



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

October 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Karen Bloom.

I. President's Report - Karen Bloom

A. School Board Recognition Week

In honor of School Board Recognition Week (10/14-10/18), LBCTA presented small gifts to the BOE members at the BOE Meeting last week and made the following statement:

On behalf of our Union, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your time, dedication, and steadfast commitment to the students of Long Beach. It is truly a pleasure working with you, and we value the relationships we've built. We look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work together to support the success and well-being of all our students and staff. Thank you for all that you do!

B. Retiree Recognition Day October 20, 2025

This year, on Retiree Recognition Day, we celebrate our retired teachers whose passion, care, and dedication have shaped generations of students. Your years of service have made a lasting difference in countless lives, and we are deeply grateful for all you've given. Enjoy this well-earned time to rest, reflect, and take pride in all you've accomplished. Thank you for everything you've done for education and for your students.

C. SRP Recognition Day—November 18, 2025

School-Related Professionals (SRPs) are essential to the daily operations of our schools, working tirelessly to ensure that students learn in a clean, safe, and supportive environment. Their contributions extend far beyond their job descriptions. They build meaningful relationships with students and help foster a positive, welcoming school culture. In Long Beach and across the nation, SRPs are the unsung heroes of education. We deeply appreciate and recognize the vital role they play in supporting the success and well-being of every student. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment.

D. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

A huge thank you to Matt Hartmann and Jenn Maggio for hosting our 2nd Annual Music Bingo Event! LBCTA in connection with the LBSEA membership has generated support, awareness, and tens of thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in recent years. Please see the PR Committee report for this year's totals.

E. NYSUT Trainings & Workshops

We have had quite a few people attend workshops in the past month. Jenn Garrett and I both went to the workshop on Leaves, including Paid Family Leaves as well as FMLA. We were able to acquire lots of great information on the topic. Jenn Maggio participated in a Negotiations

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workshop as well. Additionally, I attended the presidents' roundtable, where it is always helpful to discuss current issues with other local presidents. Most recently, we had a nice showing at the Workplace Violence Prevention Training. Tim Cabasino, Dan D'Ottavio, Camila Gamboa, Jenn Garrett, Ali Katulka and Tamara Sommers were all able to attend. Be sure to look in the H & S Report to see when we are offering another opportunity to attend a virtual seminar, specifically designed for us! A huge thank you to everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to attend these workshops!

F. NYSTRS

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a retirement seminar on ***Monday, December 1st at 4pm. (Place TBD) Any member who attends will be entered into a raffle to win a prize, just for showing up!*** Robin Wagner, a NYSTRS rep, will be presenting about Guaranteed Benefits of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. Additionally, Justin Sulsky is currently our NYSTRS delegate. Feel free to contact him to provide general information about the retirement system, but NYSTRS was very clear that delegates need to route member-specific questions to them. If you have questions specific to your potential benefits, you can contact NYSTRS at 1-800-348-7298. (Extensions are at <https://www.nystrs.org/contact-us/get-in-touch/> for different departments). If you are considering retirement within the next three years, you should schedule a benefits consultation through <https://secure.nystrs.org/mynystrs> or by calling 1-800-348-7298, ext. 6100.

G. Teacher Center Policy Board

As per LBCTC bylaws, as President of the LBCTA I am appointing Kristen Conklin, Ally Johnson and Nicole Scorgia, to the Long Beach Teacher Center Policy Board, to replace Dana Monti and Andy Rossi. for a two year term. Thank you to Dana and Andy for your years of service to the Policy Board.

H. LBCTA Committees

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a committee. We are going to leave the Google form open to continue to encourage member involvement. Most meetings will be held virtually, so it is really easy to participate! The following five committees will be open for members to join: Grievance Committee, Public Relations Committee, Political Action Committee, Social Committee and Membership Committee. We look forward to hearing your voices and increasing member participation.

