



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

January 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm by Karen Bloom.

I. President's Report - Karen Bloom

A. Happy New Year

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break. As we begin this new year together, we are reminded of the incredible dedication and hard work each of you brings to our school community. Your commitment to supporting both your colleagues and our students makes a lasting impact. Let's continue to collaborate and strive to meet the needs of those around us as we move forward into the year ahead!

B. OT/PT MOA

I am excited to welcome our newest members, occupational and physical therapists, to the LBCTA! A warm welcome to Laura Ragona, Renee Cieski, Eileen Morris, Maria Arroyave, Melanie Iacullo and Sallyann Mangano! Thank you to Dr. Natali and the Board of Education for helping to make this happen!

C. LBSD 2025-26 School Calendar

The 2025-2026 District draft school calendar was presented and approved by the Executive Board. The next step is for the Long Beach Board of Education to present and adopt the calendar.

D. NYSUT Celebrates Signing of Classroom Heat Bill

We celebrate a monumental step forward for the health and safety of students and educators across New York. Governor Hochul's decision to sign this bill into law reflects a commitment to ensuring our classrooms are conducive to learning — not sweltering saunas. There is now a maximum temperature of 88 degrees, which we as a district have already been using!

This is good news for our schools and our members, and speaks to the impact NYSUT's advocacy has had on the discussions around school aid. The full article is available online [here](#).

The story was also reported in the Watertown Daily Times [here](#).

E. Regionalization Plan

At the 1/14 BOE meeting, the school board voted unanimously to opt out of the Regionalization Plan. This means that they have elected not to participate and Dr. Gallagher has informed the NYS Department of Education.

F. 2025 LBCTA Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that the association will once again be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who are children of CTA members. Elena Frishman has graciously volunteered to continue as the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. To be eligible for a CTA scholarship, the student must graduate from their high school in either January

or June 2025. They may attend high school in any city or town. A parent must have been a dues paying member of the CTA for at least three full years and currently paying dues unless on family or medical leave. Those interested and eligible may request an application from Elena, by email at EFrishman@lbeach.org. The closing date for receipt of the completed application and all supporting documents, submitted in duplicate, is 2 PM on Friday, March 14th. The evaluation of these applications will take place during the week of 3/17/25. Please contact Elena if you are interested in helping evaluate the applications. It would be wonderful if every building was represented. In addition, the LBCTA gives another \$1000 scholarship to the Senior with the highest GPA that is entering the field of education.

G. LB PTA - PTA Teacher Fellowship - Deadline for Applying: February 15, 2025 – Now Open!
The LBPTA wanted to make you aware of a grant funded fellowship for Long Beach teachers. The fellowship provides an opportunity for teachers to improve their skills, update their professional knowledge, and expand their professional perspectives. This grant can ONLY be used for course work completed after submission of the application and can be used anytime up to August of next year. Click [here](#) for more information.

H. LIBTF (Long Island Teachers Benevolent Fund)

We know that sometimes unexpected catastrophes befall our members. There are a variety of Grants offered by the LITBF to its membership; A Financial Grant for Catastrophic Loss, A Burial Grant & A Military Grant. I wanted to make you aware of the availability of these forms so that if the need arises, the LITBF can help ease their burden. Feel free to reach out if you are in need of any of these forms.

I. 2025 Long Island Teachers Benevolent Fund, Len Motisi Memorial Scholarship-

Children of in-service members of NYSUT locals, who are high school seniors, graduating this year, and who will be attending a post-secondary institution on a full-time basis, are eligible. If you would like an application, please contact Karen Bloom. This must be returned to me by Monday, March 3rd.

J. First Eligible Retirement Incentive

If you are considering retiring in June, under the terms of our first eligible retirement incentive, you must notify the district of your intention by **April 1, 2025**. The BOE has decided to extend the deadline for those first eligible this year. First eligible means that you are able to retire without an age or service reduction. If you are unsure if you are first eligible, or need more information, you can look at your NYSTRS Benefit Profile or contact NYSTRS directly at: [NYSTRS](#). In addition, NYSTRS is offering a "Ready to Retire" Webinar on 2/5 from 4:30 - 6:00. [Here](#) is the link!

K. NYSUT Offers Online Guide for a Successful Retirement

NYSUT has a publication for future retirees. "Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement: An online planning guide" is posted as a resource for planning the next chapter in your life – retirement! [Click here](#). A login for NYSUT.org is required to access the online publication.

