



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

June 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Keith Harvey.

## I. President's Report—Keith Harvey

### A. Executive Board Dates

9/23/24

- B. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Executive Board and our membership for all that you do to make Long Beach Public Schools a great place for our children and its workers. The dedication and hard work each of you has demonstrated as educators and union representatives does not go unnoticed by the community and district. This year has been a testament to our collective resilience and unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of our students. Together, we have navigated these challenges with creativity and perseverance, ensuring that our classrooms remain vibrant, inclusive, and nurturing spaces for learning. The strength of our association lies in the dedication of its members, and I am confident that together, we will continue to overcome challenges and achieve even greater successes in the years to come. Do not forget, now is the time to start having conversations at the grade, department and building levels about what our goals will be for next year.

Thank you for an amazing school year. May your summer be filled with joy, relaxation, and good health.

### C. End of the Year Celebration

Thank you very much to everyone that came out for the LBCTA End of the Year celebration, and congratulations to all of this year's retirees. Special shoutout to Elleen Parks and the Social Committee for putting the party together.

### D. Long Beach Board of Education

Thank you to the Long Beach community for passing the School Budget and capital reserve proposition. Congratulations to Sam Pinto and Alexis Pace on their reelection.

### E. Building Rep Elections

Thank you very much to Beth Prostick and Amy Leder for running

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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multiple elections this year. I would also like to thank all the members of the Executive Board who have dedicated their time to support the students and teachers this year. Congratulations and welcome to all our newly elected Building Reps. I look forward to working with you next year.

**F. LBCTA Sick Bank**

Thank you very much to all who have donated so far. Unfortunately, the bank currently has more requests than days available. Although many of our members are donating targeted days, not all requests are currently being filled. Please consider donating to help fill those requests. Whether you donate to the bank, or to targeted members, here is the link to the [donation form](#).

**G. 2024 Nassau Regional Office Summer Workshop Schedule**

This summer NYSUT is offering a somewhat pared down version of the workshop schedules they usually present. They consider these workshops to be high priority trainings for getting locals up and running in good order in September. Some of these workshops will be repeated in the fall, in addition to some of the ELT and others courses I previously referenced.

Please use the below link to access this summer’s NRO workshop schedule with links for registration:

- [Click Here: NRO 2024 Summer Workshop Schedule](#)

**H. APPR**

The 2024 New York State Legislative Session for the Senate and Assembly closed last week. As you know they both signed a bill that would allow for an overhaul of the current 3012-d APPR. The next step is for the Governor to sign this legislation. Once that happens, we will have eight years to renegotiate our current APPR.

**I. Executive Board Dates Approved**

Monday, 9/23/24 will be the first executive board meeting. The remainder of the meetings are listed below.

10/28/24	12/9/24	1/27/25	3/10/25	4/28/25	6/9/25
11/25/24	1/13/25	2/10/25	3/24/25	5/12/25	6/23/25

**J. LBCTA Dues**

After a thorough review of the independent audits, not increasing local dues for over a decade, and with the approval of the Executive Board the local dues shall increase by \$10 per member for the 2024-25 school year.

**K. 2024-25 Pay Dates**

Below is a list of next year’s pay dates. Please note that next year will be a 21.5 payment year for those choosing 21.3 payments.

9/13/24 - no direct deposit	12/6/24	2/28/25	5/23/25
9/27/24	12/20/24	3/14/25	6/6/25
10/11/24	1/3/25	3/28/25	6/20/25
10/25/24	1/17/25	4/11/25	6/7/25
11/8/24	1/31/25 - no deductions	4/25/25	
11/22/24	2/14/25	5/9/25	

## L. Pay Options

Each year you have three pay options:

- 21 equal bi-weekly payments (September through June)
- 25 payments; 21 payments (September through June) + 4 payments on the last day of school
- 26 payments; you will receive 1/26 of your annual salary every two weeks from the first pay date in September through the last pay date in June when you will receive the remaining paychecks as separate checks, all dated June 30, which you may deposit at any time from June to August. Direct deposit will not be available for the last six paychecks. All deductions will be spread out over the 26 paychecks.

To elect an option other than the one you currently have, you must enroll prior to June 30 and the new option may not be changed until the start of the following school year. The new form will be available soon.

