



Long Beach Classroom Teachers Association

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Executive Board Minutes

January 12, 2026

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

I. President's Report - Karen Bloom

A. Happy New Year

Welcome back! I hope your break was both restful and refreshing. As we start this new year together, I'm reminded of the remarkable dedication and effort each of you brings to our school community. Your commitment to supporting your colleagues and our students truly makes a difference. Let's continue working together and striving to meet the needs of those around us as we move into the year ahead!

B. NYSUT Trainings & Workshops

We are taking a team of officers to the NYSUT NRO Winter Leadership conference in February to attend a series of workshops on Succession Planning for the Future of your Local Union. Thank you to Ama Darkeh, who attended the NYSUT Health & Wellness Conference and said it was great, very useful & the speaker was excellent! NYSUT also 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.

C. 2026 LBCTA Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that the association will once again be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who are children of CTA members. Elena Frishman has graciously volunteered to continue as the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. To be eligible for a CTA scholarship, the student must graduate from their high school in either January or June 2026. They may attend high school in any city or town. A parent must have been a dues paying member of the CTA for at least three full years and currently paying dues unless on family or medical leave. Those interested and eligible may request an application from Elena, by email at EFrishman@lbeach.org. The closing date for receipt of the completed application and all supporting documents, submitted in duplicate, is 2 PM on Friday, March 13th. The evaluation of these applications will take place during the week of 3/16-3/20. Please contact Elena if you are interested in helping evaluate the applications. It would be wonderful if every building was represented. In addition, the LBCTA gives another \$1000 scholarship to the Senior with the highest GPA that is entering the field of education.

D. LB PTA - PTA Teacher Fellowship- Deadline for Applying: February 15, 2026 – Now Open!
The LBPTA wanted to make you aware of a grant funded fellowship for Long Beach teachers. The fellowship provides an opportunity for teachers to improve their skills, update their professional knowledge, and expand their professional perspectives. This grant can ONLY be used for course work completed after submission of the application and can be used anytime up to August of next year. Click here for more information.

<https://nyspta.org/home/pta-leaders/awards-and-recognitions/teacher-fellowship/>

E. Health Insurance Rates 2026

Your bi-weekly medical deductions for 2026 have been updated for the January 16th payroll. See Dr. Natali's email from 12/18 for details. [Here](#) is a link with the information.

F. IRS Mileage Rate 2026

The IRS has announced the official standard mileage rates for 2026. The standard business mileage rate for transportation expenses paid or incurred as of January 1st, 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile.

G. LIBTF (Long Island Teachers Benevolent Fund) - Reminder

We know that sometimes unexpected catastrophes befall our members. There are a variety of Grants offered by the LITBF to its membership; A Financial Grant for Catastrophic Loss, A Burial Grant & A Military Grant. I wanted to make you aware of the availability of these forms so that if the need arises, the LITBF can help ease your burden. Feel free to reach out if you are in need of any of these forms.

H. First Eligible Retirement Incentive - Reminder

If you are considering retiring in June, under the terms of our first eligible retirement incentive, you must notify the district of your intention by **January 15, 2026**. First eligible means that you are able to retire without an age or service reduction. If you are unsure if you are first eligible, or need more information, you can look at your NYSTRS Benefit Profile or contact NYSTRS directly at: [NYSTRS](#)

I. NYSTRS - Reminder

TRS has announced their Winter/Spring PREP Seminar schedule. You can find it in the link below, which is also where you can register. They will be in Hauppauge over the February break.

<https://www.nystrs.org/retirement-planning/pension-retirement-education-program/>

If you have questions specific to your potential benefits, you can contact NYSTRS at 1-800-348-7298. (Extensions are at [NYSTRS](#) for different departments). If you are considering retirement within the next three years, you should schedule a benefits consultation through [MY NYSTRS](#) or by calling 1-800-348-7298, ext. 6100.



