



# Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

June 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by Keith Harvey.

## I. President's Report – Keith Harvey

A. As we conclude this unique and exciting school year, I would like to say thank you to the Executive Board and our membership for all that you have done to make Long Beach Public Schools a better place for our children and its workers. The extra hours you have put in as educators and union representatives have not gone unnoticed by the community, district, or union. Please remember the state requirements and changes to our working conditions this year were a temporary response to the pandemic, and not permanent changes. As we look forward to next year, with the vaccines becoming more widely available, and infection rates dropping dramatically, we are hopeful that September will be a more traditional start to the year. As news from the State becomes available over the summer, we will keep you updated. I wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy summer.



## B. 2021-22 Executive Board Dates

Monday, 9/13/21 will be the first executive board meeting. The remainder of the year's dates will be approved at that meeting.

## C. End of Year Celebration

Thank you all for attending the celebration and a special thank you all Elleen Parks, Patricia Van Loon and the Social Committee for having the foresight to secure the venue and all the hard work that went into the event. Congratulations to all our retirees!

## D. Building Rep Elections

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

## E. NYSUT Leadership Training

Here is NYSUT's summer workshop schedule for 2021: [NYSUT NRO 2021 Summer Workshop Series](#)

In view of the extremely difficult year we are just concluding, NYSUT has limited the summer workshop offerings to the essentials. While all these workshops will be repeated

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during the 2021-22 school year, it would be helpful if new union leaders like building reps are prepared to hit the ground running when schools reopen in September. It is important to remember that every union official becomes the “face” of the union when interacting with members.

#### **F. APPR/Tenure Bill Signed into Law**

On Monday, May 31, the Governor signed into law (Chapter 112 of the Laws of 2021) legislation regarding the granting of tenure and the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). The legislation enacts the following:

- No school district is required to complete an APPR for the 2020-2021 school year and will not lose any school aid as a result.
- Superintendents may grant tenure to educators who, in their discretion, are eligible and otherwise qualified, except for the absence of an APPR rating for the 2019-2020 and/or 2020-2021 school years.

#### **G. CTA Sick Bank**

Thank you very much to all who have donated so far. Many of our members have been using the targeted day option on the donation form. Please remember you still have the option to donate directly to the bank. As the school year comes to an end, I hope each of you sees fit to donate at least one day to the bank to ensure the continuation of this valuable benefit. If you know of anyone that is leaving the district and has day(s) in their bank please ask them to donate. [Donation Form](#)

#### **H. Local CTA Dues**

As per our constitution, I may recommend that the Executive Board approve a local membership fee increase. After a thorough review of our finances by our treasurer Jim Fiola, I believe this will not be necessary for next year. As a result, our local dues shall remain the same for next year.

#### **I. Sellback of Health Insurance**

If you have elected to “sell-back” your health insurance, you should have received your second half payment as part of your June 11th paycheck. Please keep in mind that even if you “sell-back” your medical insurance you are still entitled to family dental insurance.

#### **J. Eyeglass Reimbursement**

We are in year **one** of a new two-year cycle for eyeglasses/contacts purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. On the form you will attest that the glasses are for your personal use. Completed claim forms with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department. [Form Link](#)

#### **K. Pay Options**

Each year you have three pay options:

21.5\* 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 pay checks.

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 form is available online at: [Pay Options](#)

#### **L. Study Money Dates - Reminder**

Next year the tuition reimbursement dates will be **Fall-10/1/21**, **Winter-12/10/21**, and **Summer-5/13/22**.

### **M. Remote Snow Days - *Reminder***

As you know this year on our third snow day, we were able to utilize our remote learning model as part of the NYSED, 2020-21 School Year COVID-19 Snow Day Pilot Program.

As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to provide districts with flexibility in meeting local needs, the Department is extending the pilot through the 2021-22 school year to enable school districts to pivot to remote instruction on what would otherwise be a day of school closure due to weather and non-weather emergencies, including but not limited to snow, floods, tornadoes, and building fires. With the approval of the LBCTA Executive Board and the School District, we will continue to utilize this model for the 2021-22 school year. This means that for our third snow day and all subsequent snow days we will provide remote instruction for our students as per the NYSED guidance issued May 2021.