## M. Packing and Unpacking

Teachers who are moving and/or packing due to an alternative use of their room or a room transfer shall be paid \$26.89 per hour, up to a maximum of 4 hours. The work must be done outside of the school day and a record kept of the dates and times.

## N. Eyeglass Reimbursement



We are in year two 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.

## O. Study Money 2024-25

Fall - 9/27/24, Winter - 12/13/24, Summer - 5/16/25

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](#).

## P. Your NYSTRS Planning and Account

The links below have been provided by our NYSTRS Delegate, Lisa Rundo. These links will help you set-up your online NYSTRS account. This account will allow you to properly monitor and plan for your retirement. [Flyer link](#) [Video link](#)

## 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) you must submit a [“Request for Payment in Exchange for Accumulated Unused Sick”](#) The current rate is \$100.77 per day.

## 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. New Members—Alison Katulka

1. Congratulations to our members receiving tenure at Tuesday’s Board of Education meeting.
2. Congratulations to all of our retirees.
3. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer break.
4. Please contact me if there is someone in need of a union buddy at [akatulka@lbeach.org](mailto:akatulka@lbeach.org).

### C. Political Action Committee—Jennifer Garrett

1. Thank you to all who came out and voted YES to approve our school district budget.
2. Congratulations to Alexis Pace and Sam Pinto on re-election to the Board of Education.
3. Vol. 3, Issue 2 of our LBCTA newsletter is out. Newsletters were mailed to all NYSUT members residing in the LB school board district. This is just under 2,400 members. Also, newsletters

were placed in building mailboxes for all LBCTA members. Again, a special thank you to everyone involved in making the newsletter possible.

4. Thank you for your continued support! Have a great summer!

**D. Public Relations Committee—Amy Leder and Beth Prostick**

1. Congratulations to Alexis Pace and Sam Pinto on their reelection. Congratulations to Jennifer Garrett on an incredible job with the PAC committee.
2. We are so excited to participate for the first time this summer in the [Marcum Workplace Challenge](#). Please join the Long Beach faculty and staff team as we join thousands of other Long Island walkers and runners representing their businesses/corporations as part of the Marcum Workplace Challenge. Hundreds of corporations from Long Island participate yearly and there are always a few thousand participants. Each company gets its own tent area. After completing 3.5 miles, stick around for a picnic in the Long Beach tent. Family and friends are encouraged to register as well! It can be a great mid-summer get-together for everyone! **JOIN THE LONG BEACH SCHOOLS TEAM!** For more information, contact Scott Scheinson or Dr. Ostroff. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.
3. Congratulations to our incredible retirees. You will truly be missed. Thank you Jen Diamond for your building leadership. A special “see you soon” shoutout to Beth Prostick. Your love and dedication to the LBCTA will be cherished always.
4. Congratulations to our teachers who received tenure.
5. Wishing everyone the most wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy every second of the well-earned break.

**E. Social Committee—Elleen Parks**

1. I would like to give a very special thank you to Patty VanLoon for her tremendous support in putting our End of the Year celebration together! It was a successful evening filled with good laughs, dancing and delicious food. Congratulations to all our retirees and I look forward to putting the 2025 celebration together for May 15th.
2. Have a safe, and happy summer!

**F. Long Beach Teacher Center—John Marr**

1. The LBTC Continuation application has been sent into State Ed with continued funding of \$42768.
2. The poster printer is up and running! We are currently printing Super A3 posters at 12x 17. If you are interested in having a poster made for your classroom, please visit the LBTC webpage at <http://www.lbeachtc.org/banner-printing> to find a Canva template and instructions on how to send and request the posters. We will have limited hours over the summer. We ask you to limit the number of posters you request at this time as we have limited paper on hand. We plan to order additional paper of different sizes with next year’s grant.
3. The Policy Board recently passed a resolution to limit all Center classes to 10 hours in length to better provide instructor opportunities to run classes. If you are interested in running a class next year, please contact the director at [lbtc@lbeach.org](mailto:lbtc@lbeach.org).

**G. Pre-K Committee—Molly Drake**

1. Thank you to Dr. Radice and Ms. Tursi for their curriculum support this school year.
2. Thank you to the LBHS students who came and shared dance and yoga with our Pre-K students! It was enjoyed by all and we hope it becomes a tradition!
3. Thank you to Dr. Gonzalez for the visits and collaboration from the TALAT students! We look forward to next year’s visits!