J. 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.

K. Mandated Reporting: Child Abuse Training - Reminder

All certified educators must have a record of completion of the new, updated training reported to TEACH by their chosen provider by **November 17, 2026**. You must complete the 15 minute addendum with the same provider that you used previously. If you took it through NYSUT ELT, they are sending links directly to members to complete the 15 minutes. If you used OCFs, then

you can log on [here](#) and complete the new add on. If you are a new employee, you will need to complete the full training. You can see Dr. Natali's email from 12/15/25, for details.

L. Club Pay Dates - *Reminder*

This year's clubs will be paid half at the midpoint of the season, and half at the end of the season. This means if you are a seasonal club, you will be paid twice during your season. All other clubs will be paid the 2nd half the stipend in the 5/8/26 check.

M. Coaching Pay Dates 2025-26 - *Reminder*

High School

Winter: Second Check: 2/13

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

Middle School

Winter I: Second Check: 1/16

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

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

N. Study Money - Summer 5/15/26 - *Reminder*

There is one more opportunity to participate in the Study Program: **Summer – Friday, May 15, 2026**. Members with permanent or professional certification may apply for up to \$1,750 in study money per semester. The application is available online at [Request for Participation in Study Program— Group A](#).



II. Committee Reports

A. Negotiations - Karen Bloom

1. We have officially begun negotiations with the district & will keep you updated as the process progresses. Remember that ALL Negotiations updates are being sent to your personal email address. If you are still not receiving them, please reach out and let me know.

B. Grievance Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. Currently, there are no active grievances to report. If you have any concerns or believe there may be a violation of the contract, please feel free to reach out to me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com
2. Our next meeting will be on February 5th at 4 PM. All are welcome to attend!

C. Membership Committee - Tamara Sommers

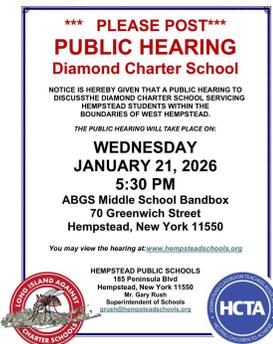
1. Happy New Year and welcome back. Our union has always been at its best when we stand together — supporting one another, advocating for our students, and speaking with a collective voice. One simple but powerful way we can demonstrate that unity is by wearing our union apparel together on designated days. With that idea in mind, the membership committee would like to establish the Membership Mondays campaign. We are asking members to wear their LBCTA apparel and/or royal blue colored gear on the last Monday of each month. The aim is to send a visible message to one another and to our school community that we are connected, we are engaged, and we stand together. **Please join together to show off our LBCTA pride by wearing new or old union gear on January 26th - our first Membership Monday.**
2. The next Membership Committee meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday, February 4th at 4:15. If you would like to participate in the membership committee or have any thoughts or ideas about inspiring and supporting our members, please don't hesitate to reach out and email me at tsommers@lbeach.org.



D. Political Action Committee - Jennifer Garrett

1. NYSUT recently welcomed Quinn Parker as our new Regional Political Organizer (RPO).
2. The LBCTA continues to collaborate with NYSUT and the Long Island Against Charter Schools Committee to advocate for stronger fiscal accountability in charter schools. This campaign focuses on raising awareness among members, school boards, and community stakeholders about the harmful impact charter schools can have on public education.
3. We have TWO items to share!
 - a) Thank you to everyone who shared our most recent social media thunderclap. We truly appreciate all who help amplify these important messages. Our next thunderclap is due out soon!
 - b) A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 PM** at **ABGS Middle School in Hempstead** to discuss **Diamond Charter School's proposal to serve Hempstead students within the boundaries of West Hempstead.**

Stand Together and Wear Red: Show Your Support for Public Education!



We urge everyone to **wear red and attend the hearing in solidarity.** It is critical that we stand together and voice our opposition to Diamond Charter School's request to operate out of St. Thomas School in West Hempstead for two or more years while it searches for a permanent location in Hempstead.