### **N. Annual Turn-In of Sick Days - *Reminder***

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 Days](#)" form to Dr. Natali's office. The rate is \$97.08 per day. Please be aware that you can accumulate up to 200 days in your sick day bank. Any days in excess of 200 should be sold back to the district or donated to the Sick Bank.

### **O. Packing and Unpacking - *Reminder***

If you are directed to pack up your room in anticipation of construction, summer school or summer camp you are entitled to be compensated for your efforts. The rate is \$25.91 per hour. However, your claim cannot exceed \$100. The work must be done outside of the school day and a record kept of the dates and times.

## **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. Negotiation Committee - Chief Negotiator's Report - Keith Harvey**

The committee met with the district on May 5 and 27, to exchange demands and has been meeting to since then to discuss them. Our next meeting with the district is June 24.

### **C. New Member Committee – Jim Fiola and Alison Katulka**

1. We have been distributing special gifts to our newest members. Hopefully, we will finish distributing the gifts by Friday, June 18th.
2. We are looking forward to welcoming new members at our annual Fall Buddy Party.
3. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

### **D. Political Action Committee – Jennifer Garrett**

1. 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).
2. Have a great summer!

### **E. Public Relations – Amy Leder and Beth Prostick**

1. Congratulations to Justin Sulsky and Dr. Caitlin Fuentes King for your hard work coaching and preparing our LARC students for the WordMasters Challenge- a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students. LB had a student score a perfect score on one of the challenges. Congratulations to Mr. Krywe and his Television Studio Production students who participated and hosted the annual Broadcasting Awards from the LBHS studio.
2. Congratulations to Susan Kasper and Doug MacConnell for your huge success at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition in Orlando Florida this past weekend.

3. Congratulations to LBMS students and staff for breaking the world record while making a difference to those in need. The middle school raised more than \$5,500 in donations for cereal, and more than 6,500 cereal boxes were donated from students, staff, and community members. Participants lined up 6,419 boxes and successfully toppled 6,394 of them – a number that is more than double what the Guinness World Record was at the onset of the Long Beach group’s endeavor.
4. Save the date... Sunday, October 17th, 2021 is the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach. As of right now, the walk is going to be back in person on the Jones Beach Boardwalk. Our team LBCTA 11561 is already registered and our donation page is set-up to start receiving donations. <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/LBCTA11561>

**F. Social Committee – Elleen Parks**

1. I would like to thank all of those who attended our End of the Year celebration honoring our retirees. It was a wonderful celebration of our dedicated staff who will be moving onto a new chapter in their lives. I would like to thank the Social Committee for assisting in putting this event together. A very special thank you to Patty Van Loon for her support throughout the planning of the party and for all her help!
2. Wishing everyone a very happy, safe and healthy summer!

**G. Teacher Center – John Marr**

1. The Long Beach Teacher Center Policy Board approved six summer classes to run in July and August. These classes include Hatha Yoga, Google Workspace, Teacher Fatigue, and three book studies on Developing the Leader Within You 2.0, Making Thinking Visible, and Active Hope.
2. Please keep an eye on MLP for the postings shortly. If you are interested in running a PD class in October, please contact the director at [lbtc@lbeach.org](mailto:lbtc@lbeach.org).

**III. Vice President – Karen Bloom**

A. A HUGE thank you to all teachers, support staff, administrators and all other school personnel for making this unprecedented year a success!

**B. APPR**

1. No APPR this year! As we thought, all requirements are waived for this school year!

**C. Health & Safety Committee**

1. Thank you to Buildings and Grounds for filling in the potholes in the back of the high school. We are looking forward to the rear roadway work being done over the summer!
2. The community approved the Capital Projects Proposition, so work can begin at the high school this summer!
3. Please continue to keep your building reps aware of any health & safety issues in your buildings so that we can address them as needed.
4. 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).

**D. Other**

1. I hope that everyone can get some much needed rest and relaxation this summer! We really earned it this year! Looking forward to a much more “normal” September!
2. Please remember to attend School Board meetings whenever possible. They are back to being in-person! Come join us!
3. Please consider donating days to our District Sick Bank. The form is on our website at [www.lbcta.com](http://www.lbcta.com).

**IV. Elementary Vice President – Beth Prostick**

A. Congratulations to our newly elected 2021-2022 Building reps. I look forward to working with you all. A special thank you to Cheryleann Fontenot for all your years of service as a rep for West School.

