

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

**DATE: September 14, 2011**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, September 14, 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**

Mr. James Moran  
Ms. Peggy Marengi  
Mr. Michael Pappas – President  
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President  
Mr. Kevin Regan - Secretary  
Mr. Edward Powers  
Mr. Frank Ward

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. James Grossane – Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan – Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Flower – Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS**

Mr. Robert H. Cohen– School Attorney  
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk  
Ms. Meghan Tracey - MacArthur High School Student Liaison

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Pappas, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. On a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Powers and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to schedules and litigation.
- C.** The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:40 PM at which time Mr. Pappas asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting overseas and in honor of Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, of those who gave their lives.

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**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Pappas welcomed everyone to the first general business meeting of the new school year. He introduced new Board Trustee, Mr. Frank Ward, new Superintendent, Dr. James Grossane, new Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Mark Flower, and the new Student Liaison, Ms. Megan Tracey to the audience.

Mr. Pappas noted he was at the opening day Division Avenue football game. It was a great game which Levittown won. Mr. Pappas attended several PTA Meeting recently and noted everything is going well.

Ms. Marenghi was present at the JV football game which Levittown also won.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of August 10, 2011 (Regular Meeting) and August 24, 2011 (Special Meeting).”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Seconded: Mr. Regan

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas requested corrections which were reflected in the approved minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Recognition:

1. Art Display – Jonas Salk Middle School

Dr. Grossane thanked the students at Salk for their stunning art work. It is a great example of their hard work. A credit to them and their teachers.

Dr. Grossane acknowledged a generous donation of school supplies that was given to the district from the local Dollar Tree. This was a community outreach project. Dr. Grossane thanked the representative from Dollar Tree who was in attendance.

B. Superintendent:

1. Follow-up to Public Be Heard Questions  
(None)

Follow-up to Board Questions  
(None)

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2. Superintendent's Reports:

a. Opening of School

Dr. Grossane reporting on the opening of school. He noted that he and Board members toured the buildings prior to the opening of school and found the buildings clean and ready. The custodial staff was thanked for all their hard work. Dr. Grossane pointed out that everyone was getting accustomed to the new bell schedule. He observed arrivals and dismissals and all went well. The full day kindergarten classrooms had all their furniture, and the children were very excited. Some issues came up with the busses but there was improvement each day. Dr. Grossane stressed that we are off to a great start.

b. Other

Dr. Grossane announced to the audience that this year we have three National Merit Semi-Finalists in the district, one from Division and two from MacArthur. He commented it is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the students, parents and teachers.

In commemoration of September 11<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Grossane noted that Ms. Rifkin spearheaded a project involving all students for this national day of service. Ms. Rifkin reported that all students in K – 12 had a lesson on community service. In honor of September 11<sup>th</sup>, each student was asked to make a pledge to perform community service. In addition to the lesson, each school had a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Rifkin complimented the students on their commitments which were broad and expansive. She remarked they did a great job and we are proud of them.

Mr. Porrizzo inquired about receiving a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. He commented that we could create a fitting memorial. He asked that a representatives be contacted regarding this idea. Dr. Grossane said he was aware of this plan at other schools and would look it. Mr. Pappas agreed this would be a touching and fitting memorial.

C. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports

a. Building Inspection Report

Mr. Porrizzo remarked that all of the Board members attended most of the buildings along with Mr. Flower and they all were in good condition.

b. Memorial Garden

Two students from Division Avenue High School gave a presentation of a proposal for a memorial garden to honor Ms. Kim Foglia, an AP Biology Teacher, who recently passed away. The students talked about Ms. Foglia's passion for teaching and the awards she received. In memory of Ms. Foglia, the National Association of Biology Teachers created a service award which will be given to an exceptional AP Biology Teacher who shows the same dedication to the subject. Before Ms. Fogia passed away, she had planned on making

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a garden to use with her class. She received two grants to build this garden. The students showed a 3D model of the garden which they hope to use to feed the hungry. They praised Ms. Foglia and remarked it will be a beautiful garden for a very beautiful teacher.