SUNY's continued practice of rubber-stamping charter school approvals is troubling enough. Approving an application without a confirmed, permanent location is simply unacceptable. This situation underscores a larger issue: taxpayers and community members deserve a real voice and a vote on whether charter schools should be allowed to open in their neighborhoods.

Our presence matters. Show up. Speak out. Stand together.

4. Please reach out to lbctapac@gmail.com if you are able to attend.
5. LBCTA PAC discussed a proposed resolution put forward by the Riverhead Faculty Association for the 2026 RA titled *Voter Approval of New Charter Schools and Expansions of Existing Charter Schools*. The proposal requests that NYSUT advocate for legislation requiring that all charter school applications be approved by local voters in the impacted communities prior to submission to the relevant state chartering entity. PAC suggested that the LBCTA sign on as a sponsor of the proposal. A motion was made and seconded, and a vote was held. The proposal passed unanimously. Please email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com for more information on the proposal or if you have any questions about the 2026 RA.
6. PAC, in collaboration with the PR Committee and our webmaster, is putting together the next edition of the LBCTA Newsletter, Volume 5, Issue 2. The second edition of each year reaches an expanded distribution list that includes our NYSUT brothers and sisters residing in the City of Long Beach, Lido Beach, Point Lookout and East Atlantic Beach to keep them informed of all the great happenings in our district.
7. If you have ideas for topics or highlights for content for the next newsletter, please email lbctapac@gmail.com using your personal email. All suggestions are greatly appreciated!
8. Please follow us on Instagram [@LongBeachClassroomTeachers](https://www.instagram.com/LongBeachClassroomTeachers).



9. SAVE THE DATE! Our PAC meeting will be on February 10th at 4 PM. All are welcome to attend! Email LBCTAPAC@gmail.com to join!

E. Public Relations Committee - Jennifer Maggio and Matthew Hartmann

1. Happy New Year! The Public Relations Committee met on January 5th. We discussed updates on the planning of next month's bowling fundraiser. We have decided to reschedule the February meeting until after our Bowling event (date and time TBA). Please reach out if you'd like to get involved in the PR committee.
2. Get your bowling shirts ready and start gathering your teams! Our LBCTA 9th annual bowling event will be held on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Lanes fill up quickly, so please register your teams using this [link](#) ASAP. Each team can have up to six members. The cost will be \$40 per bowler. There will be food, drinks, and raffles at the event. As in the past, we hope each building can donate a basket for the raffle. Please email the theme of your basket to Jenn Maggio at jmaggio@lbeach.org. This year we will be donating to [Surf for All](#).
3. Please follow us on Instagram [@longbeachclassroomteachers](#).
4. From the bottom of our hearts, we and the entire Executive Board want to thank everyone who took part in the Making Strides events. Your support, passion, and generosity meant more than words can express. The American Cancer Society recognized TEAM 11561 with a plaque, but the true honor is ours—to work alongside such an incredible group of people.



F. Social Committee - Tamara Sommers

1. The social committee has discussed arranging a casual gathering for members in the upcoming months and will finalize the details and a date at our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th. Anyone is welcome to join us and share their ideas at any point. Please do not hesitate to reach out and email me at tsommers@lbeach.org if you would like to attend any of our social committee meetings or if you'd like to share any thoughts or ideas for events, social gatherings, and, of course, our future End of Year celebration. It would be helpful to have a point person to contact at each building to prepare and ensure our retirees get the send off they deserve.

G. Long Beach Teacher Center - John Marr

1. The Long Beach Teacher Center is currently working on a needs assessment in conjunction with the district to determine the needs of PD for next year. Please keep an eye out for the email to fill the form out.
2. If you are interested in having a poster created from a PDF, the center offers this service for free. Up to three posters can be created at a time, please email the director at lbtcl@lbeach.org with your pdf or provide a file using the requirements found on lbeachtc.org.
3. If you are interested in running PD over the summer, please contact the director and we can write you into the new grant.