B. Thank you to Elleen Parks and the Social committee for a beautiful party.

C. Best of luck to all our retirees. You will all be missed.

- D. We will have our last Elementary Council meeting on June 21. I will send the information later this week.
- E. Please consider donating a sick day to our sick bank.
- F. I wish everyone a very restful and fun summer vacation. Enjoy every minute!
- G. Send me any issues you were unable to work out at your building. I can be reached at [bprostick@lbeach.org](mailto:bprostick@lbeach.org).

**V. Secondary Vice President – Amy Leder**

- A. Congratulations to all our new and returning 2021-2022 Building Reps. Welcome to our new reps. It’s so great to see some new faces 😊
- B. Congratulations to our incredible retirees. You will truly be missed.
- C. Wishing everyone the most wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy every second of this well-earned break.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report – James Fiola**

**A. May Financial Results**

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Union Dues	\$42,106	NYSUT	\$15,196
		AFT	9,447
Total	<u>\$42,106</u>	Meeting Expense	1,692
		Taxes and Ins	86
		Donations	500
		Public Relations	<u>566</u>
		Total	\$27,487

- B. Happy June everyone! Thank you to those who came out for the Year End Gathering on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to see people in person and celebrate with this year’s retirees. I wish you all a long, happy, and healthy retirement.  
It has been a difficult year. I wish everyone a fun and restful summer.  
Please consider donating a sick day to the Sick Day Bank and virtually attend an upcoming School Board Meeting. Thank you for reading the minutes and please encourage your fellow members to do the same.
- C. Union dues for 2020/2021 for full-time members will be \$1,017.96. The break-out is \$397 local, \$378 NYSUT, \$234.36 AFT dues and \$8 PTA. \$101.80 will be taken from your first check of the month and will show up under the column “MDED-03.” 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.

**The 2020 union dues for tax purposes for full time members was \$1,018.**

**I. Building Reports**

**A. LBVE**

1. Congratulations to all the Long Beach Virtual Elementary (LBVE) Teachers on an incredible school year. You came together as an amazing team of professionals and did an outstanding job on behalf of your students. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!
2. Thank you to Dr. Romanelli for all the guidance and support for the LBVE teachers and staff. We had a very successful year and we greatly appreciate your leadership.
3. Thank you to Kirstyn Golden on a fabulous Virtual Career Day! It was a wonderful learning experience and enjoyed by all.
4. Congratulations to Natasha Nurse for being chosen as a Nassau Association of School Technologists Award Recipient. NASTARS are chosen for their innovation, their ability to seamlessly integrate technology into their teaching, and for exemplary technology leadership.
5. Thank you to Ellen Parks, Patty Van Loon, and the social committee for planning the wonderful LBCTA End of the Year Celebration.

6. Congratulations to all the retirees! You will be missed!
7. Please consider donating days to the LBCTA sick bank.
8. Have a safe, fun-filled, and rejuvenating summer vacation!

#### **B. West School**

1. Congratulations to Claudine Clark, Anne LaPenna, and Julie de Bruin as our new Building Representatives for the 2021- 2022 school year. Thank you to Cheryleann Fontenot for her years of service to the Union. You will be missed!
2. Thank you to Vanessa Krywe and Craig West on the Spring Concert. The LIVE event was a wonderful way to end our year.
3. Thank you to Dan Bailey, Mr. Rosen, and all those who participated in our for organizing our Field Day.
4. Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of 2020-2021 school year. This was a year for the books and you did an awesome job.
5. Thank you to the Election Committee for their dedication in the election process.
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. A BIG thank you for organizing the food for West BEACH DAY this year. The food will be provided by Swingbellys.
7. Best wishes to Kelsey Dass on her new adventures in D.C. We wish her well and will miss her!
8. Congratulations to ALL the graduates of the 2020-2021 School Year.
9. Congratulations to ALL the retirees and to our West School friends the retirees Arlyne Skolnik, and Cheryleann Fontenot . Thank you for your years of service.
10. Thank you to Elleen Parks, Patty Van Loon and the Social Committee for a lovely CTA End of Year Party celebrating our retirees.
11. Condolences to the family of Florence Seydel on her passing. Mrs. Seydel was a West School teacher and Lindell teacher for many years.
12. As parking continues to be an issue for the Staff at West, we are looking forward to a dialogue or solution to the problem next year.
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the sick bank.
14. We want to wish a HAPPY and HEALTHY summer to everyone!!! Looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year!

