

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

DATE: January 25, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 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. James Ward

ADMINISTRATION

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Pappas called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Porrazzo seconded by Ms. Marengi and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to personnel.
- C. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:30 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.

II. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

- 1. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following policy:

Policy# 1512 - Public Participation at Board Meetings."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

RESOLUTION # 11-12-156
Policy #1512– Public
Participation at Board
Meetings

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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II. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS (continued)

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "WHEREAS, in the Board of Education's continuing review and update of existing Levittown Board policies; RESOLUTION # 11-12-157
Approval of Policies -
7000 Series/Students

WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has completed its review of the Student Policy series with all appropriate parties and revised same as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the Student Policy 7000 Series."

Seconded: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that there were only two remaining policies that had changes. Policy # 7222 – Credential Options For Students With Disabilities was updated per law. He noted that this policy will be further updated and amended at a later date to reflect final legislation and direction from SED. The other policy. #7513 – Administration of Medication had been discussed at length at previous meetings. Upon recommendation of counsel, Dr. Grossane stated he looked at the actual procedural directive from SED which included what can be done. He read the directive so everyone was clear on the procedure.

In terms of our nursing staff, Mr. Porrazzo asked that we try to get more substitute nurses on our list. Ms. Rhatigan mentioned that we have tried to increase the names on our list but it comes down to pay. She commented that it would be revisited in the next contract negotiations. There was discussion on the issue of nurses.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

3. **MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, "WHEREAS, the attached 2012-2013 school calendar has been reviewed by all appropriate parties, RESOLUTION # 11-12-158
School Calendar –2012-2013

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached calendar as the official dates for the operation of schools during the 2012-2013 school year."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that at the last Board meeting he had distributed the different versions of the calendar to the Board and discussed with them that the New York State Regents is contemplating moving regents week up a week. He noted that there was some concern among the district Superintendent's in Nassau and Suffolk County about losing instruction time. They had discussed shortening the February recess to add more instructional time but decided not to for this year but it is a possibility for the future. Dr. Grossane noted that his recommendation for the school year was for students to begin on September 6th and end on June 24th.

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II. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS (continued)

This would incorporate three Teacher Conference days which allow us the time to train for the initiatives being undertaken in the school year.

The Board thanked Dr. Grossane for the clarification of the calendar.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-3.

(Mr. Moran, Ms. Marengi, Mr. Pappas and Mr. Regan)

Three members present voting no.

(Mr. Porrazzo, Mr. Powers and Mr. Ward.)

- 13. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "To approve the following Schedules:

RESOLUTION# 11-12-159
Schedules

Schedule 11-H-10c
(Designation - Consultants)."

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Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Pappas commented that the cost of Drivers Ed was brought down significantly, which helped to expand the program and offer it to more students at a lower cost.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

- 5. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the twenty-four (24) hour policy rule to add agenda item #6."

RESOLUTION # 11-12-160
Suspension of Twenty-Four
Hour Policy Rule

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION NOTE CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

FAILED 5-2.

(Mr. Moran, Ms. Marengi, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Regan and Mr. Ward)

Two members present voting no.

(Mr. Powers and Mr. Porrazzo)

NOTE: This vote had to be unanimous to pass which it did not receive.

- 6. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "That the Board go into Executive Session at 8:13 PM to discuss this resolution.

Executive Session

Second Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

Approved 7-0.

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II. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS (continued)

NOTE: The Board reconvened in public session at 8:24 PM.

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the twenty-four (24) hour policy rule to add agenda item #8."

RESOLUTION # 11-12-161
Suspension of Twenty-Four
Hour Policy Rule

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

MOTION FAILED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

8. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve an assignment of Co-Ser Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES (to be determined) for the installation of classroom SmartBoards at each of the District's schools."

RESOLUTION # 11-12-162
Learning Technology
Project Planning

Second Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

Approved 7-0.

III. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Porrazzo to adjourn the public meeting 8:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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