facility, or nursing home care.

### LIFE INSURANCE

Protecting your loved ones is one of life's greatest responsibilities. Along with the grief that comes with losing a family member, survivors may suddenly be faced with costly expenses, debts, and a loss of income. Your death benefit can be used to help pay these expenses or for other items such as tuition or savings.

### YOURCARE360 ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE

This program includes access to YourCare360, providing an online resource that can help to guide you and your family through the caregiving journey.



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left,  
visiting [memberbenefits.nysut.org](https://memberbenefits.nysut.org)  
or calling 800-626-8101.

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# Join TEAM BEACH

*The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Big Climb is an inspirational community event that raises awareness and funding for groundbreaking research and treatment options to eliminate cancer.*

*LLS's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.*

**Scan the QR code below to join the team  
or donate today!**



**NEW DATE**  
Saturday,  
June 17th



**BIG CLIMB WILL BE TAKING PLACE  
SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023  
IN GRANDSTAND STADIUM AT THE  
USTA TENNIS CENTER**

*Let's Celebrate  
the 2023 School Year*



## **The LBCTA Group Gala**

**Thursday, May 18th**

**5:00-9:00pm**

**Temple Avodah**

**Oceanside**

**\$80 per person**

Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner,  
Dancing, Photo Booth,  
Retiree Recognition

**Please use the Venmo code below and include your name and which building you would like to be seated with.**

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