



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

June 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Karen Bloom.

I. President's Report - Karen Bloom

A. Thank You

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board and all our members for the invaluable contributions you make each day to ensure Long Beach Public Schools remain a wonderful environment for both our students and staff. Your dedication and hard work—as educators and union representatives—have not gone unnoticed by the community or the district. We have two people retiring in this room who have given many years of service to our Union, Elleen and Dorothy. Elleen, you have planned some awesome parties for us and served on multiple negotiation teams fighting for a better contract for ALL members. Dorothy, otherwise known as the Super Rep, may know the contract better than anyone I know! You both will be missed tremendously! Thank you for your dedication to the LBCTA and all of our members. This past year has truly showcased our collective strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment to student success and well-being. Together, we've faced challenges head-on, responding with creativity and determination to keep our classrooms dynamic, inclusive, and nurturing spaces for learning. The true strength of our association lies in the commitment of its members. I'm confident that, united, we will continue to overcome obstacles and achieve even greater accomplishments in the years ahead.

As we look to the future, now is the perfect time to begin discussions at the grade, department, and building levels about our goals for the coming year. We have an extremely important year ahead. As we move into negotiations, we will all need to continue to work together to strengthen the relationships that we've made and to foster the new ones that lie ahead. Thank you all for an incredible school year. Wishing you a summer filled with happiness, rest, and good health.

B. Condolences

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her father.

C. End of the Year Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the LBCTA End-of-Year Celebration—it was wonderful to see so many of you there! Congratulations to all of this year's retirees on reaching this exciting milestone. A special thank you to Elleen Parks and the Social Committee for organizing such a fantastic event.

D. New Executive Board Officers

I would like to introduce our newly appointed officers, Matt Hartmann, our new Secondary Vice President and Tamara Sommers, our new Corresponding Secretary. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to working together on our upcoming contract negotiations. In addition, Dr. Jenn Garrett will now be the new Executive Vice President. Thank you to Amy Leder for all of her years of service and dedication to our Union and for already volunteering to help in other capacities.

E. Building Rep Elections

Thank you very much to Jenn Maggio and Jenn Garrett 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. Thank you to those of you who are leaving us, and congratulations and welcome to all our newly elected Building Reps. I look forward to working with you next year. Please check out the NYSUT Summer workshops and consider attending one, especially if you have never attended a Building Rep training.

F. LBCTA Scholarship Winner

I am pleased to announce that Isabella Gonzalez was the HS senior with the highest GPA that will be entering into the field of education, and received our third \$1000 scholarship.

G. Long Beach Board of Education

Thank you to the Long Beach community for passing the School Budget and capital reserve proposition. Congratulations to Anne Conway on being reelected to the Board of Education.

H. Executive Board Dates Approved

The following dates were approved at the last executive board meeting. Please do your best to clear your schedules to attend the monthly meetings, which start as close to 4:00pm as possible. *Remember that attendance is required and if you cannot attend a meeting, you should ask an alternate to come, and email me directly to let me know that you cannot be there.*

9/15/25	11/24/25	1/12/26	3/9/26	5/11/26
10/27/25	12/8/25	2/9/26	4/27/26	6/8/26

In addition, the following dates were approved as officer meetings. These are only for officers, unless we have a need for an additional meeting. May is TBD depending on elections.

10/6	12/22	2/23	4/13
11/10	1/26	3/23	6/22

I. 2025-26 Pay Dates

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

9/12-No Direct Deposit	12/5	2/27	5/22
9/26	12/19	3/13	6/5
10/10	1/2	3/27	6/18-Thursday Payday

10/24	1/16	4/10	6/26-No deductions except for 26 pay option
11/7	1/30-No deductions	4/24	
11/21	2/13	5/8	

J. 2025 Nassau Regional Office Summer Workshop Schedule

This summer is your first chance to see the new Nassau Regional Office by attending any of their summer workshop offerings. New Building Reps are strongly encouraged to attend the Building Rep 1 & 2 workshops. The following link has descriptions of the workshops offered:

[Workshop Descriptions](#)

Registration for all workshops is open now and will close on Friday, June 13th. Please use the following link to access this summer's NRO workshop schedule with links for registration:

[2025 NRO Summer Workshops](#)

K. NYSTRS Announces Summer 2025 PREP Seminar Schedule

Many retirees tell us they wish they began focusing on financial and retirement planning much earlier in their lives. NYSTRS designed the Pension & Retirement Education Program (PREP) to help active members take a proactive approach to retirement planning. Each half-day session covers NYSTRS benefits, financial planning, Social Security, estate planning and the retirement process.