I. District Committees

The Association and its members are eager to collaborate with Dr. Gallagher and our Administrative team to set objectives and address the needs of our students. Ensuring that our perspectives are represented on these committees is essential. Please consider joining one. The committees for this year are: Equity, Curriculum and Technology, Mental Health & Wellness, and Health & Safety. The last 2 are for STAFF only; RTI/AIS- Optimizing Student Interventions, Professional Development Planning

J. Cancer Screening

Employees of the District may be excused from their duties for a sufficient period of time, not to exceed four hours on an annual basis (July 1-June 30). Please be sure to follow District procedures for notification of your absence so that appropriate coverage may be secured. Upon return from your screening leave, you must complete the [Cancer Screening Verification form](#). The original must then be submitted to the Office of Human Resources.

K. 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.

L. FLEX Spending

If you wish to participate, you need to complete and submit the forms by November 10th. Just as a reminder, for the 2025 year, you may incur expenses for an additional 2 ½ months and have 90 days to submit your claims. Please keep this in mind as you complete the application as this is a “use it or lose it” plan. Please reference Dr. Natali’s email from 10/20/25 for additional information regarding the benefit debit card as well as retirement options related to FLEX.

M. Mandated Reporting: GCN

All GCN Training Modules are due by *December 12, 2025*. Dr. Natali sent an email on 8/25 with all of the instructions on how to access and what modules need to be completed. This can be done on Professional Periods while you are at work.

N. Mandated Reporting: Child Abuse Training

In accordance with the Section 413 of the Social Services Law, as amended by the Laws of 2024, the mandated Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment/Neglect coursework has been updated to include the addition of guidance on identifying an abused or maltreated child when such child is an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability. The amended law further requires all mandated reporters, including all certified educators, to complete the new, updated workshop. Accordingly, all certified educators must have a record of completion of the new, updated training reported to TEACH by their chosen provider by **November 17, 2026**.

You must complete the 15 minute addendum with the same provider that you used previously. If you took it through NYSUT ELT, they are sending links directly to members to complete the 15 minutes. If you used OCFS, then you can log on and complete the new add on. If you are a new employee, you will need to complete the full training. Once we receive guidance from Dr. Natali, I will be sure to include it in my report.

O. Club Pay Dates

This year’s clubs will be paid half at the midpoint of the season, and half at the end of the season. This means if you are a seasonal club, you will be paid twice during your season. All other clubs will be paid half the stipend in the 12/5/25 check, and half in the 5/8/26 check.

P. Coaching Pay Dates 2025-26

High School

Winter: First Check: 12/19, Second Check: 2/13

Spring: First Check: 4/24, Second Check: 5/8

Middle School

Winter I: First Check: 12/5, Second Check: 1/16

Winter II: First Check: 2/13, Second Check: 3/13

Spring: First Check: 4/24, Second Check: 6/5

- Q. Study Money- Winter 12/12/25, and Summer 5/15/26** Applications to participate in the fall Study Money program should be received by the HR department by December 12th. 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](#).



II. Committee Reports

A. Negotiations - Karen Bloom

We are continuing to prepare for negotiations and will keep you updated as the process progresses. Remember that ALL negotiations updates are being sent to your personal email address. If you are still not receiving them, please reach out and let me know.

B. Grievance Committee - Jennifer Garrett

Currently, there are no active grievances to report. If you have any concerns or believe there may be a violation of the contract, please feel free to reach out to me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com

C. New Members - Alison Katulka

1. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to become a union buddy! We still have a few new members at the high school who need a buddy. If you are interested in becoming a buddy, please email me akatulka@lbeach.org
2. Thank you to our building reps and officers for assisting with the buddy pairing process.
3. Our new member gathering is on November 7th at EGP Land and Sea from 4-7pm. Please check your email for the RSVP form and let us know if you can attend.