Mr. Pappas complemented the students on their work and commented it will be a lasting memorial to a dedicated teacher.

2. Correspondence  
(None)

3. Student Representatives to Board

Mr. Pappas introduced Ms. Meghan Tracey , Student Liaison to the Board, from MacArthur High School.

**V. PUBLIC BE HEARD**  
(Attached)

**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "WHEREAS, all claims warrants and charges against the School District have been reviewed by the Internal Claims Auditor and have been certified by the Internal Claims Auditor for payment,

RESOLUTION # 11-12-66  
Warrants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the July 2011 report of the Internal Claims Auditor be accepted."

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers inquired about whether the auditors would be signing the header page or initialing each individual page. Mr. Flower responded that a meeting was scheduled with the Auditors to convey the Board's and Audit Committee's request regarding the signatures and review the types of information that should be included in their audit process according to the State Controller's Office. The Board discussed this issue.

Mr. Porrazzo questioned the high amount of invoice dates that proceed the purchase order date. He pointed out this was not an acceptable percentage and an easy way to overspend your budget. Mr. Porrazzo would like this to be monitored.

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

**MOTION CARRIED.** Seven members present voting yes.

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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2. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached reports and put same on file: RESOLUTION # 11-12-67  
Treasurer's Report

Summary of Treasurer's Reports for the months ending June 30, 2011 and July 31, 2011."

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending July 31, 2011." RESOLUTION # 11-12-68  
Appropriation and Revenue  
Status Reports

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas had questions on classroom furniture and a lead teacher. Dr. Grossane commented he would look into these expenses.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

4. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached End-of -Year Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the 2011-2012 school year." RESOLUTION # 11-12-69  
End of Year Appropriation  
and Revenue Status Reports

Seconded: Mr. Ward

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers had questions on the numbers for the revenue side for the full year. Mr. Flower explained that we will still accrue that liability at the end of the year because of outstanding state aid payments and BOCES aid payments that are still coming in. This report reflects those closing as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and those revenues would still be due to us.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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5. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "WHEREAS, it is desirable to consolidate the existing eight polling sites in the Levittown Public Schools into four polling sites,

RESOLUTION # 11-12-70  
Consolidation of Election Districts  
and Change in Voting Times

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 2017(2) of the Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the merger of election districts as follows:

<u>New Site</u>	<u>Combined Old Sites</u>
#1 Gardiners	#7 Lee Road, #8 Salk, and #1 Gardiners
#2 East Broadway	#6 East Broadway
#3 Memorial	#2 Wisdom and #3 Memorial
#4 Division	#4 Division and #5 Northside

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting hours be changed from Noon to 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M."

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas thanked the District Clerk, Ms. Appelbaum, for her research and analysis of this subject. He commented that the increased voting hours will help those individuals who work.

Mr. Porrazzo asked if the district could petition the county to consolidate the number of polling sites they use for the general elections. Dr. Grossane responded that the Board of Elections would have to be petitioned and they would decide. He noted it could take up to a year. Mr. Regan remarked he would look into this issue.

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

6. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the adoption of the following new policies:

RESOLUTION # 11-12-71  
Adoption of New Policies

Policy #5450.2 – Caring for Students with Life Threatening Allergies  
Policy #6212 – Fund Balance."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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7. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has reviewed the District's accomplishments of the 2010-2011 goals; and

RESOLUTION # 11-12-72  
2011-2012 Board Goals

WHEREAS, a Board subcommittee on evaluation and goals has developed the attached goals for the 2011-2012 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that these goals shall serve as a guide to the actions and priorities of all District employees for the 2011-2012 school year."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

**NOTE:** Mr. Porrazzo asked Dr. Grossane how the Board goals meshed with his goals. Dr. Grossane responded that they are a good marriage between what the Administration feels is obtainable and accomplishable this year with the direction the Board has provided us. It is a good starting point and the more we work together the more they will adapt and grow. Dr. Grossane noted that he would be making an official presentation of these goals.