4. Thank you for supporting your local school budget. Congratulations to Sam Pinto and Alexis Pace on their reelection.
5. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the retirees! Thank you for your service to the school district. A special thank you to Beth Prostick for your years of service and leadership!
6. Congratulations to the LBCTA members receiving tenure!
7. Have a wonderful and restful summer!
8. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.

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

- A. Thank you to everyone who supported the school budget! Congratulations to Mr. Pinto and Ms. Pace on their re-elections! We look forward to working with them for another 3 years to continue to support our students and school community.
- B. Thank you to Mr. DeVito for keeping us informed throughout the budget season and for constantly adjusting to better meet the needs of our students.
- C. We hope that the district commits to bringing back an alternative school for our HS students, as this is something that has been truly missed and is much needed.
- D. Please be sure to see the email about Swank, our new streaming platform. It seems pretty easy to use, but does require requesting certain titles that are not there. I would suggest putting as many requests in as possible before the summer, so that you are ready to go in September!

#### **E. APPR**

1. The bill is closer to being signed! Hopefully, we will have good news in September.
2. 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.
3. Our APPR handbook is on our website. You can find all timelines, conversion charts and percentages here.
4. Feel free to contact me if you have specific concerns regarding APPR.

#### **F. Health & Safety Committee**

1. We are still having major issues with the mice in the Lido Complex. We hope that this can be addressed as soon as possible.
2. We are still waiting on a revised plan for the Lido Multipurpose Room.
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).

#### **G. Other**

1. Thank you to Beth Prostick for her many years of service in our district, but especially as a member of our Executive Board. It was a pleasure working with you! You will be missed! Enjoy retirement!! Thank you to Jenn Diamond for all of her years of service as a building rep! Enjoy your retirement!
2. Congratulations to all retirees! You deserve nothing but the best!
3. Have an amazing summer! Try to relax and spend some time with family and friends! See you in September!
4. Feel free to join us for the Tenure/Retiree Board meeting on Tuesday June 11th!
5. 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. Thank you to Elleen Parks, Patty Van Loon, Amy Leder and the Social Committee for such a memorable end-of-year party. The kind words and love I felt from everyone truly warmed my heart.
- B. Congratulations to all my fellow retirees, I wish you all a long and happy retirement ahead!
- C. To the newly tenured teachers, your hard work has paid off, may you have a successful journey ahead.
- D. A big congratulations to all the newly elected and returning 2024-2025 building reps and alternates. I wish you a wonderful year ahead.
- E. One last thank you to all the building reps both past and present I have had the pleasure of working with. Your dedication throughout the years is greatly appreciated.
- F. Although I will miss you all, my time here is done, but I leave knowing you are in good hands with Jen Maggio as your new Elementary VP. I will always be available to Jen whenever she needs some advice.
- G. Please contact Jen Maggio if you have any issues over the summer.
- H. I hope you have a fantastic summer and you enjoy every second spent with your friends and family.

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

- A. Congratulations to Alexis Pace and Sam Pinto on their reelection. Congratulations to Jennifer Garrett on an incredible job with the PAC committee.
- B. We are so excited to participate for the first time this summer in the [Marcum Workplace Challenge](#). Please join the Long Beach faculty and staff team as we join thousands of other Long Island walkers and runners representing their businesses/corporations as part of the Marcum Workplace Challenge. Hundreds of corporations from Long Island participate yearly and there are always a few thousand participants. Each company gets its own tent area. After completing 3.5 miles, stick around for a picnic in the Long Beach tent. Family and friends are encouraged to register as well! It can be a great mid-summer get-together for everyone! **JOIN THE LONG BEACH SCHOOLS TEAM!** For more information, contact Scott Scheinson or Dr. Ostroff. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.
- C. Wishing everyone the most wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy every second of the well-earned break.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report—Jonathan Bloom**