D. Political Action Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended either the recent Fix Tier 6 Rally or the Speaker Bureau training and informational session on charter schools. The LBCTA continues to collaborate with NYSUT on both of these initiatives, as well as with the Long Island Against Charter Schools Committee, to advance our shared advocacy efforts. We will be in touch soon with information regarding the next steps for both campaigns.
2. **Help Fix Tier 6!** NYSUT is committed to the Fix Tier 6 campaign to fight for a fair and dignified retirement for all public employees. Fixing Tier 6 is key to retaining experienced educators and attracting new talent to our schools.
We're calling on **all members** to join NYSUT's Tier 6 Fix-It Team movement by scanning the QR code provided.
Also, please consider joining our **LBCTA Fix Tier 6 Team** by emailing lbctapac@gmail.com
Together, we can raise our voices and advocate for the secure, dignified retirement every educator has earned and deserves.
3. **The LBCTA Newsletter, Volume 5, Issue 1, is here!** Check your mailbox for the latest edition, packed with news, updates, and highlights you won't want to miss.
We'd love to hear from you! If you have ideas for topics or features you'd like to see in future issues, please email us at lbctapac@gmail.com using your personal email.
4. **Stay Connected with PAC** - To ensure timely updates, we need accurate contact information for all members. If you're new to the district or have changed your email, please send your current **personal** email to lbctapac@gmail.com so we can update our list. Thank you for helping us stay connected!
5. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassroomTeachers.
6. If you have ideas on how the LBCTA PAC can better support our members, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your suggestions to LBCTAPAC@gmail.com.

E. Public Relations Committee - Jennifer Maggio and Matthew Hartmann

1. Our Second Annual Music Bingo Fundraiser was a blast again. Thank you to everyone who came and sang along with us. Matt and I appreciate all the help everyone gave us to



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make this event a success. We raised over \$1500 at this event alone and that went directly into our TEAM 11561 Making Strides account.

2. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended Music Bingo, wore pink, donated, walked, or participated in the many fundraising efforts to support Team NYSUT Nassau LBCTA and LBSEA Team 11561 and bring awareness to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. Thanks to your continued efforts and overwhelming generosity, we were able to raise over \$7,350 this year toward the search for a cure. Since 2015, we have raised more than \$67,800!
3. The PR Committee was supposed to meet on November 3, however we will be changed due to High School Parent Teacher Conferences. We apologize for double booking our secondary members of the committee and we will inform you of the rescheduled date.
4. Please be on the lookout for the LBCTA Newsletter. You should receive that in your mailboxes this week.
5. Please follow us on Instagram @longbeachclassroomteachers.
6. Save the Date! Our LBCTA 9th annual bowling event will be held on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes in RVC. More information will be available soon.

F. Social Committee - Tamara Sommers

1. Thank you to Jenn Maggio and Matt Hartmann for a fun and successful Music BINGO night in support of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.
2. Thank you to the many members who have stepped up to be union buddies. Please rsvp to the new member gathering on November 7th at EGP.
3. The executive board meeting for Monday, December 8th at EGP will need a response on whether or not you can attend. Please look for an email from me to send your response for that meeting.

III. Executive Vice President's Report - Jennifer Garrett

A. APPR → STEPS Update

1. We have been actively negotiating a new professional performance plan under the updated Standards-based Educator Evaluation and Professional Support (STEPS) guidelines. We are pleased to report that we are nearing an agreement that offers a fair and effective framework for evaluating our members. Final approval from the state is pending, and we look forward to sharing the finalized details on Superintendent Conference Day.
2. Since we are far enough along in the process, untenured members should soon receive a notification identifying your evaluators for this school year. If you do not receive this information, please reach out to your immediate supervisor.
3. As always, we encourage you to actively engage in the observation and evaluation process. Our evaluation system remains grounded in the Danielson Framework, which emphasizes observable, research-based best practices. Evaluations and feedback should be evidence-based, not opinion-based, ensuring a fair and constructive process. Please share any questions or concerns during your post-observation conferences so they can be addressed promptly.
4. Please note that you will no longer receive a composite score, as these were part of the previous evaluation system. Probationary teachers will receive an overall rating on an annual basis, and tenured teachers will receive an overall rating for the three-year evaluation cycle.

5. If you have any questions or concerns about STEPS or the evaluation process, please don't hesitate to contact me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com

B. Health & Safety Committee

1. We had our first H & S meeting today 10/23. The following items were discussed:

a) High School Lockdown Update

(1) Terminology Update

- (a) Lock Out is now Secure Lock Out – Threat is outside the building.
No one may enter or exit the building
- (b) Lock Down – Threat is inside the building.
- (c) All plans must reflect this updated terminology.