Mr. Powers pointed out that he was part of the Goals Committee with Ms. Marengi and Mr. Ward. The committee had a very productive meeting with Dr. Grossane. He remarked that the committee took a very structured approach and produced a successful document.

Ms. Marengi suggested that next year the goals be crafted earlier so that on Superintendent's Conference Day it can be a major part of the presentation. In this way each constitute group is made aware of the goals so that they can see the district's vision and plan.

Mr. Pappas thanked the committee for their time.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

8. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Mr. Porrazzo, Mr. Powers and Mr. Ward, with Mr. Pappas as alternate, as members of the Board Audit Committee."

RESOLUTION #11-12-73  
Board of Education Audit  
Committee

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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9. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following bids: RESOLUTION # 11-12-74  
Renewal of Bids

07E – No. 15 – Rubbish Removal  
not to exceed .....\$ 33,739.20  
07E – No. 17 – Part I - Vending Machine Services  
Annual Guarantee .....\$ 40,000.00  
09E – No. 24 – Refrigeration Service....  
not to exceed..... \$ 60,000.00  
09E – No. 32– Communication System Repair & Service  
not to exceed .....~~\$ 80,000.00.~~ \$30,000.00

Seconded: Mr. Regan

**NOTE:** Mr. Ward had questions on the rubbish removal bid in regards to painting the dumpsters. Dr. Grossane remarked that the contract is for the large dumpsters, used when we have a large project. We own the smaller dumpsters located at the schools and Mr. Hahn will be working to restore them. He noted that the Town of Hempstead empties the smaller dumpsters and the larger ones are through contract. Mr. Moran suggested that someone should reach out to the Town of Hempstead to work out a deal. The Board discussed this issue and decided to approve the bid.

Mr. Powers inquired about the vending machine services. He asked Mr. Flower if he had any reservations regarding renewing the current vendor's contract since there has been repeated violations. Mr. Flower requested that he be given the opportunity to review the complaints. Additionally, he remarked that within the bid, there is a clause, that if they do not live up to bids specifications, we can pull out. Mr. Regan questioned if we are receiving the annual guarantee of \$40,000. Mr. Flower responded to date we have received over \$34,000.

Mr. Porrazzo asked about the refrigeration service bid and communication bid. He wanted to know the history of spending for those contracts. Mr. Flower went over the costs associated with services for the past few years. After discussion with the Board and Mr. Hahn, it was decided to reduce the amount for the Communication Repair.

**AMEND Bid # 09E – No. 32– Communication System Repair & Service: *Change from \$80,000 to \$30,000.***

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0.**

10. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept with thanks the following gifts: RESOLUTION #11-12-75  
Gifts to Schools

- a) checks in the amounts of \$129.71 and \$44.40 for East Broadway and Lee Road Elementary Schools respectively, given by Dover Gourmet Corporation, 11 Skyline Drive, Plainview, NY 11803;
- b) school supply kits for district-wide elementary use, given by Dollar Tree #3042, 3767 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756;
- c) school supply kits for district-wide use, given by Astoria Federal Savings Bank, c/o Lois Cornibert, 3105 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756; and



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- d) classroom supplies for Gardiners Avenue Elementary School as part of the "Adopt A Teacher" Program, given by Office Max, Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756."

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas thanked all the generous donors. A picture was taken with Mr. Pappas, Dr. Grossane and the representative from Dollar Tree.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 11. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "Whereas, the Levittown Public Schools, through its Special Education Department, provides specialized services and programs for students with disabilities; and

RESOLUTION #11-12-76  
Special Education  
Service Providers –  
2011/2012 School Year

WHEREAS, it is necessary to contract with outside agencies for these services and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached list of twenty-eight service providers, utilized by the Levittown School District Special Education Department to provide such specialized services and programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Special Education is, hereby, authorized to sign contracts relative to the services provided by the attached list of outside agencies for the 2011-2012 school year."