The summer 2025 PREP Seminar schedule is available on the [Retirement Planning/Pension & Retirement Education Program page at nystrs.org](#). [Here is the Summer Schedule Reservation and Attendance Information](#)

- **Make a reservation** online in [MyNYSTRS at nystrs.org](#) or call 800-348-7298, ext. 6180 during our business hours.
- **Sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Registration begins at 8 a.m.
- **Slots fill quickly**, so we recommend making a reservation early.
- **Bring your latest Benefit Profile** with you (you can print it from MyNYSTRS).
- **Not going to attend?** Cancel through MyNYSTRS or by phone so others may register.
- **There is never a cost** to attend a PREP seminar.

L. Study Money - 2025-26 School Year

Fall 9/26/25, 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 September 26th. 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](#).

M. Packing and Unpacking - Reminder

Teachers who are moving and/or packing due to an alternative use of their room or a room transfer shall be paid \$27.29 per hour, up to a maximum of 4 hours. The work must be done outside of the school day and a record kept of the dates and times.

N. Pay Options - Reminder

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 paychecks.

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

O. Eyeglass Reimbursement - *Reminder*

We are in year one of a two-year cycle for eyeglass/contact purchases. Members have \$400 to spend on glasses/contacts. Such coverage may be used for the members and their family.

Completed [claim forms](#) with receipts attached must be sent to the HR department in Administration.



P. NYSUT Digital Membership Cards - *Reminder*

NYSUT is excited to announce that they are transitioning to digital membership cards to provide easier access to benefits while modernizing their systems. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Q. NYSUT Offers Online Guide for a Successful Retirement - *Reminder*

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

R. NYS Paid Sick Leave - *It is still in effect, until July 31, 2025 - Reminder*

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

S. 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 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.

II. Committee Reports

A. Grievance Committee - Amy Leder

1. There are currently no grievances to report. If you encounter any issues that may violate our contract, moving forward please contact Dr. Jennifer Garrett at jgarrett@lbeach.org.

B. New Members - Alison Katulka

1. Congratulations to our new members who are receiving tenure at the June 10th BOE meeting. Please consider becoming a buddy to a future new member.
2. If you know of a new member who needs a buddy, please contact me at akatulka@lbeach.org.

C. Political Action Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. Thank you to all who came out and voted YES to approve our school district budget and Prop 2.
2. Congratulations to Anne Conway on her re-election to the Board of Education.
3. Vol. 4, Issue 2 of our LBCTA newsletter went out. Newsletters were mailed to all NYSUT members residing in the LB school board district and placed in building mailboxes for all LBCTA members. Again, a special thank you to everyone involved in making the newsletter possible.
4. On Tuesday, June 3rd, a rally in opposition to charter school expansion was held. As proposals for new charter schools, like Academy Charter School's plan to open three campuses across Central Islip and Brentwood, continue to surface across Long Island, the call for transparency and accountability grows louder. Charter schools must be held to the same fiscal standards as public schools. Our public dollars belong in public classrooms, supporting all students—not siphoned off without oversight.
5. We must continue to amplify our message that public funds belong in public schools. Together, we cannot be ignored. Please spread the word!
6. Help us spread the word and stay tuned for more updates as we continue the fight to ensure every educational institution using public funds is held accountable to the communities they serve.
7. Thank you for your continued support! Have a great summer!

D. Public Relations Committee - Jennifer Garrett and Jennifer Maggio

1. Congratulations to Anne Conway on her re-election to the Board of Education.
2. Congratulations to our amazing retirees! Your hard work, dedication, and passion have left a lasting impact, and you will truly be missed. A heartfelt thank you to Dorothy Lopez for your years of building leadership. And a special shout out to Elleen Parks, your love and devotion to the LBCTA will be remembered and treasured for years to come. Wishing you all the best in this exciting new chapter!
3. Congratulations to our teachers who received tenure.
4. Long Beach Odyssey of the Mind teams are now ranked 1st, 3rd, 7th, 10th, and 12th in the World! Congratulations to all of the students and the coaches!!
5. We are already excited for next year! If you would like to join the PR Committee and get in on the planning of our many events, please email jmaggio@lbeach.org.
6. Wishing everyone the most wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy every second of the well-earned break.