(2) ParentLink Communication

- (a) Access: Mr. Devito has access to ParentLink.
- (b) Include in messages: Notify other buildings when one is in lockdown.
- (c) If one school is in lockdown, include the safety status of the others schools.

(3) Fob Access Control

- (a) If necessary, a security app (limited access) is utilized to disable fobs.
- (b) If the panic button is activated, all fobs are immediately disabled.

(4) Feedback

- (a) If buses are en route during an incident, they should be diverted or stop on the street, not approach the event area.
- (b) The same applies to parents dropping off students.

(5) Training and Communication

- (a) HS plan to create a short instructional video demonstrating what to do and where to go in different areas of the building during an emergency situation.

(6) Law Enforcement Guidance

- (a) Initiate a lockdown when/if you see or hear a direct threat in person.
- (b) Be cautious with phone reports (e.g., "I'm at the door").
- (c) If it makes sense to verify, check first.

b) Desha's Law

- (1) Effective September 1, 2025 - Policies and procedures for responding to sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) must be included in building-level emergency response plan and address:**

- (a) Building and venue-specific requirements and procedures.
- (b) Medical response and support needs.
- (c) Transportation procedures for emergencies.
- (d) Emergency notification of parents/guardians

(2) Effective January 20, 2026 – District-Level Requirements

- (a) AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) marked, accessible, and maintained in accordance with appropriate care guidelines.

- (b) District-Wide School Safety Team - develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP).
- (c) Mandatory Annual School Safety Training for staff and students to include SCA.
- (d) Voluntary Training available for coaches, nurses, and staff who wish to participate.
- (e) Requirement: a trained person must be present at all school events.
- c) After-School Safety Procedures – NYSED Memo (June 3, 2025) all building and district emergency response plans must include procedures that cover all settings and times - before, during, and after school, as well as indoor and outdoor activities. Plans must also include security and emergency procedures for managing out-of-district students and visitors attending athletic events, after-school programs, and other activities.
- d) Maximum Temperature Policy – Effective September 1, 2025 - Establish a policy to protect health and safety during extreme heat.
 - (1) Action required at 82°F: Take steps to reduce heat discomfort (e.g., turn off lights/electronics, close blinds, use fans, open doors/windows, provide water breaks).
 - (2) At 88°F: Relocate students and staff from affected areas when possible.
- e) The next meeting date is February 9th. The spring meeting will be May 4th.
- f) Staff members are encouraged to report any unresolved Health & Safety issues at the building level. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com
- C. While we acknowledge and appreciate the continued progress on capital improvement projects at the Lido Complex, the performance of the newly installed HVAC units remains a concern, particularly as colder weather approaches. Recently, certain units were found to be heating classrooms to excessively high temperatures, necessitating additional technical service. We hope the new units will be thoroughly tested and verified to be functioning as intended prior to the onset of extreme temperatures.
- D. Thank you to Mr. DeVito for promptly arranging air quality testing with J.C. Broderick in areas that have been questioned by staff. We appreciate the district's ongoing commitment to prioritizing the health and safety of both staff and students. If you have any questions about the testing or the results, please feel free to contact me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com.
- E. Please take a moment to confirm that your classroom phone is functioning properly. If you notice any issues, notify your Head Building Custodian immediately.
- F. **Workplace Violence Prevention**
 The Board of Education has adopted a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, which can be found [here](#). Please take a few moments to read and review it.
 Additionally, the district added the Workplace Violence Prevention Module to the GCN platform. If you experience a workplace violence incident, the updated reporting form is available on the district website under Staff Resources > Health and Safety. Once completed, the form should be submitted to your principal.
 All submitted forms and previous findings from our Workplace Violence Risk Assessment are carefully reviewed, and we will actively pursue any necessary remediation to ensure safety across our buildings.

We look forward to working with Administration regarding updates to workplace violence protocols.

