



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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## Executive Board Minutes

October 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm by Keith Harvey.

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

#### A. Executive Board Dates

11/13/23, 12/4/23, 1/8/24, 1/22/24, 2/12/24, 3/11/24,  
3/25/24, 4/8/24, 5/6/24, 6/10/24

#### B. School Board Recognition Week

In honor of School Board Recognition Week (10/16-10/20), I would like to say thank you to the past and present Long Beach Board of Education members for the countless hours they have volunteered to help formulate goals consistent with the needs of children.

#### C. Long Beach PTA

Once again, I am proud to announce the LBCTA has 100% teacher participation in the LB PTA. While all our teachers are members, it is also important that we actively participate in the PTA. It is extremely important that the CTA and PTA have an open and working relationship. On behalf of the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association, I want to thank the PTA for all they do to help support and advance the quality of education in the Long Beach Public Schools.

#### D. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

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. A very special thank you to the PR committee led by Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for organizing all this year's events. Please see the PR Committee report for this year's totals. If you would still like to make a donation, please use the following link: [Team LBCTA 11561](https://www.teamlbcta.com)

#### E. District Committees

The Association and its members look forward to working with Dr. Gallagher and our Administrative team to establish goals and to



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  
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*Treasurer*

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help meet the needs of our students. It is important that our voices are heard on these committees. Please consider joining one. The committees for this year are: Equity, Curriculum and Technology, RTI/AIS-School District Improvement, PDP and SCD, Mental Health & Wellness, and Health & Safety.

**F. COVID NYS Paid Leave**

Employees are still able to access the NYS paid leave for 3 instances. If they have already used it three times, then they will have to use sick days. The COVID form can be found in your main office and should be filled out and returned to Eileen Zeppa or the LBAttendance email with the positive lab test. Home tests are not accepted. Employees should isolate through at least day 5 (day 0 is the day symptoms appeared or the date the specimen was collected for the positive test for people who are asymptomatic). They can return to work (as long as symptoms are improving) and should wear a mask through day 10. If symptoms are not improving they may need to stay out longer, and will be paid up to 10 days.

**G. Vote YES on Prop 1**

This year, New York State has a ballot proposition that would allow small cities to borrow money at the same rates as other districts. This will have immediate impacts on school districts representing almost 200,000 students across the state which will now be able to receive more funding for public education. We urge all NYSUT members to vote YES on Prop 1. More info can be found here:

<https://www.nysut.org/news/2023/october/vote-yes-on-1>

**H. Study Money - Winter 12/8/23 and Summer 5/10/24**

Those who applied and were approved for Fall Study Money will appear on the November 14th Board of Education agenda. There are two more opportunities to participate in the Study Program: Winter – Friday, December 8, 2023 and Summer – Friday, May 10, 2023. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program— Group A](#).



**I. 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.

**J. Coaching Pay Dates**

Below are the payroll dates for coaches for 2023-24 school year:

**High School**

Fall: Second Check: 10/27  
Winter: First Check: 12/22, Second Check: 2/16  
Spring: First Check: 3/27, Second Check: 5/10

**Middle School**

Fall: Second Check: 10/27  
Winter I: First Check: 12/8, Second Check: 1/19  
Winter II: First Check: 2/16, Second Check: 3/15  
Spring: First Check: 4/26, Second Check: 6/7

**K. NYSUT Pocket Calendars**

The 2023-2024 NYSUT pocket calendars are in! If you would like a 2023-2024 NYSUT pocket calendar, please contact your Senior Building rep.

**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. Most of our new members have been matched with a union buddy. Buddies have been encouraged to reach out to our new members and introduce themselves and let our new members know that they are there for them for support. Please let me know of anyone who does not have a union buddy.
2. We will be having a New Member Party on November 3rd at EGP Land and Sea starting at 4:00pm. This party is open to new members, buddies, mentors, mentor coordinators, and executive board members. Please RSVP with the Google Form sent on October 5th by October 27th so I can give EGP an accurate headcount. I hope to see you all there.
3. Please save the date for our annual LBCTA bowling fundraiser on February 1st. This event is a lot of fun and all proceeds will go to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation.