E. Social Committee - Elleen Parks

1. Congratulations to my fellow retirees and the Class of 2025 graduates. It has been an honor to serve the LBCTA.
2. I encourage all members to stay engaged and active in our union—your voice matters. Remember, *“You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.”* Foster positive, respectful relationships with your colleagues and administrators—these connections can inspire and motivate you each day.

F. Long Beach Teacher Center - John Marr

1. I am pleased to announce that the Continuation Application has been approved and signed. It will be mailed out this week, and we expect funding at the same level as this year.

2. Summer classes will be posted on June 16 on Frontline Professional Growth. Thank you to the multitude of professionals who applied to run classes over the summer. The sheer scope led the Policy Board to space these classes throughout the year. We look forward to a summer of fun, relaxation, and high-quality PD. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Director at lbtc@lbeach.org

II. Executive Vice President's Report - Amy Leder

A. APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review)

1. The state has released APPR guidelines that went into effect March 26, 2025. We will continue adhering to our agreed-upon plan for this year. Discussions with administration about future plans will also continue.

B. Health and Safety

1. We look forward to receiving additional updates from the district regarding the New York State cell phone policy. During our discussions, several potential solutions were considered, including the use of Yondr pouches. It was suggested that a committee be formed to further review and evaluate the cell phone policy. We hope to receive more information on this matter in the near future.
2. Staff members are encouraged to report any unresolved Health & Safety issues at the building level.
3. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email jgarrett@lbeach.org.

C. Other

1. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the passing of her father, Robert Hagan. Sending you much love, hugs, and prayers.
2. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the school budget!
3. Congratulations to Anne Conway on her well-deserved re-election.
4. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. DeVito for keeping us informed throughout the budget season and for his dedication to meeting the needs of our students.
5. Finally, congratulations to all our retirees—you have truly earned the very best in this new chapter of your lives! A special shout out to Dorothy Lopez for all of your tireless years to the LBCTA.
6. I want to take this moment to thank all of you for your incredible support and love over the years. It has truly been an honor to work alongside each and every one of you. I am so proud to say I am part of the LBCTA and the strong unity we share. Please, continue to support each other—what we do together is nothing short of remarkable.
7. To our building reps: you are the ones in the trenches, day in and day out, advocating for our members. I could not have done my job without your tireless efforts throughout our schools and district. Thank you for your dedication.
8. To my fellow officers: we have shared the good, the bad, and the ugly. We've celebrated life's joys and faced its challenges together. I am forever grateful for your love, friendship, and hard work.
9. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Elleen Parks for her many years of dedicated and invaluable service to our district. She has been a steadfast and inspiring presence, contributing significantly to the growth and success of the LBCTA.. Elleen, I wish you all the very best in your retirement. Thank you once again for everything you

have done for our district—you leave behind a legacy of excellence and friendship that will not be forgotten.

10. I want to also personally recognize Karen, who has been my lifeline both professionally and personally. She is a sister, a friend, and a true life superhero. The LBCTA is in the hands of someone who truly believes in you and will fight for each and every one of you. I leave feeling at peace, knowing that we have her leading the way.

11. To end, thank you for trusting me all these years to represent you. Together, we are always stronger. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer. Take time to relax and enjoy special moments with family and friends.

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

- A. Condolences to Patty VanLoon on the passing of her father.
- B. Thank you to the Social Committee led by Elleen Parks for a wonderful end-of-year party. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our retirees and the completion of another successful school year.
- C. A big congratulations to Elleen Parks and Dorothy Lopez on their retirements! Your dedication to the LBCTA has made a lasting impact, and your contributions will not be forgotten.
- D. I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of the 2025 retirees. You have dedicated yourselves to one of the noblest professions, and your hard work and passion have touched countless lives. Wishing you all a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement. You've earned it!
- E. Congratulations to our newly tenured teachers. Tenure is not given—it's earned through years of dedication, perseverance, and a deep commitment to our students. Your hard work has made this achievement truly worthwhile. May you continue to thrive and inspire the children of Long Beach for years to come.
- F. A big congratulations to all the newly elected and returning 2025-2026 building reps and alternates. I look forward to working with all of you.
- G. Please contact me if you have any concerns over the the next two months at jmaggio@lbeach.org
- H. I hope you all have a fantastic summer. Take this time to recharge, get outside, spend time with your family and friends, and get that Long Beach sand in your toes. I'll see you all on September 2nd!