G. Other

1. Please consider joining an LBCTA or District committee.
2. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.

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

- A. Our second ANNUAL Music Bingo was a HIT! A huge thank you to everyone who made this event happen by being there!
- B. Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Team 11561 once again raised over \$7,000 - you guys truly are the best! I look forward to our Public Relations Committee meetings so we can make our support of Making Strides even better!
- C. I look forward to seeing all of our new LBCTA members and their Buddies at our New Member Party at EGP Land and Sea November 7th .
- D. Due to a conflict with a previously scheduled PR committee meeting - we will move our Elementary Council meeting to next Monday, November 3rd at 4:00 in the East School Library.
- E. Please contact me at jmaggio@lbeach.org if there are any concerns that you can't work out at your building.

V. Vice President for Secondary Schools' Report - Matthew Hartmann

- A. Thank you to everyone who donated, walked, facilitated, or participated in the many fundraising efforts to support Team NYSUT Nassau LBCTA and LBSEA Team 11561 and bring awareness to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. Your continued enthusiasm year after year is inspiring.
- B. Welcome to Anthony Balsamo in his new position as interim vice principal at the high school.
- C. I am looking forward to seeing all of our new members and their buddies at our Fall New Member party on Friday, November 7, at EGP Land and Sea in Island Park. Mentors and executive board members are also welcome!
- D. Reminder: Global Compliance training is due December 12, 2025.
- E. Thank you to those who have attended a NYSUT Fall Workshop this month. Be sure to let me know if you attend any of the remaining Fall Workshops.
- F. Please consider volunteering to serve on a district and/or LBCTA committee. It is important we have member representatives on each of the committees to make our voices heard!
- G. Your Building Reps are available to assist you. Please communicate any issues or concerns you may have with your building reps:

HS Reps: T. Cabasino, L. Casey, R. Destio, C. Gamboa, C. Morales Hauser, G Milone, and A. Rossi.

MS Reps: W. Papetti, D. D'Dottavio, A. Katulka, J. Marr, and K. Rehnback.

- H. Keep an eye out for opportunities every month to participate in YOUR union!

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jonathan Bloom

- A. Union dues for 2025/2026 for full-time members will be \$1,062.16 The breakdown is \$407 for local dues, \$402 for NYSUT dues , \$245.16 for AFT dues and \$8 for PTA membership. \$106.21 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. September 2025 Financials

Expenditures

Officer & Building Rep	\$29,261.36
Stipends	\$9,555.88
Payroll Taxes	\$351.50
Payroll Fees	\$591.50
Workers Comp	\$180.18
Meeting Expense	\$138.50
Telephone	\$31.94
Election Website	
Subscription	

Total	\$40,110.46
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Revenues

Union Dues	\$41,127.15
Retirees	\$207.00
NYSUT Member Benefit	\$500.00
Reimbursement	
Total	\$41,934.15

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

1. Our annual, "Wear Pink Day" was a hit. Much gratitude to all the faculty that donated to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser.
2. Thanks to all who organized, donated and/or participated in the Music BINGO fundraiser. It was a fun and successful event.
3. Thank you to the LBFD for visiting West School! Our pre-kindergarteners and kindergarteners had an amazing experience learning about fire safety from our very own Long Beach Fire Fighters.
4. Thank you to everyone who participated in the West School Soctober Fundraiser. It was a huge success.
5. The New Member Fall Gathering will be held on November 7th at EGP Land and Sea. All new members welcome!
6. Save the date for our Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes.

B. Lindell School

1. We are grateful to all who contributed to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser. Together we raised over \$7000.
2. Much appreciation to Lindell Sunshine who hosted a delicious breakfast to kick off the new school year.
3. Congratulations and thank you to the Lindell PTA for the successful Glowrun fundraiser and activity. Everyone had a wonderful time raising money for our school.
4. Thank you to the LB Fire Department for presenting to the Lindell Pre-K, K and 1st grade classes. Our students loved the interaction with firefighters and seeing a fire engine up close.
5. Our first SEL Family meeting for this year focused on being an effective communicator, open-minded, and self-management. We promoted respect for all, belonging and positive interactions.
6. On Friday, October 22nd Lindell celebrated our annual "Walk it Forward" event. This event highlighted ideas and acts of "kindness." The connection between "Walk it Forward" and "Paying it Forward" is to be kind to others.