## **C. Political Action Committee—Jennifer Garrett**

1. Thank you to everyone who wore green on September 26th to participate in #Dalerforthehday and show Long Beach support for the Farmingdale community. It was a strong show of love and solidarity. When a loss like this occurs, we all grieve together.
2. It is important that PAC has a way to contact members to disseminate information in a timely fashion. If you changed email or are new to the district, please email [LBCTAPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LBCTAPAC@gmail.com) with an **active personal** email address so our contact list can be updated.
3. PAC is working in conjunction with the New Member Committee to create a newsletter for our members. If you have any ideas for topics/highlights for future publications please email [LBCTAPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LBCTAPAC@gmail.com).
4. Please follow us on Instagram @LongBeachClassrromTeachers.
5. As always, please feel free to share your ideas on how LBCTA PAC can better serve our members. You can email your thoughts to [LBCTAPAC@gmail.com](mailto:LBCTAPAC@gmail.com).

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

1. The outpouring of love and support we have received from our union members, community members, administrators, and Group C towards raising money for breast cancer has been incredible. Team LBCTA/LBSEA 11561 has raised over \$6000. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought a shirt, wore purple/pink, and/or walked. Your commitment and dedication to this cause has been truly heartwarming. It means the world to us!
2. Save the date for our annual bowling event. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. This year we will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. More information will be available soon.



## **E. Social Committee—Elleen Parks**

1. We are looking forward to seeing our buddies on Friday, 11/3 at our Buddy gathering at EGP Land and Sea.
2. Our end of the year celebration will take place at the Ocean Club on Thursday, May 16, 2024. If any of our members are DJ's and are interested in working this party, please e-mail me at [eparks@lbeach.org](mailto:eparks@lbeach.org). We are always looking for new vendors and would like to have more member participation.

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

1. The Long Beach Teacher Center is seeking individuals who wish to volunteer one hour per month to join the Long Beach Teacher Center Policy Board from 4:15-5:15 on the third Tuesday

of every month in the Middle School Library. The Long Beach Teacher Center is a NYS grant funded organization run by teachers for teachers to provide high quality professional development. We are currently missing teacher representation from West and would gladly welcome teachers from any building. If you are interested in joining the Policy Board or have any questions, please contact the director at [lbtc@lbeach.org](mailto:lbtc@lbeach.org) and we can work to get you appointed for the next meeting in November.

#### **G. Pre-K Committee—Molly Drake**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to showcase our Pre-K program at the September 26th board meeting.
2. Our students are enjoying going to specials. Thank you to the special area teachers for helping to make this happen.

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

#### **A. APPR**

1. You should have received something stating who your evaluators will be for this school year. If you did not, please contact your immediate supervisor and let them know.
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.

#### **B. Health & Safety**

1. We had our first H & S meeting today 10/23. The following items were discussed
  - a) **Early Dismissal Drill:** Mr. DeVito had sent communication to families via a letter in the opening of school documents that shared the date of the drill as well as the communication methods that would be tested. The purpose is to test both communication: email, text and phone, as well as transportation. The district drill is this Wednesday 10/25. However, the HS will need to participate in another one on 11/22 due to a lack of communication with the Island Park Schools.
  - b) **School Bus Stop Arm Cameras:** It was discussed that many people are having trouble seeing the stopped buses across six lanes of traffic. Although, technically the law is to stop on both sides of the street, LB police are not being as strict with the opposite side stopping.
  - c) **Reunification:** This year will be used to discuss reunification with staff and to decide how we will best conduct these drills at each building. Next year, we will plan to have a reunification drill, likely attached to one of our current drills.
  - d) **Situational Awareness Training:** Admin will receive training which they will turn-key to their faculties. This will likely be followed by having homeland security join each building for a drill.
  - e) **Transportation:** There was a discussion of bus inspections that take place when a coach bus is used rather than a school bus. In addition to checking all ratings and abstracts prior to hiring, all buses are checked by our mechanics and must pass a safety inspection before arriving at the school.