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

- A. Thank you to Elleen Parks, Patty Van Loon, Amy Leder and the Social Committee for a memorable end-of-year party. It was a great night for all.
- B. Congratulations to all retirees! We wish you all a long and happy retirement ahead! Special shout out to Dorothy Lopez for her many years of building representation and dedication to the LBCTA. A very special congratulations and best wishes to Elleen Parks for the many years of dedication and tireless efforts.
- C. Congratulations to our newly tenured teachers! Your hard work has paid off, may you have a successful journey ahead.
- D. Congratulations and welcome to our newly elected and returning 2025-2026 Building Representatives and alternates.
- E. Special thanks to our PAC Committee for a successful budget season.
- F. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her father, Robert Hagan.
- G. Wishing everyone the most wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy every second of the well-earned break.

V. Treasurer's Report - Jonathan Bloom

A. May Financial Report

Expenditures

NYSUT Dues	\$16,424.10
AFT Dues	\$9,825.90
End of the Year Celebration	\$11,595.60
Scholarship	\$3,000.00
Budget Mailer	\$2,062.63
Training	\$1,119.42
TALAT Club Sweatshirts	\$870.72
Telephone	\$346.33
Central Council Dinner	\$280.00
Dues Refund	\$140.11
Check Order	\$97.07
Tenure Pins	\$60.48
Election Website Subscription	\$31.94
Workers Compensation Ins.	\$22.50
Paychex Qtr Reporting	\$18.00
TOTAL	\$45,894.80

Revenues

Union Dues	\$43,193.15
Retirement Party	\$9,600.00
Vote Cope	\$2,638.40
Payroll Refund	\$183.91
Retirees	\$45.00
TOTAL	\$55,660.46

B. Welcome to the new Building Representatives. I look forward to working with you.

C. Congratulations to all district retirees and all staff members who have received tenures.

D. Wishing everyone a Happy Father's Day.

E. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer vacation.

VI. Building Reports

A. West School

1. As per Article VIII, Section 4. A. of the LBCTA Constitution I am appointing Chelsea Way as an alternate rep for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Congratulations to Brittany McManus, Kelly Mendoza, Nicole Petrullo and Priscilla Edwards on receiving tenure.
3. Congratulations to Chelsea Way on her upcoming wedding to Tom.
4. Congratulations to all the 5th grade students moving up to Middle School! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments at West School and look forward to your future successes!
5. Thank you to Dan Bailey and Brian Rosen and all those who participated in organizing our fabulous Fitness Day.
6. Thank you to our PTA for the BMX pep rally assembly. The students loved it!
7. Congratulations to Vanessa Krywe, Noelle Bach, Craig West and the chorus/orchestra/band students for a wonderful Spring Concert. Everyone enjoyed your beautiful music.
8. Thank you to our PTA for ALL their hard work this year! We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents.
9. Congratulations to Claudine Clark, Anne LaPenna, and Julie deBruin for returning to be our Building Representatives for the 2025-2026 school year. And Chelsea Way for being our alternate.
10. We want to wish a HAPPY and HEALTHY summer to everyone!

B. Lindell School

1. Congratulations to Lauren Muscarella on the birth of her son, Landon Scott Toohey!

2. Welcome back to Brooke Connachie from maternity leave. Thank you to Maeve Lawe for filling in while Brooke was out.
3. Kudos to Stephanie Kornacki and all the student artists in our district for the tremendous display of artwork in this year's Art Show! Lindell School alone had approximately 170 pieces of art on display.
4. Thank you to the Lindell PTA for providing t-shirts for our staff and students as well as organizing events for Activity Day.
5. Congratulations to Naomi Marmol, Noelle Bach, Scott Scheinson, Vanessa Krywe and the talented recorder ,chorus, band and orchestra for an outstanding spring concert.
6. Thank you Elleen Parks for organizing a fabulous end of the year CTA party!
7. We welcome Melissa Canner in joining Heather and Susan as Lindell building reps for the 2025-26 school year. Welcome Molly Drake as an Alternate Rep.
8. As per ARTICLE VIII, section 4, parts A and B of the Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association Constitution and By-Laws, I am appointing Cathy Barone and Stephanie Esposito as Alternative Representatives.
9. The cleanliness of our building is a concern. Stairwells and hallways have dust, food and paper scraps left for days. Bathrooms have an unpleasant odor and floors are not clean.
10. Condolences to Patricia Van Loon on the passing of her father.
11. Best wishes to Patricia Lugo and Felicia Olewnicki on their retirement! We will miss you.
12. There is a need for additional PPS staff to support social emotional needs in our building.
13. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and well deserved summer vacation!!