III. Executive Vice President's Report - Jennifer Garrett

A. APPR → STEPS Update

1. Final approval from NYS on our STEPS plan is still pending. We remain optimistic and look forward to receiving final approval soon.
2. As noted in Dr. Gallagher's 11/20 email, Administration is waiting for final approval before sending out the project Google Form. This helps avoid distributing a form that

may need revisions, so your patience is appreciated while we await confirmation. In the meantime, because the project is largely teacher-driven, Dr. Gallagher suggested you may begin working on your ideas if you wish.

3. With regard to untenured members and observations, untenured members should have received notification identifying their evaluators for the school year. If you have not yet received this information, please reach out to your immediate supervisor
4. As always, we encourage you to actively participate in the observation and evaluation process. Our evaluation system continues to be grounded in the Danielson Framework, which emphasizes observable, research-based best practices. Evaluations and feedback should be evidence-based, not opinion-based, to ensure a fair, consistent, and constructive process. Please share any questions or concerns during your post-observation conferences so they can be addressed promptly.
5. If you have any questions or concerns about STEPS or the evaluation process, please don't hesitate to contact me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com

B. Health & Safety Committee

1. The district is aware of and actively addressing an ongoing pest management concern affecting several buildings, with the primary focus on the Lido Complex. Mr. Kramer confirmed that our contracted extermination service, which conducts monthly inspections and treatments, has been notified and is responding accordingly.
During the recent break, buildings were proactively treated with an increased number of traps. In addition, our maintenance team will also be installing additional traps and maintaining records of areas of concern.
We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take appropriate measures as needed.
2. Staff members are encouraged to report any unresolved Health & Safety issues at the building level. If you have any Health & Safety issues that you are unable to resolve at the building level, please email me at lbctaexecutivevp@gmail.com
3. The next H & S meeting date is February 9th. The spring meeting will be May 4th.
4. Please take a moment to confirm that your classroom phone and window blinds are working properly. If you notice any issues, please notify your Head Building Custodian right away.

C. Workplace Violence Prevention

1. The Board of Education has adopted a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, which can be found [here](#). Please take a few moments to read and review it.
2. If you experience a workplace violence incident, the updated reporting form is available on the district website under **Staff Resources > Health and Safety**. Once completed, the form should be submitted to your principal.
3. All submitted forms and previous findings from our Workplace Violence Risk Assessment are carefully reviewed, and we will actively pursue any necessary remediation to ensure safety across our buildings.

D. Other

1. **Registration is [Open!](#)** 🎳 Join us for the **LBCTA 9th Annual Bowling Event** on **Thursday, February 26th** at Maple Lanes in RVC.
2. Mark your calendars as well for our **End-of-the-Year Celebration** on **Thursday, May 7th**.

3. Please make an effort to attend School Board meetings whenever you can. All meetings are posted on the district calendar.

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

- A. Happy New Year to all!!!
- B. We are looking forward to our annual Bowling event which will be held on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes in RVC.
- C. Our next Elementary Council meeting will be Monday, February 2nd, at 4:00 in the East School Library. If you didn't let me know before, can you please bring with you the theme for your school's raffle basket.
- D. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at jmaggio@lbeach.org.

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

- A. Welcome back and Happy New Year!
- B. NYS is requiring that all mandated reporters, including all certified educators, complete the new, updated Mandated Reporter workshop. All certified educators must have a record of completion of the new, updated training reported to TEACH by their chosen provider by November 17, 2026. To qualify to use the addendum (otherwise you have to repeat the 2-hour training), you must use the same provider you used last year. Be sure to review Dr. Natali's email from December 15th for instructions.
- C. Get your bowling shirts ready and start gathering your teams! Our LBCTA 9th annual bowling event will be held on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes in RVC. Lanes fill up quickly, so please register your teams using this [link](#) ASAP. Each team can have up to six members. The cost will be \$40 per bowler. There will be food, drinks, and raffles at the event. As in the past, we hope each building can donate a basket for the raffle. Please email the theme of your basket to Jenn Maggio at jmaggio@lbeach.org. This year we will be donating to [Surf for All](#).
- D. Our next Secondary Council meeting is on February 3rd.
- E. Your Building Reps are here to answer any questions or assist you with any issues/concerns you may have. Also, we encourage you to keep open the lines of communication with administration about any issues and/or items you may have.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Jonathan Bloom