- f) **Middle East Crisis:** NCPD are monitoring social media to make sure that no threats are coming into Nassau districts. In addition, they have provided more police presence on campuses and suggest that we review all safety plans.
- g) **Balloon Mission:** Keep your eyes out from your building principals regarding a program that recycles old balloons rather than allowing them to get into our waterways and pollute the environment.
- h) **Lido Complex:**
  - (1) Boiler update is extensive and I will happily share it with whoever would like more details. Bottom line is that it should be completed for next year's heating season.
  - (2) There was also a discussion about the Lido Multipurpose room windows.
- i) **High School:**
  - (1) Library shelves were rearranged in order to provide places to go during a lockdown drill.
  - (2) There was an extensive conversation regarding the dysfunctional cameras in the building as well as other parts of the district. It seems that A+ may not be providing all the help that we need. The district will need to check cameras regularly and decide if we need a new company to better support our needs. It seems that much of the video gets "skipped" due to a lack of server space and we will need to upgrade to cloud storage for the problem to be fixed.
- j) **Medical Documentation for Drill Exemption:** Teachers or staff who are medically exempt from participating in drills will need to provide a doctor's note in order to be exempt. Notes should be given to Dr. Natali in Human Resources.
- k) **COVID 19 Guidelines:** Things are still the same as they were last year. We requested that the most current guidelines be re-sent to all members in the district to clarify the details of testing, using COVID days and when to return.
- l) **Long Beach Flooding:** We discussed our most recent flood and how quickly the conditions changed on the roads. Despite the fact that people felt an early dismissal was warranted, that is not always the best way to proceed. Many students would have been released with no parents home. However, Mr. DeVito did give each building approval to work with staff members and allow people to leave early if there are major travel concerns.
- m) **District Policy for Classroom Use of Pronouns for Transgender Students:**  
Dr. Gallagher shared some of the recent guidelines that were put together by NYSED. Although we do not have a district policy, we are using these recommendations and best practices. She also shared these guidelines at the administrative council, so hopefully the principals will send it out shortly!
  - 2. The next meeting date is January 29th. The spring meeting will be May 6th.
  - 3. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at [kbloom@lbeach.org](mailto:kbloom@lbeach.org).

#### C. Other

- 1. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible.
- 2. 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 all who donated and/or walked on Sunday, October 15th, for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. It was a beautiful day to come out for an important cause.
- B. Please join us for our New Member Party on Friday, November 3rd at EGP Land and Sea.
- C. Please consider donating a sick day to our sick bank.
- D. If you have any questions or concerns that you were unable to work out at your building, I can be reached at [bprostick@lbeach.org](mailto:bprostick@lbeach.org).

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

- A. The outpouring of love and support we have received from our union members, community members, administrators, and Group C towards raising money for breast cancer has been incredible. Team LBCTA/LBSEA 11561 has raised over \$6000. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought a shirt, wore purple/pink, and/or walked. Your commitment and dedication to this cause has been truly heartwarming. It means the world to us!
- B. Please join us for our mentor meeting on November 3rd at EPG in IP.
- C. Save the date for our annual bowling event. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. This year we will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. More information will be available soon.
- D. Please continue to communicate with your building reps about new and old items that are a concern to you. We encourage you to also keep the lines of communication open with administration about any personal issues and/or items you feel comfortable discussing with them.

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

**A. September Financial Results**

**Revenues**

Union Dues	\$41,102.09
Retirees	\$378.00
NYSUT Logo	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,580.09</b>

**Expenditures**

Office Supplies	\$70.71
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$553.00
PTA Dues	\$3,488.00
New Check Order	\$90.43
Webpage Renewal	\$225.55
Taxes and Fees	\$22.50
Making Strides T-Shirts	\$1,987.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,437.19</b>

- B. Thank you to all that wore pink, donated to, and participated in the Making Strides Walk at Jones Beach on October 15th. Special thanks to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for their leadership efforts in coordinating this event.
- C. Please attend our LBCTA New Member/Buddy party on Friday November 3rd at EGP at Island Park.
- D. Save the date for our Bowling fundraiser event on February 1st, 2024.
- E. 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.
- F. Union dues for 2023-2024 for full-time members will be \$1,033.16 The break-out is \$397 local, \$386 NYSUT, \$242.16 AFT dues and \$8 for PTA membership. \$103.32 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.

**VII. Building Reports**

**A. West School**

- 1. Congratulations to Jessica Donato on her marriage to Terrance Culkin.
- 2. Thank you to the West PTA for our wonderful Welcome Back Party!

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. Our annual, “Wear Pink Day” was a hit. Much gratitude to all the faculty that donated to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser.
5. Thank you to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for all of their hard work for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser.
6. Our LBCTA New Member Party will be Friday, Nov. 3rd at EGP Land & Sea. All new buddies are encouraged to attend.
7. On September 29th, a state of emergency was in effect due to heavy rain and flooding. We were put in jeopardy along with our bus drivers and students. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day was in session. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and put into consideration if/when a similar situation occurs.
8. Save the date for our annual bowling event. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 1st at Maple Lanes in RVC. This year we will be donating to the Bats Out for Lazar Foundation. More information will be available soon
9. Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Bank.