C. East School

1. Congratulations to the OM teams and their coaches, Doug MacConnell and Andie Techera, on their great success at the World Finals.
2. The students had a fabulous time at Fun Day, thank you so much to the Fun Day Committee and the PTA for putting so much effort into planning an amazing day.
3. Thank you to Elleen Parks and the social committee for their hard work in planning a wonderful end of year party for LBCTA members.
4. Congratulations to all the student artists who were showcased at the district art show.
5. Congratulations and best wishes to Mayela Molina as she embarks on the next chapter of life- retirement!
6. Condolences to Stephanie Meyer on the loss of her mother.
7. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her father.
8. Please consider donating a sick day to the LBCTA sick bank.
9. There is a need for additional PPS support to address students' social and emotional needs.
10. Thank you so much to Elleen Parks and Dorothy Lopez for all your years of service on your retirement.
11. Welcome to Heather Ricardo as a building representative for the 2025/2026 school year.
12. Wishing everyone a restful and well-deserved summer!

D. Lido School

1. Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees, Dorothy Lopez and Raquel Torres-Allen. Thank you for your years of service to our Lido School students. You will be missed by students and staff alike.

2. Congratulations to Mr. Christopher Webel on his recent appointment to the position of Vice Principal at LBHS! Lido School staff and students will miss you terribly. We appreciate your years of dedication to our school as Assistant Principal.
3. Congratulations to all the 5th grade students on their promotion to Middle School!
4. Thank you to Lido PTA for the Field Day t-shirts for staff and students. We greatly appreciate all that you do for our school.
5. Congratulations to Dr. Justin Sulsky on his marriage to Peter!
6. Congratulations to Kylee Nicholls on the birth of her son, Beau Joseph!
7. Congratulations to Dana Monti (Senior Rep), Emily Ciavarella, and Erica Yoo on their election to be the LBCTA Lido School Building Reps and our alternate/NYSTRS Delegate, Dr. Justin Sulsky for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to Dorothy Lopez and Molly Drake for your years of representation at Lido School.
8. Kudos to all who were showcased in the District Art Show.
9. Congratulations to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders along with Scott Scheinson, Noelle Bach, and Naomi Marmol on a wonderful spring concert. The students and parents enjoyed performances by the orchestra, band, recorders, and chorus.
10. Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind team for their success at winning a second World Title at the recent World Finals in Michigan. We are so proud of them!
11. Thank you to Elleen Parks and Patty Van Loon for organizing the EOY LBCTA Party at O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside. Everyone had a great time! Congrats to all the retirees!
12. Thank you to all who voted and helped pass the recent school budget. Congratulations to Anne Conway on her re-election to the Board of Education.
13. Condolences to Stephanie Meyers on the loss of her mother, Irene Buitenkant.
14. Condolences to Patty Van Loon on the loss of her father, Robert G. Hagan, Sr.
15. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Bank. Please consider donating a day.
16. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and well-deserved summer break!

E. LBMS

1. Please be aware that the middle school is used for several extracurricular and community activities throughout the year. It is safe to assume that any classroom may be used after school hours and on weekends. Teachers are encouraged to report any issues to the main office immediately.
2. Condolences to Patty VanLoon and family on the loss of her father.
3. Congratulations to the 2025-2026 building representatives: Billy Papetti, Dan D'Ottavio, Ali Katulka, John Marr, and Kerri Rehnback.
4. Congratulations to teachers receiving tenure!
5. Congratulations to Gabrielle Saugar on her recent marriage!
6. Congratulations to Nancy Connor on her retirement!
7. Congratulations to Mr. Knyper, Ms. Katulka, Ms. Ferraro, and the student artists who were featured in the district art show May 30th and 31st.
8. Congratulations to Mr. Neri, Mr. Lobenstien, and their student performers for their success at this year's NYSSMA Majors!
9. Congratulations to Mr. Lobenstien for coordinating a beautiful Tri-M induction ceremony for the 2025 student inductees.