L. Health Insurance Rates 2025

Your bi-weekly medical deductions for 2025 have been updated for the January 3rd payroll. See Dr. Natali's email from 12/18 for details. [Here](#) is a link with the information.

M. Coaching Pay Dates - 2024-2025 school year

High School

Winter: First check: Second check: 2/14

Spring: First check: 4/11, Second check: 5/9

Middle School:

Winter II: First check: 2/14, Second check: 3/14

Spring: First check: 4/25, Second check: 6/6

N. Mandated Reporting: Child Abuse Training

Remember that you must complete updated training by April 1, 2025. Training is free, on-line, self-directed, and can be completed using the instructions sent by Dr. Natali. The NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is offering the 9-module (2-hour) training through the Human Services Learning Center (HSLC) website (<https://www.hslcnys.org/hslc/>). In addition, the Nassau Regional Office is hosting two virtual training sessions per month, free of charge, for NYSUT members. You may use the links below to register for the date of your choice:

- [February 3, 2025, 4:15pm-6:15pm - Frontline Education](#)
- [February 24, 2025, 4:15pm-6:15pm - Frontline Education](#)
- [March 3, 2025, 4:15pm-6:15pm - Frontline Education](#)
- [March 25, 2025, 4:15pm-6:15pm - Frontline Education](#)
- [April 1, 2025, 4:15pm-6:15pm - Frontline Education](#) (two sessions have been booked for last minute needs)
- [April 1, 2025, 4:15-6:15 - Frontline Education](#) (two sessions have been booked for last minute needs)

****Remember that you cannot receive graduate or in-service credit for this class. Some people have been putting this into Frontline for credit. Be aware that regardless of whether it was approved or not, you WILL NOT get paid or receive credit hours.**

O. NYS Paid Sick Leave – *It is still in effect, until July 31, 2025*

Should you need to quarantine for a positive COVID case you still have access to the NYS Paid Sick Leave. You can only access this benefit three times, and if you used it in years past it does not reset. Once someone uses Paid Covid Leave three times, that person is no longer eligible. Please remember this can only be used for lab confirmed positive cases, and that you should notify HR once positive. The State benefit is not for your child's quarantine or positive case. The COVID Leave Form is located in your main office and can be completed once you return to work.

P. Study Money Dates - *Reminder*

There is one more opportunity to participate in the Study Program: **Summer – Friday, May 16, 2025**. 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](#).



Q. Annual Turn-In of Sick Days

If you have accumulated at least 75 sick days and wish to exercise your option of selling back unused sick days earned this year (up to 12 or 14 if you worked at Summer School or Extended School Year) you must submit a “[Request for Payment in Exchange for Accumulated Unused Sick Days](#)” form to the HR Department. The teacher must not have been absent more than 6 days during the school year for which he/she shall claim eligibility for this payment.

R. Condolences

I would like to express my sincere condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mother, Patricia. Also, our thoughts and prayers are with the Callahan family, after the tragic passing of Billy.

II. Committee Reports

A. Grievance Committee - Amy Leder

1. There are currently no grievances to report. If you encounter any issues that may violate our contract, please reach out to me at aleder@lbeach.org.

B. New Members - Alison Katulka

1. Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday break!
2. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Laura Ragona, Eileen Morris, Sally Mangano, Renee Ceileski, Maria Arroyave, and Melanie Iacullo.
3. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)!
4. If you know of a new member who needs a buddy, please contact me at akatulka@lbeach.org.

C. Political Action Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. We are in the planning stages for the next edition of the LBCTA Newsletter. The second edition of each year reaches an expanded distribution list that includes our NYSUT brothers and sisters residing in the City of Long Beach, Lido Beach, Point Lookout and East Atlantic Beach to keep them informed of all the great happenings in our district. If you have any thoughts or ideas for content for the next newsletter please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com. All suggestions are greatly appreciated!
2. Help Fix Tier 6! We are asking all members to join NYSUT's Tier 6 Fix-It Team by simply scanning the QR code. Fixing Tier 6 is about justice and dignity in retirement. It's about solidarity and fairness. It's about keeping talented educators in the classroom and recruiting new educators into the profession. We have work to do to make public service retirement fair for everyone and we can't do it without you. If you are interested in joining our LBCTA Fix Tier 6 team please email lbctapac@gmail.com. We will be in touch with updates and actions you can take.