Seconded: Mr. Moran

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 12. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the 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 Contracts for Pupil Transportation, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the attached contracts and insurance agreements:

RESOLUTION # 11-12-77  
2011/2012 School Year  
Transportation Contracts

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
We Transport	May 6, 2011	\$ 0.00
Educational	May 6, 2011	\$ 0.00
Anytime Bus	May 6, 2011	\$ 0.00
First Student	May 6, 2011	\$ 0.00

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<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Suburban Bus	May 6, 2011	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	August 18, 2011	\$ 0.00
We Transport	August 18, 2011	\$ 0.00
First Student	August 18, 2011	\$ 0.00."

Seconded: Mr. Moran

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 13. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the 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 # 11-12-78  
2011/2012 School Year  
Transportation Contract  
Extensions**

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	April 20, 1999	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	August 19, 1999	\$ 0.00
We Transport	May 22, 2003	\$ 0.00
Anytime Bus	May 30, 2006	\$ 0.00
Suburban Bus	May 30, 2006	\$ 0.00
We Transport	May 30, 2006	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	May 31, 2007	\$ 0.00
We Transport	May 31, 2007	\$ 0.00
Suburban Bus	May 31, 2007	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
Suburban Bus	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
We Transport	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
Educational	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
Anytime Bus	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
First Student	May 6, 2010	\$ 0.00
First Student	June 23, 2010	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	June 23, 2010	\$ 0.00
Educational	June 23, 2010	\$ 0.00
Acme/Baumann	August 25, 2010	\$ 14,404.00
We Transport	August 25, 2010	\$ 0.00
Educational	August 25, 2010	\$ 0.00."

Seconded: Ms. Moran

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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- 14. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Engagement Letter from Cullen & Danowski, LLP, for the review of payroll activities with delivery of a report listing the procedures performed and findings for the Levittown School District for the period October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, at a fee not to exceed \$24,000."

RESOLUTION #11-12-79  
Cullen & Danowski –  
Engagement Letter for  
Review of Payroll Activities.

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

**NOTE:** Dr. Grossane explained that this was a recommendation that came from the last report done. Mr. Porrazzo questioned if this was included in the retainer. Dr. Grossane responded he would look into this. Mr. Pappas remarked that the saving from these audits far exceed the cost of the audit.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 15. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with National Grid to adopt the firm rate schedule and install gas service to Wisdom Lane School."

RESOLUTION #11-12-80  
Utilities

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**NOTE:** Mr. Porrazzo commented that Wisdom Lane was one of two schools that did not have duel fuel burners. This motion will convert that school to duel fuel burners and have a firm rate price on delivery of gas. This will save us a significant amount of money next year. Mr. Pappas thanked Mr. Flower who in turn thanked Mr. Hahn for all his work.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 16. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into the attached agreement with Plainedge Union Free School District for the lease of the Hunt Road Facility (Maintenance/Storage Building) for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016."

RESOLUTION #11-12-81  
Hunt Road Facility Lease  
with Plainedge UFSD

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

**NOTE:** Mr. Flower noted that a new contract was typed up with the only difference being the pricing and dates. Mr. Cohen remarked he had reviewed the contract.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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- 17. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into the attached agreement with NetBlast Media relative to media coverage of school events or school-related events for the 2011-2012 school year, subject to school district counsel's approval."

RESOLUTION #11-12-82  
Net Blast Media

Seconded: Ms. Ward

**NOTE:** A representative from NetBlast came to the podium to give a short synopsis of Varsity Scoreboard. In answer to the Boards questions, he responded that students would be involved at the school field with production, provide scholarships, students would have use of NetBlast's green screen at their facility and the website would have responsible advertisers. Mr. Cohen commented that he was reviewing the contract from NetBlast. Mr. Ward remarked that this coverage will put Levittown in the spotlight.

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers stepped out of the room.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Six members present voting yes.