7. Our Fall New Member Gathering is next Friday, November 7th, at EGP Land and Sea from 4:00-7:00 pm. This event is open to LBCTA new members, union buddies, and members of the executive board. Please RSVP to Alison Katulka.
8. With our building's ongoing behavioral concerns we anticipate that our Behavior Specialist will return to Lindell as soon as possible.

C. East School

1. Thank you to the PTA for organizing another successful Beast- A-Thon, which took place on Friday, October 17th, the students had a great time.
2. Thank you to all who attended LBCTA Music Bingo Fundraiser, a fun time was had by all.
3. Thank you to all who donated to LBCTA Making Strides Fundraiser and for participating in the Wear Pink Day.
4. The new member fall gathering will be held on November 7th at EGP Land & Sea, all new members, buddies and reps are welcome! Please RSVP!
5. Save the date for the annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th.
6. Please consider donating a day to the LBCTA Sick Bank.

D. Lido School

1. Thank you to Lido PTA for another great Color Run. Fun was had by all who attended.
2. Thank you to all who participated in Music Bingo, Pink Out Day, and the LBCTA Making Strides walk.
3. Condolences to Tara Moran's family- Tara was a beloved TA at Lido for many years and will be missed.
4. Thank you to Lido PTA for the Lido Trunk or Treat
5. Wishing Tova Markowitz a speedy recovery after her surgery.
6. Thank you to Ms. Jean for the fun Red Ribbon Week Activities.
7. The New Member Fall Gathering will be held on November 7th at EGP Land and Sea. All new members, mentors, and buddies are welcome!
8. Save the date for our Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes.
9. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please reach out if you'd like to donate targeted days for a specific member.

E. LBMS

1. Thank you to everyone who attended the Music Bingo fundraiser!
2. Thank you to everyone for participating in the Pink Out on Friday, October 17. It was an amazing display of solidarity for a great cause. The middle school family was able to raise an additional \$732 for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Team 11561.
3. Congratulations to Nicole Vasheo on her recent marriage to Brendan Scharen.
4. Congratulations to Mary King on the birth of her daughter, Lucy.
5. Special thanks to Janna Arkow, John Marr, and Buddy Hoffman for preparing and presenting a National History Day Informational Session for 7th grade families.
6. On October 16, our guidance department brought in the Assistant District Attorney who presented "S.T.O.P. then Send" to all 6th grade students. The presentation included important safety recommendations for student internet and social media use.
7. Great job to the GSA and their advisor, Dan D'Ottavio, for hosting a successful Halloween movie event for students in the auditorium.

8. Shout out to the Student Organization and their advisors, Jen Healey and Danielle Callahan, for organizing an incredible homecoming-themed Spirit Week from October 6–10, followed by Unity Day on October 22. Students and staff came together to proudly show their Long Beach Middle School spirit, then joined in wearing orange to take a stand against bullying.
9. Thank you to the PTA for organizing the fall book fair.
10. Shoutout to Fawwas Persaud, Edwin Rodriguez, George Kups, and Miguel Arroyo for going above and beyond—staying late to help a teacher jumpstart their car. And another shoutout to Joe Rodriguez for stepping up the next day to help her out again! Rest assured, the battery has now been replaced.
11. Thank you to Patty VanLoon and Regina Dean for spending countless hours organizing another successful Frost Valley trip for the 6th graders. We are grateful for Keith Biesma and Tricia Henry's dedication to their role in planning this trip as well.
12. While we acknowledge and appreciate the continued progress on capital improvement projects at the Lido Complex, the performance of the newly installed HVAC units remains a concern, particularly as colder weather approaches. Recently, certain units were found to be heating classrooms to excessively high temperatures, necessitating additional technical service. We hope the new units will be thoroughly tested and verified to be functioning as intended prior to the onset of extreme temperatures.