D. Public Relations Committee - Jennifer Garrett and Jennifer Maggio

1. Get your bowling shirts ready and start gathering your teams! Our LBCTA 8th annual bowling event will be held on Thursday, March 6th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Lanes fill up quickly, so please register your teams using this [link](#) ASAP. Each team can have up to six members. The cost will be \$40 per bowler. There will be food, drinks, and raffles at the event. As in the past, we hope each building can donate a basket for the raffle. Please start emailing the theme of your basket to Jenn Garrett at jgarrett@lbeach.org or Jenn Maggio at jmaggio@lbeach.org.



This year we will be donating to the G2H Foundation in memory of Gerrin Hagen.

2. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassroomTeachers.

E. Social Committee - Elleen Parks

1. I'm looking forward to reaching out to our 2025 retirees who will be honored at our end of the year celebration on Thursday, May 15th at O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside.
2. Looking forward to our March 6th Bowling fundraiser. Please consider getting a team together for this fun annual event!
3. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mom, Patricia Hagan.
4. Condolences to Denise Callahan on the passing of her husband Billy.

F. Long Beach Teacher Center - John Marr

1. Thank you to everyone who already completed the 2025-2026 Needs Assessment. Your feedback on the direction of professional development within the district is critical for the Long Beach Teacher Center Continuation Application grant.
2. It is not too late to still participate. Please fill out the [form](#) to let your voice be heard in the focus you would like both the Teacher Center and the district to have on PD offerings next year. We will be closing the needs assessment in two weeks (2/14)!

3. If you are interested in running any PD please contact the director at lbtc@lbeach.org.

III. Executive Vice President's Report - Amy Leder

A. APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review)

1. We met again to resume discussions regarding APPR. The state has not yet released specific guidelines. Further discussions and planning will continue once the state releases the information.
2. You should have received a document stating who your evaluators will be for this school year. If you did not, please contact your immediate supervisor and let them know.
3. 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.
4. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

B. Health & Safety

1. Air Quality Concerns

- a) We had a meeting to address concern about the overall air quality throughout our district buildings. Mr. Kramer, Mr. DeVito and representatives from JC Broderick were present. Their immediate response and willingness to conduct air quality checks in every building is noted and appreciated. We look forward to receiving the results when the testing is complete throughout the district.
- b) After receiving some air quality results at Lindell School, we appreciate Mr. Kramer and his team for promptly taking action to keep a room closed while it undergoes cleaning. The room will remain closed until additional testing is conducted following the cleaning process.

2. Workplace Violence Prevention Plan

- a) We look forward to receiving updated information about the district's workplace violence prevention plan. Once we have this information, I will share it with you.
- b) The next Health & Safety meeting has been rescheduled from today to February 10th at 11am. I hope to have more updates to report at our next meeting.
- c) Staff members are encouraged to report any unresolved Health & Safety issues at the building level. However, if you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at aleder@lbeach.org.

C. Other

1. Sending love, hugs and prayers to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her beautiful mother, Patricia.
2. Keeping Denise Callahan and her family in our thoughts and prayers.
3. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)!
4. Save the date for our end of the year celebration, Thursday, May 15, 2025.

IV. Vice President for Elementary Schools' Report - Jennifer Maggio

- A. I would like to welcome our newest members - our fabulous OTs and PTs.
- B. We are looking forward to our annual Bowling event which will be held on Thursday, March 6th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Please register your teams using this [link](#)!
- C. Our next Elementary Council meeting will be next Monday, February 3rd at 4:00 in the East School Library. If you can't email before our meeting, please bring the theme for your school's raffle basket with you.

- D. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mother.
- E. Condolences to retiree Denise Callahan on the sudden passing of her husband Billy.
- F. Please consider donating a day to our sick bank.
- G. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at jmaggio@lbeach.org.