**A. June Financial Results**

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
NYSUT Dues	\$32,537.10	Union Dues	\$41,947.42
AFT Dues	\$19,931.84	TALAT Grant	\$5,000.00
LBCTA EOY Celebration	\$14,401.67	Retirement Party	\$8,852.30
Accounting	\$5,000.00	Vote Cope	\$2,658.80
Scholarship	\$3,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,458.52</b>
Training	\$2,949.52		
PAC	\$4,128.59		
TALAT Grant Supplies	\$76.78		
Public Relations	\$566.00		
Office Supplies	\$610.76		
Meeting Supplies	\$139.07		
LBCCPTA Dinner	\$120.00		
Telephone	\$114.76		
Payroll Fees	\$38.75		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,614.84</b>		

- B. Welcome to the new Building Representatives. I look forward to working with you.
- C. Congratulations to all district retirees and tenures.
- D. 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.
- E. Wishing everyone a Happy Father's Day.
- F. Wishing everyone and safe and relaxing Summer Vacation

## **VII. Building Reports**

### **A. West School**

1. As per Article VIII, Section 4. A. of the LBCTA Constitution I am appointing Chelsea Way as an alternate rep for the 2024-25 school year.
2. Thank you to Ms. Dirolf and Ms. Kugelman for all the wonderful celebrations for Teacher Appreciation Week
3. Congratulations to Mrs. Krywe, Ms. Dixon, Mr. West and students for a wonderful Spring Concert. Everyone enjoyed your beautiful music.
4. Thank you to Elleen Parks and the Social Committee for putting together a great night to honor our retirees and our Union. Congratulations to all the retirees.
5. Thank you to Dan Bailey, Brian Rosen, Dana Wachter and all those who participated in organizing our fabulous Fitness Day.
6. Thank you to our PTA for ALL their hard work this year! We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents.
7. Congratulations to all the 5th grade students moving up to Middle School!
8. We want to wish a HAPPY and HEALTHY summer to everyone!

### **B. Lindell School**

1. Congratulations to Christina Romero on the birth of her daughter, Cecilia.
2. Congratulations to Stephanie Kornacki on the birth of her daughter, Sophia Noelle.
3. Congratulations to Lindsey Meehan on the birth of her son, James Smith.
4. Thank you to Elleen Parks and the Social Committee for an amazing LBCTA End of the Year Celebration. Everyone had a wonderful time.
5. Congratulations to all the retirees; especially Lisa Rundo.
6. Thank you to Beth Prostick for all her hard work and dedication as our LBCTA Elementary Vice President. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.
7. Welcome to Jenn Maggio as the new LBCTA Elementary Vice President. We look forward to working with you.
8. Congratulations to Jenna Pierson and Lauren Muscarella on receiving Tenure.
9. Congratulations to Vanessa Krwye, Scott Scheinson, Naomi Marmol, and Brianna Dixon on a fabulous Spring Concert.
10. As per Article VIII, Section 4. A. of the LBCTA Constitution, I am appointing Stephanie Esposito, as an alternate rep for the 2024-25 school year.
11. Thank you to the Lindell Sunshine Committee for a fantastic end of the year party. We had a memorable celebration! Congratulations to Lisa Rundo and Carolyn Chin on their retirements.
12. Grade 2 had a very successful V.I.P. Day - thank you to all of our wonderful V.I.P.'s that attended and thank you to all second grade students that made this such a memorable event.
13. Congratulations to the First Grade Students and Teachers on an amazing Author's Day. We are so proud of your growth as writers.

14. Thank you to the Lindell PTA for an amazing Booster Fundraiser and Lindell Fun Run. The children loved learning through the “World Changer Workshop!”
15. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote for the school budget. Congratulations to Sam Pinto and Alexis Pace on their reelection to the School Board.
16. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing summer vacation.
17. Please consider donating a day to the LBCTA sick bank.