F. LBHS

1. Congratulations to Anthony Balsamo on his appointment to Vice Principal of LBHS.
2. Our annual 50/50 raffle for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer foundation was a huge success! Thank you Camila Gamboa and Carina Morales-Hauser for running the event. The high school was able to raise \$830 that went directly to the cause. Thank you to all staff and faculty who participated in this event and wore pink.
3. Thank you to the Public Relations Team, Karen Bloom, Matt Hartmann and Jenn Maggio for organizing the Music Bingo Event on 10/9/25. In addition, many thanks to the rest of the executive officers, Jenn Garrett, Patty VanLoon, Tamara Sommers and Jonathan Bloom, for all of your assistance and support in organizing this wonderful event.
4. Thank you to all club advisors and students involved in hosting our recent homecoming carnival on 10/10/25. Congratulations to the Varsity Football team on their Homecoming win! It was a wonderful community event that was fun for all ages.
5. Congratulations to Coach Ray Adams on his induction into the Nassau County Wrestling High School Hall of Fame. Thank you for all that you do on and off the mat for our wrestlers and students!
6. Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer team for their playoff overtime win on 10/24/25 against Manhasset!
7. Congratulations to Heather Fitaõ on the birth of her son Luca. Mom and baby are happy and healthy!
8. We also want to thank our custodial staff and administration for their open communication with the building representatives and faculty. We are hopeful for continued success and collaboration.
9. Condolences to Gillian Bella-Greenfield on the passing of her grandmother and aunt.
10. Please consider attending the Best Pals Halloween Party on Thursday October 30, 2025 from 6-7:30 PM in the LBHS Cafeteria.

- 11.** Please consider attending the LBCTA Buddy Party on Friday, November 7th at EGP Land and Sea from 4:00-7:00 PM in Island Park. This is a private event open to new members, buddies, mentors, and members of the LBCTA executive board. If you are interested in becoming a buddy, please contact Alison Katulka at akatulka@lbeach.org.

At 5:32pm, a motion was made by Alison Katulka to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dan D'Ottavio.

In attendance:

West: Claudine Clark, Anne LaPenna, Chelsea Blum

Lindell: Susan Simons, Melissa Canner, Heather Puckhaber

East: Jeanne Richards

Lido: Dana Monti, Emily Ciavarella, Erica Yoo, Justin Sulsky

LBMS: Billy Papetti, Dan D'Ottavio, Alison Katulka, Kerri Rehnback

LBHS: Tim Cabasino, Lisa Casey, Ron Destio, Camila Gamboa, Greg Milone, Carina Morales Hauser,

Long Beach Teacher Center:

Retiree Representative: Frank Volpe

Executive Officers: Karen Bloom, Jennifer Garrett, Jennifer Maggio, Matthew Hartmann,
Patricia VanLoon, Jonathan Bloom, Tamara Sommers

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



MEMBER
BENEFITS

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**GET
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TO THE PREMIUM CALM APP, PEER SUPPORT LINE & MORE!

NYSUT Member Benefits understands the importance of providing support, resources, and tools to help NYSUT members with all aspects of their lives. In light of that, we have negotiated with our endorsed program providers to offer members several benefits free of charge.

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Learn more about these along with several other free benefits by scanning the QR code, visiting mb-nysut.org/nocostbenefits, or calling 800-626-8101.



Premium Calm Service – All in-service and retiree members receive

unlimited access to the full Calm library of sleep, meditation, and relaxation content. The popular Calm app includes specialized playlists dealing with stress and focus, mindful movement video and audio, nature scenes and sounds, children's content, and more. Members can add up to five dependents (age 16 or older) to receive their own premium Calm subscription. Note: You will need your NYSUT ID number (which can

be found at nysut.org/memberid) to create your Calm account.

Peer Support

Line – Life can throw lots of curveballs at us, and sometimes we don't readily know where to turn for help. The Peer Support Line is a confidential helpline that is available to all NYSUT members and their loved ones for answers, resources, and support when it's needed most. Chat, email, or call toll-free 844-444-0152 to connect with a peer today.



AD&D Insurance & 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.

New Member Life Insurance

– All new NYSUT 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.

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