V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report - Jennifer Garrett

- A. Warm welcome to our district OT's and PT's as the newest members to the LBCTA.
- B. Kudos to our Long Beach Athletic Department for hosting the 5th Annual Beauty and the Beast fundraising event on Jan. 15th. This event raised over \$5,500 to benefit MSK Kids at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
- C. Congratulations to the LBHS Technology Department on their annual Tech Expo in the Commons. Students were able to showcase their creativity and skills, displaying work taking place in their classes.
- D. Congratulations to the LBMS Robotics Club on a successful first competition. Four internal teams competed in a variety of trials increasing in complexity and difficulty. Special thanks to LBMS Technology teachers and LBMS Robotics Club Team Coaches, Brian Pross and Michael Santoro for organizing and facilitating the competition. More than 30 middle schoolers participate in the weekly Robotics Club.
- E. Kudos to the cast and crew of LBMS Theater, under the direction of Scott Scheinson and Christina Farrell, on their production of *Annie Jr.* The show was a tremendous success. Special thanks to the LMBS Art and Wood Clubs, supervisors Ali Katulka and Brian Pross, for creating a beautiful set and props for the show.
- F. Congratulations to Jim Johnsen on being named the 2025 Bright Light in Education winner by ASSET. This award celebrates the accomplishments of educators who integrate technology into the classroom masterfully creating an excellent learning experience for students.
- G. NYS Dept. of Ed. requires updated training to assist in recognizing signs of child abuse or maltreatment. All mandated reports must complete this training by April 1, 2025. Please see Dr. Natali's email from September 17th for instructions.
- H. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her mother, Patricia.
- I. Get your bowling shirts ready and start gathering your teams! Our LBCTA 8th annual bowling event will be held on Thursday, March 6th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Please register your teams using this [link](#)! Each team can have up to six members. The cost will be \$40 per bowler. There will be food, drinks, and raffles at the event. As in the past, we hope each building can donate a basket for the raffle.

This year we will be donating to the G2H Foundation in memory of Gerrin Hagen.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jonathan Bloom

- A. Union dues for 2024/2025 for full-time members will be \$1,051.16 The break-out is \$407 local, \$394 NYSUT, \$242.16 AFT dues and \$8 for PTA membership. \$105.11 will be taken from your first check of the month and will show up under the column "Dues-Teachers". We are determined to keep your dues as low as possible while still meeting our local obligations and making charitable contributions to the Long Beach community.
- B. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank. I would encourage you to attend a few School Board meetings during the year. Your presence is always noted.
- C. For tax purposes LBCTA dues for the 2024 calendar year were \$1,040.30.

D. December's Financial Report

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT Dues	\$16,040.95	Union Dues	\$42,475.63

AFT Dues	\$9,645.45	Venmo - Little St. Nick	\$560.00
Officer Reps and Stipends	\$28,536.72	Retirees	\$45.00
Taxes and Fees	\$9,386.82	Patchex Refund	\$174.96
Training	\$2,427.57	TOTAL	<u>\$43,355.59</u>
Meeting Expense	\$2,512.53		
Little St. Nick's Donation	\$710.00		
Telephone (Oct. and Nov.)	\$138.02		
Greeting/Birthday Cards	\$43.91		
LI Presidents Council Dues	\$250.00		
LI Presidents Council Fall Mtg	\$18.00		
Worker Comp. Insurance	\$266.50		
TOTAL	<u>\$70,212.47</u>		

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

1. Congratulations to Brian Morgan on his engagement to Jessica.
2. Congratulations to Chelsea Way on her engagement to Tom.
3. Congratulations to Melissa Flood on the birth of her son Nolan.
4. Congratulations to Hayley Pues on the birth of her son Thomas.
5. Wishing Linda Farrell a happy, healthy, well-deserved retirement. She has made a difference in so many lives. We will miss her and her kind smile!
6. Condolences to Lisa Pignataro on the loss of her grandfather, Louis Dionisio.
7. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her mother, Patricia Hagan.
8. Thoughts and prayers to the Callahan family.
9. We welcome the OT and PT staff to LBCTA!
10. Congratulations to Noelle Bach, Craig West and Vanessa Krywe along with our orchestra, band and chorus students for an outstanding winter concert.
11. The West faculty was grateful once again this year to have the opportunity to purchase original cards, gift tags, ornaments, decorations and cups from the students in the H.S. Life Skills Program.
12. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)!
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Bank.

B. Lindell School

1. A special thanks to the Lindell PTA for another entertaining lazer light show to kick off the December Holiday break.
2. Many thanks to the Lindell Sunshine Committee for organizing our New Year Party! All who went had a great time.
3. Welcome back Lindsey Meehan from maternity/childcare leave!
4. We would like to welcome district OTs and PTs to the LBCTA.
5. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mother.
6. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)! This year we will be donating to the G2H Foundation in memory of Gerrin Hagen. Any basket donations will be appreciated.
7. Congratulations to Patricia Lugo and Felicia Olewnicki on the announcement of their upcoming retirements.
8. There is a need for additional PPS staff to support social emotional needs in our building.

9. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.
10. Please consider attending school board meetings.

C. East School

1. Welcome back, we hope everyone had a restful holiday break.
2. Get your teams ready and save the date for the annual Bowling Fundraiser on March 6th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Lanes fill up quickly, so please register your teams using this [link](#). Any basket donations would be greatly appreciated.
3. Welcome to our new members, our PT & OT, Eileen Morris and Melanie Iacullo to our building.
4. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her mother, Patricia.
5. Condolences to retired teacher, Denise Callahan, on the sudden loss of her husband.

D. Lido School

1. Condolences to Victoria Stanishia-Ferrara on the loss of her grandmother, Virginia.
2. Condolences to Denise Callahan, retired Lido School teacher, on the loss of her husband Billy.
3. Thanks to PTA, students enjoyed the NY Islanders School Assembly Program. This interactive assembly focused on smart decision-making, eating healthy, staying active through sports or exercise and treating others with respect. Students met with the Islanders mascot Sparky. One student faced off against a teacher in a race to put on a uniform the fastest, which the student won thanks to a little help from the Islanders representatives. So much fun!
4. Kudos to the LBMS cast and crew on a successful presentation of *Annie, Jr.* What amazing talent!
5. Congratulations to Dorothy Lopez on her formal announcement at the Board Meeting of her retirement at the end of the school year.
6. Welcome to the OT and PT staff to LBCTA!
7. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mother, Patricia.
8. Welcome back to Loretta Simonelli!
9. Condolences to Brad Wofsy on the loss of his grandmother, Ruthie.
10. The students were excited to buy gifts for their families from the Holiday Boutique hosted by the 5th grade parents.
11. Congratulations to Noelle Bach, Scott Scheinson, and Naomi Marmol along with the 4th and 5th grade Orchestra/Band/Chorus for an outstanding Winter Concert! The students sounded great!
12. We are in need of additional PPS personnel to support the increasing needs of our student population.
13. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)! This year we will be donating to the G2H Foundation in memory of Gerrin Hagen.
14. Save the date for our LBCTA End of Year Celebration on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
15. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.

E. LBMS

1. Happy New Year!

2. Congratulations to Ms. Farrell, Mr. David Lobenstien, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Neri on a very successful winter concert series. It was amazing to hear the remarkable talent of our music students.
3. Thank you to Ms. Farrell, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lobenstien, Mr. Neri, and our student band and orchestra groups for a festive holiday performance as we started school on December 20th. Everyone enjoyed the live music as we entered the building to begin our day.
4. Thank you to our Sunshine Committee for organizing our holiday party. A great time was had by all!
5. Kudos to our 6th grade Social Studies teachers, Mrs. Van Loon, and Mr. Francaviglia on the very impressive Ancient Egyptian museum set-up in the school library.
6. Thank you to our PE teachers for organizing the Staff vs. Students volleyball tournament.
7. Congratulations to Barbara Vahey on her retirement!
8. Thank you to Mr. Persaud and our buildings and grounds staff for all their efforts to keep our heat distributed throughout the building during the frigid winter days.
9. Thank you to Mrs. Northcutt and Mr. Biesma for their assistance by checking classroom temperatures and moving classroom locations when necessary.
10. Kudos to Mr. Pross and Mr. Santoro for coordinating our first Robotics competition. Students worked in teams to build and program their robots for each competition activity.
11. Our sincere condolences to Patricia VanLoon and family on the loss of her mother, Patricia Hagan.
12. Thank you to our 7th Grade History teachers and evaluators for their tremendous efforts towards National History Day on Thursday, January 16th.
13. Congratulations to Mr. Scheinson and Mrs. Farrell on the tremendously successful production of *Annie Jr.* Bravo!
14. Congratulations to Mr. Pross, Mrs. Katulka, and the Art and Wood Set Design Club members for the impressive set and props for *Annie Jr.*
15. Our sincere condolences to the family of Denise Callahan on the sudden passing of her husband, William.
16. Thank you to Keith Harvey and the technology department for the launching of Kahn Academy and Kahnmigo. We look forward to additional training opportunities for implementing this technology in our classrooms.
17. Please consider donating to the LBCTA sick bank.
18. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)!