**APPROVED 6-0.**

- 18. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into the attached agreement with Lucchessi for general architectural/engineering services for the 2011-2012 school year."

RESOLUTION #11-12-83  
Architectural/Engineering  
Services

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers returned to the room.

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas and Mr. Porrazzo stated they were looking forward to the plans from the district's new architect for the Division Avenue cafeteria. Mr. Cohen commented he had reviewed the contract and made some revisions. Mr. Flower noted he was meeting with the architects to look over their preliminary drawings of the cafeteria.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Seven members present voting yes.

**APPROVED 7-0.**

**NOTE:** Item #19 taken out of order and voted on at the end of the meeting.

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- 19. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "To approve the following Schedules: RESOLUTION# 11-12-84  
Schedules
- |   |      |                             |
|---|------|-----------------------------|
| Schedule 11-G-4<br>(Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."          | 1001 |                             |
| Schedule 11-GG-4<br>(Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1002 |                             |
| Schedule 11-H-5<br>(Appointments – Certified Personnel)."                     | 1003 | <b>AMEND #15 &amp; #15a</b> |
| Schedule 11-H-5c<br>(Designation - Consultants)."                             | 1004 |                             |
| Schedule 11-H-5g<br>(Designation - Coaches)."                                 | 1005 |                             |
| Schedule 11-H-5h<br>(Appointments – Extra Curricular)."                       | 1006 |                             |
| Schedule 10-HH-5<br>(Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."            | 1007 |                             |
| Schedule 10-I-2<br>(Use of Buildings)."                                       | 1008 | <b>TABLE</b>                |
| Schedule 11-K-3<br>(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)."                 | 1009 |                             |
| Schedule 11-O-3<br>(Students with Disabilities)."                             | 1010 |                             |

Seconded: Mr. Ward

**NOTE: Mr. Moran left the meeting after Executive Session for personal reasons.**

**AMEND AS FOLLOWS:** Schedule 11-H-5, #15 and #15a remove the stipend of \$6,500;  
Schedule 10-I-2 - **TABLE until next Planning Session.**

**MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.**

**APPROVED 6-0.**

- 20. MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approves the attached agreement between the Power Authority of the State of New York and the Levittown U.F.S.D. for the purpose of an energy savings services program; and RESOLUTION #11-12-85  
Energy Services Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached agreement."

Seconded: Mr. Moran

**NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo wanted clarification on this item. Mr. Flower explained that there are two state run programs to improve energy efficiency in school districts. He described the differences in the programs and noted they were both building aidable. Mr. Flower remarked the first step in the process is to have someone come in to do an energy audit and make recommendations. There was discussion on this item.**

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**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 21. MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi moved, "WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Levittown School district of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

RESOLUTION #11-12-86  
Nassau BOCES Cooperative  
Bidding Program

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids as listed on the attached for the subscription rate of \$9,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

**NOTE:** Mr. Porrazzo inquired if the districts savings far exceeds our cost to join the cooperative. Mr. Flower answered affirmatively.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:38 PM."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.**

**APPROVED 7-0.**

**NOTE: The Board reconvened in public at 10:05 PM to vote on agenda item #19 – Schedules. Mr. Moran left the meeting after Executive Session and before the vote.**

**22. Ad Hoc – Discussion Only; No Action Taken**

Literacy Centers

Mr. Ward shared with the Board that his children love the new literacy centers. He complimented Mr. Grossane and Ms. Rifkin on a great job. Mr. Powers remarked his children also enjoy the center and it's their favorite special. The Board credited motivated teachers.

Mr. Porrazzo noted that his daughter was having a seamless transition to high school. Mr. Pappas acknowledged it was a tribute to the Administrators in those schools.

**MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "That the Board go into Executive Session at 10:10 PM."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Seconded: Mr. Ward

**MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.**

**APPROVED 6-0.**

**NOTE: Ms. Marengi left the meeting after the second Executive Session.**

**VII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Porrazzo to adjourn the public meeting 10:45 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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