#### **B. Lindell School**

1. Our first SEL Family meeting was a success. We discussed being open minded as we read and reviewed the book *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold.
2. Thank you to the Lindell PTA for organizing picture day.
3. On September 29th, a state of emergency was in effect due to heavy rain and flooding. We were put in jeopardy along with our bus drivers and students. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day was in session. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and put into consideration if/when a similar situation occurs.
4. We are excited to kick off Red Ribbon Week this week thanks to the dedication of Kirstyn Golden-Pappas.
5. Thanks to all who wore pink, donated and/or bought a raffle ticket to support Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Our donation will make a difference.
6. New buddy party is Nov. 3rd at EGP in Island Park.
7. Please consider donating a day to the CTA sick bank.

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

1. Thank you to all those who donated to the Making Strides for Breast Cancer fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for their efforts in organizing and promoting this event.
2. On September 29th, a state of emergency was in effect due to heavy rain and flooding. Many teachers and staff members felt there was a lack in communication regarding the implementation of a safe dismissal. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day was in session. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. Teachers with long commutes along with bus drivers faced unnecessary challenges due to the timing of the elementary dismissal. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and put into consideration if/when a similar situation occurs.

3. Please save the date Thursday 2/1/24 for our annual bowling fundraising event. This year the proceeds will go to the Bats out for Lazer foundation.
4. Please consider donating a day to our sick bank.

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

1. New members and their buddies are encouraged to attend the LBCTA Fall New Member gathering at EGP Island Park on 11/3/23 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Students are excited to be participating in Red Ribbon Week activities encouraging making healthy, positive life choices organized by Kirstyn Golden-Pappas.
3. Thank you to our Lido PTA for hosting a successful Color Run. Fun was had by all who participated!
4. Congratulations to Melissa Megias on the birth of her son, Wynston Robert.
5. Condolences to Diana Armada on the loss of her father.
6. Condolences to Marie Bove, retired teacher, on the loss of her husband.
7. Thank you to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for organizing the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach. Many thanks to those members who participated through donations, wearing pink, contributing to our ongoing fundraising efforts, or walking. We appreciate your continued support for such a worthy cause.
8. On September 29th, a state of emergency was in effect due to heavy rain and flooding. We were put in jeopardy along with our bus drivers and students. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day was in session. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and put into consideration if/when a similar situation occurs.
9. Welcome to Lido Elementary our new special education permanent sub, Christine Smith.
10. Condolences to Christine Toppi on the loss of her sister.
11. Congratulations to Victoria Stanishia-Ferrara on the birth of her son, Carmelo James.
12. Save the date for our LBCTA Annual Bowling Fundraiser at RVC Maple Lanes on Thursday, February 1, 2024.
13. Save the date for our LBCTA End of Year Celebration at The Ocean Club on Thursday, May 15, 2024.
14. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.

#### **E. LBMS**

1. A special thank you to Amy Leder and Beth Prostick for all of their hard work and fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who walked, donated, wore pink or participated in the many fundraising and awareness events. Your continued efforts and generosity toward the search for a cure are greatly appreciated.
2. Once again, the 6th grade trip to Frost Valley was a tremendous success. Our students had a great time. Kudos to Keith Biesma, Patty Van Loon, Regina Dean and Tricia Henry for all of the hard work and dedication they put into planning this great trip. Also, a special thank you to all chaperones that make this trip possible. Special shout out to Debra Rabiner and Mike Lundwall for seeing to it that Frost-Free Valley was also a tremendous success!
3. Kudos to Mrs. Espinet for our wonderful Hispanic Heritage Month Person of the Day announcements.



4. Congratulations to Stacey Mason on the birth of her daughter, Phoebe Eden.
5. Condolences to Erica Northcutt on the loss of her father, Anthony Joseph Armada.
6. On September 29th, a state of emergency was put in effect in response to the significant dangerous rainfall that was impacting the region. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day progressed. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and considered for implementation should a similar situation occur to ensure the safety of all students and staff.
7. Please join us November 3rd at 4:00 pm for our Fall New Member Buddy Party at EGP Land & Sea. All new members, mentors, and buddies are welcome to attend!
8. Save the date for our 7th Annual Bowling Fundraiser at RVC Maple Lanes on Thursday, February 1, 2024.
9. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating if you have not done so already.