#### **C. Lindell School**

1. Congratulations again to Mrs. Sauter! We will miss her and wish her well in her retirement.
2. Looking forward to honoring Mrs Sauter and Kathy Virgona's retirement at the end of the school year celebration.
3. Many thanks to Elleen Parks and Patty Van Loon for another wonderful end of the year CTA party. Best wishes to all the retirees.
4. Bravo to Leigh Rynecki, Noelle Policastro and Lindell's 4th & 5th grade musicians. We are grateful to have had a socially distant live day of concerts for our families. The livestream orchestrated by Danielle Goggin allowed the Lindell students to watch the concerts in real time safely from their classrooms.
5. Thank you Lisa Rundo for serving Lindell as a Union Rep. over the past few years.
6. Welcome back to being a full time in person Union Rep. Heather Puckhaber.
7. Kudos to teachers and staff for 2 wonderful Activity Days.
8. Congratulations to Kindergarten on their very successful Zoom VIP Day.
9. Job well done for our Grade 1 Zoom Author's Day.
10. Congratulations to Grade 2 on their successful FlipGrid VIP Day.
11. Congratulations to Grade 5 upcoming Promotion Day.
12. Thank you to Kirstyn Golden and all the volunteer parents and community members who made Lindell's Virtual Career Day an educational and informative event.

13. We are looking forward to Lindell's "Breakfast on the Bay" celebration.
14. Condolences to Dr. Pullara on the loss of her father in law.
15. Condolences to the family of Lois Ceydel on her passing.
16. Condolences to Heather Tullo on the loss of her mother.
17. Please save the date for our Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on the Jones Beach Boardwalk on October 17, 2021.
18. Please consider donating a sick day to our district sick bank.
19. Have a wonderful restful summer.

#### **D. East School**

1. Congratulations to the Long Beach Elementary and Middle School Odyssey of the Mind World Champion teams for taking 1st, 3rd, and 4th places in the world finals, respectively. Special thanks to Justin Sulsky, Doug MacConnell and Susan Kasper for their coaching and dedication.
2. Congratulations to all of the 5th grade students on "moving up". You persevered through year that will never be forgotten. We will miss you. Wishing you all the best.
3. Bravo to Michele Bennett, Alex Della Ratta, and the 4th and 5th graders on their fantastic concert performances.
4. Congratulations to all the retirees. Wishing you a joyful, healthy journey ahead.
5. Thank you to all the teachers, administrators, staff, and families for all your efforts during this challenging school year. Wishing you a well-deserved enjoyable summer.

#### **E. Lido School**

1. Congratulations on the retirements of Mandy Kovel, 1st grade teacher, and Sharon Weiss as our Assistant Principal. Your Lido School Family will miss you and wish you the best as you each enter the next chapter in your lives. Your dedication and commitment to Lido School will not be forgotten by students and staff alike.
2. Congratulations to Dorothy Lopez, Dana Monti, and Andrew Frey-Gould on their election to be the LBCTA Lido School Building Reps for the 2021-2022 school year. So grateful to Diana Armada for her service to the members of our school this past year as a building rep. Thank you for continuing as our Alternate Rep for the new school year.
3. Wishing Jennifer Seychell all the best on your new assignment for the next school year. You will be missed.
4. Lido School's Field Day was a blast! It was awesome to see all the students having fun outdoors wearing their team shirts provided by our amazing Lido PTA. All the activities were enjoyed to the fullest. Thank you to Erin Veltre & Anthony LaPenna for organizing our Field Day activities!
5. Kudos to the 4th/5th Grade Orchestra/Band and Chorus for an amazing outdoor concert led by Andrew Frey-Gould and Christina Tomek.
6. Thank you to the 5th Grade Parent Committee for organizing an amazing 5th Grade Fun Day at Lido School!
7. Congratulations to Dr. Justin Sulsky & Douglas MacConnell for winning first place at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals!
8. Congratulations to Dr. Caitlin King and Dr. Justin Sulsky for coaching successfully the 1st place 4th grade WordMasters Challenge Gold Division perfect score winner.
9. Many thanks to Elleen Parks, Patty Van Loon, and the Social Committee for an enjoyable LBCTA Retirement Dinner at JJ Coopers.
10. Condolences to Maris Lynch on the loss of her brother and Ryan Lynch on the loss of his uncle.
11. Thank you to Kirstyn Golden for organizing and planning Lido's Career Fair Spirit days & activities, the teacher/administrator "Blast From the Past" webpage, & the Virtual Career Day! It was a fun-filled week!