### **C. East School**

1. Congratulations to Gina Patronaggio on her marriage to Anthony Coletta.
2. Our deepest and sincerest condolences to Jackie Kupferman for the loss of her grandmother, Ann Brandon.
3. Our deepest and sincerest condolences to Rebecca Wesselhoft for the loss of her mother-in-law, Patty Wesselhoft.
4. As per Article VIII, Section 4A of the LBCTA Constitution I am appointing Melissa Zimmerman as a building rep for the 2024-2025 school year. Also, according to the same article, I am appointing Eileen Bauer, Sara Hagen, and Stephanie Meyer as alternate reps for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Wishing Melissa Canner all the best in her new role as AIS Math teacher at Lindell.
6. Congratulations to Jeanne Richards, Tamara Sommers, and Melissa Zimmerman on becoming East School’s new Building reps for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind team led by Doug Mac Connell and coach Andie Techera. The team, which was comprised of students from all 4 elementary schools, placed 4th in their long term category in the world and 27th and 33rd overall. We are so proud of them!
8. Thank you to the Fun Day Committee and the PTA for their hard work. It was another successful Fun Day. The students had a blast.
9. Congratulations to Mr. West and Ms. Notar for a beautiful and successful spring concert.
10. Congratulations to Matt Jones for receiving tenure.
11. Thank you to Eileen Parks and Patty Van Loon for planning a successful End of Year CTA party. Fun was had by all.
12. Congratulations to Lauren Breen, Jennifer Diamond, and Mary Jane Rochford on your upcoming retirement. Your years of service have been invaluable to the students whose lives you have touched. We will miss you.
13. Please consider donating a day to the CTA sick bank.
14. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the East School End of Year Celebration Thursday, June 20th.
15. Have a safe and healthy summer!

### **D. Lido School**

1. Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees, especially to Beth Prostick! Thank you for your years of service to our Lido School students and for your tireless efforts as the LBCTA ElementaryVP. You will be sorely missed by students and staff alike.
2. Congratulations to Emily Ciavarella, Victoria Ferrara, Marisa Lorenzo, Kylee Nicholls, Janine Riomaso, Scott Scheinson, Erin Veltre, and Erica Yoo on receiving tenure!
3. Congratulations to all the 5th grade students on their promotion to Middle School!
4. As per Article VIII, Section 4. A. of the LBCTA Constitution I am appointing Erica Yoo as an alternate rep for the 2024-2025 school year.



5. Congratulations to Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti, and Molly Drake on their election to be the LBCTA Lido School Building Reps and to our alternates Lori Parenti and Erica Yoo for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Condolences to Timothy Donohue on the loss of his mother, Cheryll.
7. The Lido School Family is sending our love and healing prayers to our own Franklyn Lopez who experienced a life-changing medical emergency in May. His family continues to ask for prayers and support during this difficult time. If you would like to donate, you can visit the family created GoFundMe to make a donation at <https://gofund.me/55877878>
8. The Memorial Day Parade was enjoyed by all who attended. The band students and 3rd graders did a great job playing songs as they marched.
9. Thank you to PTA for the Jared Campbell assembly. It was appreciated by all who attended.
10. Thank you to Elleen Parks and Patty Van Loon for organizing the EOY LBCTA Party at The Ocean Club. Everyone had a great time! Congrats to all the retirees!
11. Thank you to all who voted and helped pass the recent school budget. Congratulations to Alexis Pace and Sam Pinto on their reelection to the Board of Education.
12. Bravo to the 4th Grade students who participated in the Dancing Classrooms competition with other Long Island schools under the guidance of their coach, Emily Ciavarella, winning silver this year.
13. Congratulations to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders along with Scott Scheinson, Naomi Marmol, and Brianna Dixon on a wonderful spring concert. The students and parents enjoyed the performances by the orchestra, band, recorders, and chorus.
14. We are still having issues with mice throughout the building despite efforts made by the custodial staff.
15. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.
16. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and well-deserved summer break!

#### **E. LBMS**

1. Mouse sightings continue throughout the building despite the efforts of the custodial staff. We are pleading for measures to finally address the issue and bring it under control.
2. Thank you to all who came out and voted YES to approve our school district budget.
3. Congratulations to Alexis Pace and Sam Pinto on their re-elections to the Board of Education.
4. A special thanks to our building admin for the Mister Softee treats 🍪 and to the LBMS PTA for providing the staff luncheon to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.
5. Kudos to Chrisina Farrell, Dave Lobenstein, Justin Marks, and Danny Neri for a fabulous spring concert series. Bravo to all of our amazing student performers!
6. Kudos to Ali Katulka, Scott Knyper and Krystal Rollis for a successful 2024 District Art Show. Thank you for always encouraging and showcasing all of our talented art students.
7. Congratulations to all our National Junior Honor Society inductees! We are so proud of your accomplishment! Special thanks to advisors Patty Van Loon and Mike Vasikauskas.
8. Kudos to our eighth grade students on their Middle Years Program (MYP) Community Projects. Each project reflected the hard work and dedication of our students. Special thanks to our MYP Community Project Coordinators, Jen McWilliams and Megan Kalner, and all of the MYP advisors that supported our eighth graders on their research projects.