- A. Union dues for you 2025 Tax Return was \$1,055.50.
- B. The LBCTA has been advised by our certified public accountants that as a tax exempt 501-c 5, We must make people aware when donating to our charitable causes that their contributions can not be deducted when filing their personal federal income tax returns. Moving forward all LBCTA flyers, posters, and emails soliciting contributions to donate or attend events to raise for charitable causes must include the following language.
"The LBCTA is a 501(c)(5) organization. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes."
- C. The LBCTA has been informed by the District Business Office of an important change to the January payroll schedule.
Originally, the **January 30th paycheck** (the 3rd paycheck of the month) was scheduled to have **no deductions** taken. This plan has now been revised. Under the new schedule, you should have seen your most recent paycheck (**January 2nd paycheck**) have **no deductions**.
Because the first paycheck of the month had no deductions, **January union dues for LBCTA members will instead be deducted from the January 16th paycheck** (the 2nd paycheck of the month).

D. December Financial Report

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Union Dues	\$42,126.43	NYSUT Dues	\$16,004.50
Retirees	\$72.00	AFT Dues	\$9,482.46
		Officer & Rep Stipends	\$32,451.73
		Payroll Taxes	\$10,621.77
		Meeting Expense	\$2,119.20
		Training	\$1,988.73
		Payroll Fees	\$351.50
		Office Supplies	\$107.10
		Workers Comp.	\$22.50
Total	\$42,198.43		\$73,149.49

VII. Building Reports

A. West School

1. Welcome back and Happy New Year 2026!
2. Condolences to Erin Cain on the loss of her father-in-law, Leland Cain.
3. Congratulations to our PTA and staff members for winning the City Council Award for Best Long Beach Theme for our West School PTA Wild West 100th Anniversary float!
4. Congratulations to Noelle Bach, Craig West and Vanessa Krywe along with our orchestra, band and chorus students for an outstanding winter concert.
5. The West faculty was grateful once again this year to have the opportunity to purchase original holiday items from the students in the HS Life Skills Program.
6. Registration is now open for the annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th. Use the QR code on the flyers that are posted in the building to register your team or click on the registration link found [here](#).

B. Lindell School

1. Welcome back and Happy 2026 to all!
2. Condolences to the family of Millie McCarthy a retired Lindell teacher on her passing.
3. A big Thank you to the Lindell PTA for gifting all staff and students a warm cozy Lindell hat! They have been promoting school spirit since September in many positive ways and we appreciate all their time and dedication to our Lindell family.
4. The Lindell PTA assembly on Dec. 23rd. was a perfect way to start off the holiday break.
5. Our annual Cookie Exchange and Secret Frosty organized by the Lindell Sunshine Committee was a delicious success bringing us together during the holiday season.
6. The recent phone outage sparked a concern about the WiFi connectivity in our building. The district phones were not working and many staff members could not make calls using their personal cell phones. We are concerned as it can pose a serious safety issue. Keith Harvey will be meeting with Dr. Pullara to help us address these concerns.
7. Many thanks to Lindell Sunshine for a beautiful New Year Party celebrating the retirement of long time teaching assistant Mary Mauceri.
8. We welcome back Behavior Specialist Andrew Romanoff and look forward to his collaboration with some of our neediest students.
9. We continue to have concerns with the cleanliness of our building.

10. Our 9th annual LBCTA bowling event will be held on Thursday, February 26th, at Maple Lanes in RVC. Contributions will be going to Surf For All. To register, scan the QR code on the flyer in each faculty room or click on the registration link found [here](#).