12. Congrats to Dr. Justin Sulsky on receiving his Doctor of Education degree from Hofstra University. We are so proud of your accomplishment!!
13. Congratulations to Aileen Monahan on the birth of her grandchild.
14. A special thank you to the custodial and building & grounds staff members for making our concert and graduation ceremony possible! We could not have done it without your support!
15. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.
16. Enjoy your well-deserved summer vacation!!

#### F. Pre-K

1. Our sympathies to Maris and Ryan Lynch on the passing of her brother and his uncle.
2. Congratulations and best wishes to the retirees!! Thank you for your years of service to the students of Long Beach!
3. Thank you to the Lido staff for an amazing field day!! Our Pre-Kindergartners had an awesome day!!
4. A tremendous thank you to all the school district members that were a part of this unprecedented school year!
5. Have a relaxing and safe summer vacation!

#### G. Middle School

1. A very special thank you to Keith Biesma for his efforts and dedication this school year. This was a difficult year all around and his ongoing guidance and support were invaluable.
2. Congratulations to Billy Papetti and his team; Patty Van Loon, Wally Kramme, and Mike Vasikauskas on a successful LBMS Cereal Box World Record accomplishment. Check it out [here](#).
3. Thanks to Tara Mele and Billy Papetti for organizing our 8th Grade Activity Day. Thanks to all teachers and staff who helped make the day possible for our students. Our students enjoyed the day!
4. Thank you to Jen McWilliams, Cindy LaPenna, and all chaperones for helping to make the 7th Grade Mushroom Park trip a tremendous success. Our students had a great time!
5. Kudos to Stacy Goodwin and Liz Chimienti for organizing a Frost Valley Activity Day for our 6th grade students. Special thanks to all chaperones for making this fun day possible. Our students enjoyed the day!
6. Kudos to Christina Farrell, David Lobenstein, Doug Renoud, and Justin Marks on a fabulous spring concert series. Bravo to all student performers! Special thanks to our custodial staff and building and grounds crew for all of their work to help make our outdoor concerts possible!
7. Congratulations to our LBMS Drama Cadets on this year's drama production: *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall!* Special thanks to Amanda Bernstein, the cast, and stage crew who put together the final production.
8. This year's rocket launches were a huge success. Thanks to Mrs. Tursi, our science department, and Mr. Pross for their help in making this event a success for our students.
9. Thank you to Jessica Hemmerdinger for spearheading the Beautiful Me Program. Thanks to all the Teacher-Leaders who helped make this all possible for students (Jasmin Salazar, Samantha Metzger, Stacey Durnan, Kerry McNichols, and Carina Morales-Hauser).
10. Best wishes for a happy retirement to Mike Lundwall and Mary Ellen Condon!
11. Congratulations to Jennifer Healy and Michael Santoro on receiving tenure.
12. Congratulations to Leah Buffalino on the birth of her son, Levi Grant.
13. Congratulations to Amanda Bernstein on the birth of her daughter Rylie Sarah.
14. Congratulations to Ilyssa Berman on the birth of her daughter, Miriam Sadie.
15. Congratulations to Jenn Garrett, Ali Katulka, John Marr, Stacey Mason, and Kate Smith on

- their recent elections to serve as Building Representatives for the 2021- 2022 School Year.
16. Continued get well wishes to Lorie Beard.
  17. Thank you to Elleen Parks for organizing the LBCTA end of the year celebration. A great time was had by all.
  18. Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for all you did this year!
  19. 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.
  20. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, and happy summer vacation!