9. This year's rocket launches were a blast! Special thanks to our 6th grade science teachers, Natasha Nurse, and Brian Pross for their help in making this event a continued success for our students.
10. Our 6th grade STEM classes explored renewable energy. Kudos to our students on their very creative Wind Turbine Projects. Special thanks to Natsha Nurse and Brian Pross for leading the project!
11. Special thanks to our trip coordinators, Michelle Frank and Ali Katulka, for organizing, and all of the staff chaperones that attended the 8th grade Skudin Surf trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip! Our students enjoyed the day!
12. Special thanks to our trip coordinators, Megan Kalner and Jen McWilliams, and all chaperones for helping to make the 7th grade trip to Mushroom Park a tremendous success. Our students had a great time!
13. Congratulations to our inductees to the LBMS Chapter of the Jr. Tri-M Honor Society. Special thanks to advisor, Dave Lobenstein, for helping launch our chapter and creating this forum to celebrate our dedicated musicians.
14. Congratulations to our Building Reps for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: Jenn Garrett, Ali Katulka, John Marr, Sean Miller, Grace Parisi and Daniel D'Ottavio-Alternate.
15. Condolences to Tara Gubelli on the loss of her mother.
16. Congratulations to Jen Donovan, Rich Pellegrini, Gina Scafidi, and Dana Stuono on receiving tenure.
17. Best wishes for a happy retirement to Rob Gallopini and Deb Rabiner.
18. Thank you to our Sunshine Committee, (Lindsay Pichichero, Nicole Vasheo, Raquel Lopez, and Shakeina Green) for all you did this year! We appreciate all you do!
19. Thank you Elleen Parks and the Social Committee for a wonderful end of the year party. A great time was had by all.
20. Wishing everyone and their families a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer vacation!

#### **F. LBHS**

1. Congratulations to Sam Pinto and Alexis Pace on their re-election to the Board of Education and thank you all who voted to approve the school budget.
2. Congratulations to Rachel Yousha Spitz, Callie Yousha, Loren Lang, Andrew Rossi, Matthew Hartmann and Stephanie Mena on their recent elections to serve as Building Committee Representatives for the 2024-2025 School Year.
3. Congratulations to Kristen Susko on the birth of her daughter, Kallan.
4. Congratulations to Marissa Tyd, Kurt Allen, Natalie Aviles, Gina Scafidi, Maggie Todaro, Marlon Lainez and Jennifer Papetti, who recently were granted tenure.
5. Congratulations to all the counselors, teachers, and students involved in the Senior Scholarship Awards Night. It was a wonderful evening.
6. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who were recognized for their hard work at the IB Diploma recognition ceremony.
7. Congratulations to all of the athletes and coaches who were recognized at the Varsity Spring Sports Awards Night.
8. Congratulations to all involved in the spring band/chorus and orchestra concerts, the encore concert and guitar show.
9. Congratulations to Mr. Krywe and all involved in the Long Beach Film Festival. It was great to see all of the hard work put into this event.

10. Congratulations to Jim Johnson and all involved in the incredible Car Show.
11. Thank you to Lisa Casey and Karen Bloom for organizing an amazing Prom and Morning Madness event this year.
12. Congratulations to the 2024 graduating class of LBHS!
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank.
14. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, and happy summer vacation!

At 5:20 pm, a motion was made by Beth Prostick to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jennifer Diamond.

**In Attendance:**

**Guests:** Stephanie Esposito, Stephanie Mena, Tamara Sommers, Erica Yoo

**West:** Anne LaPenna

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

**East:** Jennifer Diamond, Melissa Canner, Jennifer Maggio

**Lido:** Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti

**LBMS:** Jennifer Garrett, John Marr, Grace Parisi

**LBHS:** Lisa Casey, Camila Gamboa, Andrew Rossi, Rachel Yousha

**Pre-K Committee:** Molly Drake

**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

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