C. East School

1. Congratulations to Sofia Notar and Craig West on a fabulous Winter Concert.
2. Thank you to the PTA for a fabulous assembly with Jared Campbell. The children were engaged and loved both his music and his message.
3. Condolences to Jacqui Byrne on the loss of her mother.
4. Condolences to Maria Paradiso on the loss of her great grandmother.
5. Registration is now open for the annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th. Use the QR code on the flyers that are posted in the building to register your team or click on the registration link found [here](#).
6. Happy New Year to all! We hope everyone had a well deserved holiday break.

D. Lido School

1. We hope everyone had a great winter break. Welcome back and happy new year.
2. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Swan on the arrival of baby Koa Elias Swan on December 19, 2025.
3. Welcome back to Lido Owen Sculley
4. Thank you to the Lido PTA for hosting another successful Holiday boutique!
5. Shout out to Ms. Schienson, Ms. Marmol and Ms. Bach for conducting a wonderful winter concert
6. Thank you to the custodial staff for addressing our mice issues
7. Thank you Lido sunshine for another hosting secret frosty prior to winter break. It was a fun way to bring holiday spirit to our building.
8. Thank you to the first and second grade teams for hosting our secret frosty reveal breakfast
9. Thank you to our teachers who are running a Lido club. Our Lido clubs will be running from January 13th through March 26th
10. Save the date for our Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes. Registration is now open. Use the QR code to register your team or click on the registration link found [here](#).

E. LBMS

1. Welcome back and Happy New Year!
2. Amazing job to our music department (Dave Lobenstein, Christina Farrell, Justin Marks, and Danny Neri) for putting on great Winter Concerts in December.
3. Special thanks to the 6th grade teachers for their hard work in preparing and hosting the Ancient Egypt Exhibit for families on December 18th and for elementary students during the week.
4. Thank you to all faculty and staff for their generosity with the Snowman Board and the Holiday Giving Tree!
5. Shout out to Danielle Callahan and Jen Healey, along with the Student Organization for the fun winter themed Spirit Week heading into December break.
6. Thank you to our administrative team for the hot cocoa and cookies on December 18th.
7. Thank you to Lauren Behan and the Journalism Club for the publications of *Catch the Wave, LBMS MYP School Newsletter*.

8. Thank you to our administration, in collaboration with Leah Buffalino, Dena Hopper, and the rest of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, who organized a visit to the Mobile Museum of Tolerance for students, providing a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the importance of empathy, tolerance, and standing against injustice.
9. Thank you to Dr. Ama Darkeh, Nilka McDonnell, Mary Miller, Patty Van Loon, and Danny Neri for their assistance and participation in Transition Night for middle school families on January 7th.
10. Shout out to Nilka McDonnell, facilitating the 7th grade programming assembly. Our students are already getting so excited about eighth grade.
11. Thank you to the custodial staff for their help with the issues we have been having with mice. Upon returning from break, mice are still a concern in the classrooms.
12. Welcome to Jesus Torres who has been hired as the full time cleaner at the Lido Complex. We look forward to working with you.
13. The next LBCTA executive board meeting will take place the day after the Super Bowl. Speaking of Super Bowl, if you think you're a super bowler, come out and support the 9th Annual LBCTA bowling fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes RVC. Registration link can be found [here](#).