10. Congratulations to Ms. VanLoon and Mr. Vasikauskas for coordinating a beautiful NJHS induction ceremony.
11. Kudos to Dr. Marr, Mrs. Arkow, Mr. Bialick, and Ms. Mele for coordinating our National Poppy Day MYP project as a tribute to our armed service members on Memorial Day.
12. Kudos to Ms. McWilliams, Ms. Kalner, 8th-grade students, and advisors for the 2025 MYP Service Project Presentations.
13. The 8th-grade field trip to Skudin Surf on June 5th was a tremendous success. Thank you to the middle school PTA for providing snacks and water. Kudos to the 8th-grade trip advisors, Ms. Frank and Ms. Katulka, and the chaperones for helping to make this trip amazing for our students.
14. Congratulations to Odyssey of the Mind teams for their success at the world competition.
15. On June 6th, the 7th graders traveled to Mushroom Park, where they enjoyed a wonderful day of fun games and camaraderie. Kudos to the 7th-grade trip advisors, Ms. McWilliams and Ms. Kalner, and the chaperones for helping to make this trip a tremendous success.
16. Kudos to Dan D'Ottavio and the GSA for a successful Pride Day!
17. The End of the Year Sunshine Retirement Party will be on June 18th at EGP Oceanside from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.
18. Congratulations to our 8th graders moving up to high school. We wish you the best of luck!
19. Have a great summer!

F. LBHS

1. Congratulations to the newly elected building representatives for the 2025-2026 School Year: Tim Cabasino (Senior Rep), Lisa Casey, Ronnie Destio, Camila Gamboa, Greg Milone, Carina Morales Hauser, and Andy Rossi.
2. Thank you to Stephanie Mena, Matt Hartmann, Calie Yousha, and Rachel Yousha for their service as building representatives.
3. Congratulations to Pam Bankey, Janet Lotito, Jeff Myers, Paula Podber, Erik Steinmetz, and Arlene Werner on their retirements! We want to thank you for your dedicated service to the students of Long Beach and we wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors.
4. Thank you to the PTSA for hosting their annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon at the high school.
5. Thank you to the High School Sunshine Committee for all that you have done this year to build up staff morale.
6. Congratulations to all of the teachers and students who competed in the Odyssey of the Mind Finals. A special shout out to Eric Fox and Rachel Yousha for leading the middle school team.
7. On June 3rd, 2025, Andy Rossi and his students hosted a successful Guitar Show! Fun was had by all.
Congratulations to Leo Palacio for being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.
8. Congratulations to the LBHS graduating class of 2025!
9. Thank you to members who have donated sick days to the LBCTA District Sick Day Bank. Please consider donating if you have not done so already.
10. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, and happy summer vacation!

At 4:45pm, a motion was made by Alison Katulka to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dan D'Ottavio

In attendance:

West: Julie deBruin

Lindell: Susan Simons, Heather Puckhaber

East: Jeanne Richards, Tamara Sommers, Eileen Bauer

Lido: Dorothy Lopez

LBMS: Alison Katulka, Dan D'Ottavio, John Marr

LBHS: Stephanie Mena, Matthew Hartmann

Long Beach Teacher Center: John Marr

Retiree Representative:

Guests: Tim Cabisano, Emily Ciavarella, Carina Hauser-Morales, Billy Papetti, Rich Pellegrini, Kerri Rehnback, Heather Ricardo, Erica Yoo,

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

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



LET MEMBER BENEFITS HELP YOU PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

If you recently retired or plan to do so in the near future, it's important to prepare for the transition from in-service work to retirement.

Maintaining NYSUT membership in retirement is crucial, especially if you're currently participating in a NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) and would like to continue doing so. This can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- 1** Continue membership within your local if retiree membership is offered. Contact your local to find out if any retiree membership requirements are in place. You must comply with these requirements to continue your membership in NYSUT along with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).
- 2** Continue as an at-large member of NYSUT through the Retiree Council in your region. Contact your local to ensure you will be reported as retired to NYSUT. This will provide you with membership in the Retiree Council in your region along with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA. If you have questions about maintaining NYSUT membership or would like more information about NYSUT retiree programs, you will want to contact the NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant serving your region. You can find this information at nysut.cc/retireeconsultants.

More than a dozen of the endorsed programs offered by Member Benefits can be purchased through either payroll or pension deduction. These convenient payment methods offer reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. An active NYSUT membership is required to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one (or more) of our endorsed programs, we encourage you to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

Learn more about continuing Member Benefits-endorsed programs or the pension deduction process by scanning the QR code, visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org, or calling 800-626-8101.



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