#### **H. High School**

1. Congratulations to the newly elected building representatives for the 2021-2022 School Year, Neal Campbell (Senior Rep), Jonathan Bloom, Lisa Casey, Matthew Hartmann, Greg Milone, and Andrew Rossi.
2. Thank you to Anthony Balsamo and Elena Frishman for their service as building representatives.
3. Congratulations to all the spring coaches on a successful sports season.
4. Congratulations to Nicole Albani and Kerri Sinatra on the birth of their new daughters.
5. Congratulations to Elizabeth O'Brien, Dr. Michael Capobianco, and Marino Bragino on their successful spring concert series.
6. Congratulations to Michelle Duggan, Adriane Glassberg, and John Skudin on their retirements. We want to thank you for your dedicated service to the students of Long Beach and wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors.
7. Thank you to the High School Sunshine Committee for all that you have done to build staff morale this year.
8. Staff have concerns regarding the closing of NIKE. They remain eager to see the comprehensive plan that will support the at-risk students and staff for next school year.
9. Thank you to all faculty, staff, and administration for the quick action taken during last week's lockdown false alarm. We understand the difficulty of this situation and are encouraged that the administration followed the advice of local law enforcement before liberating faculty, staff, and students. We hope this event leads to implementing other lockdown and liberation protocols to ensure student safety and avoid confusion.
10. Staff would like to see the district require students to wear student ID cards during the school day.
11. Thank you to EVERYONE for all of your efforts to follow health and safety protocols. Please continue to follow them through the end of the school year.
12. Thank you and congratulations to EVERYONE for going above and beyond for the students of Long Beach during this unusually difficult school year.
13. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA Sick Day Bank.
14. Enjoy a wonderful and restful summer.

At 5:18 pm, a motion was made by Cheryleann Fontenot to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Alison Katulka.

#### **In Attendance:**

**Long Beach Virtual Elementary (LBVE):** Heather Puckhaber

**West:** Claudine Clark, Cheryleann Fontenot, Anne LaPenna, Julie deBruin

**Lindell:** Susan Simons, Cathy Barone, Lisa Rundo

**East:** Jennifer Diamond, Jennifer Maggio

**Lido:** Dorothy Lopez, Diana Armada, Dana Monti, Andrew Frey-Gould

**Pre-K:** Molly Drake

**LBMS:** Alison Katulka, Stacey Mason

**LBHS:** Anthony Balsamo, Neil Campbell, Lisa Casey, Andrew Rossi

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

**Retiree:** Frank Volpe

**Officers:** Keith Harvey, Beth Prostick, Patricia Van Loon, Elleen Parks

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.

## Not sure where to start with your summer to-do list?

Whether it's assisting NYSUT members with everyday essentials, important choices about insurance needs, or making prudent decisions about financial and legal concerns, NYSUT Member Benefits can help.



Scan the QR code below to learn more about the following endorsed programs and services.

### Saving you money: MB Discounts & Deals

With the Member Benefits Discounts & Deals program, NYSUT members can save up to 50% at more than 700,000 merchants nationwide (including thousands throughout New York State). Save on groceries and food delivery; restaurant dine-in or takeout; gasoline, oil changes and vehicle maintenance; clothing and shoes; and much more. You can even request that your favorite merchant join the network.

### Saving you money: Every \$\$\$ counts

Whether your summer plans include home renovations, replacing or upgrading appliances, getting a new car, stocking up for the return to school, or even just hanging out and enjoying some time off, Member Benefits has a variety of endorsed programs -- Purchasing Power, Buyer's Edge Inc., Office Depot/OfficeMax, Bose, Powell's Books -- that might be able to minimize the impact on your wallet and maximize your enjoyment of the all-too-fleeting summer months.



### Protecting your family: Insuring yourself and your family

Member Benefits endorses a number of competitive insurance programs that are available to NYSUT members. These include auto/home/renters, life, disability, long term care, dental, vision, and even pet insurance. Some of these programs are also available to or cover spouses/domestic partners of members, dependent children, dependent parents, and grandparents. Most offer payroll & pension deduction as payment options.

### Planning for the future: Have a plan for wherever life takes you

It's never too early or too late to make a plan. Just starting a career or looking at retirement? Beginning to pay off loans or building a nest egg? Looking to buy a new home or refinance the one you're in? Welcoming a new child or adopting? Now would be a good time to look into the ways to put a plan in place or make adjustments to your existing one. Explore the Member Benefits Financial Learning Center for assistance; while you're there, check out our Legal Service Plan and Financial Counseling Program.

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of programs and services that are available to NYSUT members and their families, including the following options:



DINING & SHOPPING DISCOUNTS



TRAVEL & TOURS



CAR & TRUCK RENTALS



LIFE INSURANCE



AUTO & HOME



LONG-TERM CARE & DISABILITY

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