#### **F. LBHS**

1. Thank you to everyone who wore pink or purple on October 6th to support Strides Against Breast Cancer and thank you to all who walked at Jones Beach on October 15th in the LI Strides Against Breast Cancer event. We appreciate the donations from all of our members.
2. Our Homecoming events (football game, club fair, spirit week and pep rally) were a big success. Thank you to all faculty and staff who make these events happen.
3. Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser for the High School Food and Clothing pantry at The Cabana last week! We are also looking for clothing donations such as hoodies, sweatpants, shirts and shorts. Please donate your gently used clothing that you no longer wear and bring them to room 258.
4. Congratulations to the five new inductees to the Long Beach Wall of Fame including Deborah Capodiferro.
5. We hope that a practical solution can be reached to have both office printers and photocopy machines functioning throughout the building. Having all copies go through the office photocopy machines is not productive and poses a problem when any confidential or timely information is needed.
6. We hope the bathroom mirrors and garbage cans arrive for the new individual bathrooms soon. We also look forward to the hooks being properly installed on all bathroom doors so there is a place for jackets, pocketbooks, backpacks, etc. so students and staff do not have to put items on the bathroom floor.
7. On September 29th, a state of emergency was in effect due to heavy rain and flooding. We were put in jeopardy along with our bus drivers and students. Parents were picking up their children early in response to news reports. Long Beach was flooding quickly along with surrounding areas as the school day was in session. We are asking that our emergency dismissal plan be reviewed and put into consideration if/when a similar situation occurs.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. A motion was made by Jennifer Garrett to donate to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. It was seconded by Karen Bloom. It passed unanimously.

At 5:39 pm, a motion was made by Patricia Van Loon to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Marr.

**In Attendance:**

**West:** Claudine Clark

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

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

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

**Pre-K:** Molly Drake

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

**LBHS:** Lisa Casey, Loren Lang, Brian Petschauer, Andrew Rossi

**Pre-K Committee:** Molly Drake

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

**Retiree Representative:** Frank Volpe

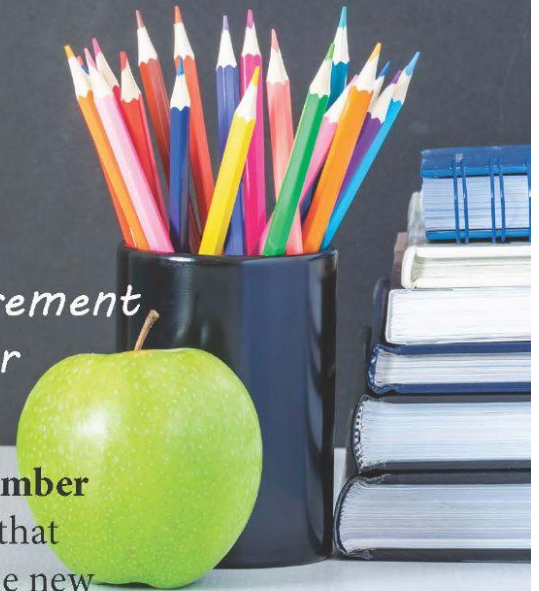
**Guests:**

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.

# Back to school can mean a lot of different things:

- Starting a new career
- Planning for the future
- Balancing work and home life
- Making difficult decisions
- Enjoying your final year before retirement
- Recalling memories of a proud career



Regardless of what you might be doing this fall, **NYSUT Member Benefits** offers a variety of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the new school year may throw at you.

Whether you are looking to save money, protect your family, or plan for the future, **NYSUT Member Benefits** is a great place to start. With dozens of endorsed insurance, legal, financial, shopping, travel, and discount programs, you are certain to find something of interest that could benefit you or your loved ones.

And speaking of savings, the **Member Benefits Discounts & Deals** program utilizes the nation's largest private discount network to offer all NYSUT members (both in-service and retiree) exclusive access to savings of up to 50% at 850,000 locations -- including more than 21,200 New York State deals. If you have not already done so, head over to [mbdeals.enjoymydeals.com](http://mbdeals.enjoymydeals.com) to create your account with your NYSUT ID number, preferred email address, and password.

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