F. LBHS

1. Welcome back - we hope you all had a restful and restorative Winter Break!
2. The enforcement of the NYS cell phone and headphone mandate in the hallways continues to be a large topic of concern.
3. The cleanliness of the building continues to be a topic of concern. While the building administration and custodial staff are aware of the recent rise of rodents and have taken steps to mitigate the issue, the problem still persists in certain areas. We thank you for your continued support and open line of communication in this matter.
4. Welcome back Heather Faitao!
5. On 12/19, LBHS hosted Staff Appreciation Day at The Well - the district's new Student Wellness Center. Thank you to Kristen Ford and Dr. Smith for organizing this special event for staff, as many were able to attend acupuncture and massage therapy sessions. We look forward to the growth of this space in the future!
6. Congratulations to Liz Wisey on winning the Sunshine Committee's Ugly Sweater Contest on 12/23.
7. The LBHS Guidance department held another successful Alumni Day on January 9th where they hosted ten different LBHS alumni to speak to our current juniors and seniors.
8. Save the date: 1/22 is the LBHS Sunshine Committee's Snow Ball Party at Borelli's Taproom. Entry is \$65/person and payment is due no later than Friday 1/16.
9. Please wear any new or old LBCTA gear on January 26th to celebrate our first of many Membership Mondays.
10. Registration is open for the 9th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Thursday, February 26th at Maple Lanes in RVC from 4:00-6:00 PM. Proceeds of this event will go to Surf4All. Sign-up can be completed using the fliers posted in Department offices or click on the registration link found [here](#).

VIII. Meeting Dates

- A. If you would like to attend any of the committees that meet via Zoom, please reach out to the listed contact person to receive the meeting link.

January 27th - Social Committee, 4pm, Zoom, Tamara Sommers

January 27th - Board of Education Worksession, 7pm, LBMS Auditorium

February 4th - Membership Committee, 4pm, Zoom, Tamara Sommers

February 2nd - Elementary Council, 4pm, East School Library

February 3rd - Secondary Council, 4pm, HS Guidance Conference Room

February 9th - Health & Safety

February 9th - LBCTA Executive Board, 4pm, LBMS Library

February 10th - PAC, 4pm, Zoom, Jennifer Garrett

February 10th - Board of Education, 7pm, Lido School

February 24th - Board of Education Worksession, 7pm, Lido School

February 26th - Bowling Fundraiser, 4pm - Click [here](#) to register your team!

IX. New Business

- A. We received a thank you letter from the Long Beach Soup Kitchen regarding our support during the holidays. They expressed that our contributions have been a significant help. Thanks to everyone who played a part in this effort.

At 5:33pm, a motion was made by Kerri Rehnback to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Claudine Clark.

In attendance:

West: Claudine Clark, Julie de Bruin, Anne LaPenna

Lindell: Susan Simons, Melissa Canner, Heather Puckhaber

East: Jeanne Richards, Melissa Zimmerman

Lido: Emily Ciavarella, Erica Yoo, Justin Sulsky

LBMS: Billy Papetti, Kerri Rehnback

LBHS: Tim Cabasino, Lisa Casey, Camila Gamboa, Carina Morales Hauser

Long Beach Teacher Center:

Retiree Representative: Frank Volpe

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Van Loon, Recording Secretary.



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Do you have an emergency fund?

Synchrony Bank offers several options to help grow your savings over time, including high-yield savings accounts,

money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. NYSUT members receive special rates above those available to the general public.

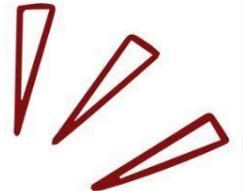
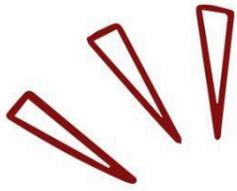
Is a new home or refinancing of your current home on your list?

NYSUT members can save up to \$2,700 on lender fees and closing costs with the UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program from Mid-Island Mortgage. For more than 60 years, Mid-Island Mortgage has been helping union members with realizing the joy of homeownership.

Are you looking for assistance with credit and/or debt management?

Our partnership with Cambridge Credit Counseling can assist members with understanding debt consolidation and student loan repayment options. Members can receive a free, no-obligation consultation with a Cambridge certified counselor.

Join Us for a LBCTA/LBSEA Fundraiser!



9TH ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER



**THURSDAY
FEB 26**

4:00-6:00 PM

**MAPLE LANES
IN RVC**

**FOOD
CASH BAR
RAFFLES**

\$40/PERSON

**SCAN TO
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