

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEVITTOWN, NY**

DATE: August 24, 2011

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

CERTIFICATION:

The District Clerk certified that pursuant to Section 104, Open Meetings Law, notice of meeting was sent to the local newspapers, the Public Library and posted on the district's website. Further, all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting.

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Peggy Marenghi
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – President
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President
Mr. Edward Powers
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary (excused absence)
Mr. James Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane – Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen– School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. Ellen Chaleff - Division Avenue Student Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Pappas, President, called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Porrazzo, seconded by Mr. Powers approved (6 -0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet with legal counsel.
- C.** The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:35 PM at which time Mr. Pappas asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting abroad.

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II. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS.

1a. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Pappas welcomed Legislator Dennis Dunne to the meeting. Legislator Dunne came to the podium to share with the audience the news that he had obtained a grant for the district – the Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement with Nassau County. This money will be allocated for a baseball backstop for MacArthur High School and scoreboard for Division Avenue High School. Legislator Dunne remarked that he had played on the Levittown football team many years ago and wanted to help his school district. He commented that all sports teams will benefit. Mr. Pappas thanked Legislator Dunne and remarked we owe him a debt of gratitude. Pictures were taken with Legislator Dunne, the Board, coaches and athletics.

- 1. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following 2011-2012 School Year Extensions of Contract for Pupil Transportation, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the attached contracts and insurance agreements:

RESOLUTION #11-12-61
2011-2012 School Year
Transportation Contract
Extensions

<u>Contractor’s Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	June 2, 2000	\$45,071
Suburban Bus	May 25, 2005	\$58, 143
Acme/Baumann	May 30, 2006	\$361,482.”

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

NOTE: Mr. Pappas reported that the district’s legal counsel had reviewed all the contracts and extension. Mr. Porrazzo had questions on one of the contracts but it was determined that the contract was correct because the child was considered homeless. Ms. Marenghi asked about a bid date. Dr. Grossane felt there was no time limit on the date but would look into it to make sure.

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

- 2. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following 2011-2012 School Year Contract for Pupil Transportation, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the attached contracts and insurance agreements:

RESOLUTION #11-12-62
2011-2012 School Year
Transportation Contract

<u>Contractor’s Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	May 6, 2011	\$13,333.”

Seconded: Ms. Porrazzo

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NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo had a question on the requisition for the contract. He asked about the length of time for the contract, the amount and if an attendant was included. Dr. Grossane said he would review the contract.

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

- 3. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2801 (Chapter 16, Title II, Article 55/Student Support Services) of the New York State Education Department Laws & Regulations, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached Code of Conduct."

RESOLUTION #11-12-63
Code of Conduct

Seconded: Ms. Moran

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo asked if the Code of Conduct was reviewed by our attorneys. Mr. Pappas responded yes.

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

- 4. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "To approve the following Schedules:

RESOLUTION #11-12-64
Schedules

Schedule 11-G-3 (Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."	1001
Schedule 11-GG-3 (Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1002
Schedule 11-H-4 (Appointments – Certified Personnel)."	1003
Schedule 11-H-4a (Appointments - Administrators)."	1004
Schedule 11-H-4g (Designation - Coaches)."	1004.1
Schedule 11-HH-4 (Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1005

(PULL Items 5 & 6)

Seconded: Mr. Powers

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Schedule 11-HH-4, Items 5 & 6 – PULLED

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0.

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- 5. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, amend the appointments of the treasurers for the following areas for the 2011-2012 school year:

RESOLUTION #11-12-66
Petty Cash Accounts -
Amendments

Mark Flower	Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance
Keith Squillacioti	Director – Special Education
Frank Mortillaro	Principal – Northside Elementary School."

Second: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo asked that the word treasurers be changed since the individuals do not hold the title of treasurer.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Change the word treasurers to *petty cash custodians* and add *in the amount of \$100.* to the end of the statement.

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0.

V. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Porrazzo to adjourn the public meeting at 7:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE LEVITTOWN LIBRARY.