F. LBHS

1. Registration is open for the 8th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, March 6th. Please register your teams using this [link](#)! This year we will donate to the G2H Foundation in memory of Gerrin Hagen.
2. Our sincerest condolences to Amy Teemer on the passing of her husband. Please consider donating to help support Amy and her family during this difficult time to @LBHS-Sunshine. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.
3. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her mother.
4. Thank you to Keith Harvey and the technology department for the launching of Kahn Academy and Kahnmigo. We are hopeful that this will be a successful way to enhance the learning experience in the classroom.

5. Thank you to our Sunshine Committee for organizing a successful Holiday party honoring retirees Rosa Anna Knag and Sylvia Gray.
6. Congratulations to Jessica Tull and the athletic department for hosting the 5th annual Beauty and the Beast fundraiser. Long Beach won both the wrestling and gymnastics meet and raised over \$5,500 to MSK Kids at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
7. Congratulations to Jim Johnsen as he was recently recognized by ASSET for being a *Bright Light in Education* for his dedicated role as a teacher and coach for robotics.
8. Congratulations to Samantha Silverman on her recent wedding!
9. The school counseling department held another successful Alumni Day on January 10th where they hosted six LBHS alumni to speak to our current juniors and seniors.
10. Please complete the 2025-2026 needs assessment Google Form for the Long Beach Teacher Center Continuation Application grant. You can find the link from the 1/27/25 email from LBTC Teacher Center.
11. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Little St. Nick and LB Soup Kitchen sent thank you notes for the association's donations during the holiday season.
- B. The Board of Education sent a thank you note for our board appreciation gifts.

IX. New Business

- A. The appointment of Election Chair & Committee Members: Grace Parisi Chair, Eileen Bauer and Dan D'Ottavio, committee members, was discussed and passed unanimously.

At 5:12pm, a motion was made by Matthew Hartmann to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Marr.

In attendance:

West: Claudine Clark, Anne LaPenna

Lindell: Susan Simons, Heather Puckhaber, Melissa Canner

East: Jeanne Richards, Tamara Sommers, Melissa Zimmerman, Eileen Bauer, Sara Hagen

Lido: Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti

LBMS: Dan D'Ottavio, John Marr, Grace Parisi

LBHS: Stephanie Mena, Camila Gamboa, Matthew Hartmann, Andrew Rossi, Calie Yousha, Rachel Yousha Spitz

Long Beach Teacher Center: John Marr

Retiree Representative: Frank Volpe

Executive Officers: Karen Bloom, Amy Leder, Jennifer Maggio, Jennifer Garrett, Patricia Van Loon
Elleen Parks, Jonathan Bloom

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.

Enjoy these benefits

FOR FREE!

NYSUT Member Benefits strongly believes in the importance of making quality benefits easily accessible to the NYSUT membership. You may be interested in the following options:

1. Premium Calm Subscription:

All in-service and retiree members receive unlimited free access to the popular Calm app's full library of sleep, meditation, and relaxation content. Members can add up to five dependents (age 16 or older) to receive their own premium Calm subscription.

2. Peer Support Line:

Whether you're facing a specific stressful situation or would just like to speak with a supportive voice, this confidential helpline is free to all NYSUT members and their families. Call toll-free 844-444-0152 to connect with a peer.

3. AD&D Insurance Benefit/ Travel Assistance Services:

All in-service and retiree members are automatically provided with a \$5,000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance benefit, along with free travel assistance services from AXA Assistance.

4. New Member Life Insurance:

All new members are eligible to receive a free term life insurance policy providing coverage for up to \$25,000 for one year, guaranteed renewable at the end of the year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Member Appreciation Event is back!

NYSUT Member Benefits is excited to announce that Member Appreciation Event will be held this March! This celebration will feature prizes donated by Member Benefits and our endorsed program providers. To be eligible to win, you must be a participant in our MAP Alert email service.

If you're not already a MAP Alert participant, simply scan the QR code, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org, or call 800-626-8101 to sign up. You'll then receive weekly updates about endorsed benefits, information about new programs, and be able to take part in special prize drawings such as Member Appreciation Event.

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January/February 2025

JOIN US FOR A LBCTA / LBSEA FUNDRAISER!

8th Annual

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

4:00 - 6:00 PM

MAPLE LANES IN RVC

\$40 per person | SCAN TO REGISTER



FOOD | CASH BAR | RAFFLES



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:

