

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

**DATE: February 8 , 2012**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, February 8, 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. Edward Powers  
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary  
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. Colleen Bradley – MacArthur High School Student Liaison  
Ms. Ellen Chaleff - Division Avenue High School Student Liaison

**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 Mr. Powers and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to negotiations.
- 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 overseas.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(none)

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**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of January 11, 2012 (Regular Meeting) and January 25, 2012 (Special Meeting) and January 27, 2012 (Special Meeting.”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Seconded: Mr. Powers

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

**APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0.**

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Recognition:

1. Students - Melissa Slyper, MacArthur H.S. – Intel Science Talent Search Semi-finalist  
Jacklyn Sullivan , MacArthur H.S. – National Semi-finalist – Coca Cola  
Scholar Program and Intel Science Talent Search Semi-finalist

Ms. Rifkin commented that we are very proud to have two Intel Semi-finalists in the district. She called on Ms. Valentino, Principal of MacArthur High School, to introduce the students. Ms. Valentino asked Mr. Zausin and Mr. Friedman, the girls mentors, to speak about the journey the young ladies took. Mr. Friedman stressed how hard the girls worked and that they took ownership of their work by doing it at home and in school, not in a university lab. He wanted to thank the Administration, teachers, Superintendent and Board for allowing this program to exist. Ms. Slyper and Ms. Sullivan were congratulated by the Board and pictures were taken.

Dr. Grossane announced that Ms. Sullivan was also a semi-finalist for a very prestigious nationwide competition, the Coca Cola Scholar Program.

Dr. Grossane revealed another piece of great news, our three National Merit Semi-finalists are all now Merit Finalists. The district is very proud.

1. PTA Executive Board and Unit Co-Presidents

Mr. Pappas pointed out that today is a special day because we get to recognize our PTA Executive Board and Unit Co-Presidents. Dr. Grossane thanked all the members of the PTA. He noted that he has met with the PTA many times and the meetings have always been cordial, informative and fun. He remarked that a good working relationship has been established. Dr. Grossane stated he was proud to have so many dedicated parents working for the benefit of our children. We appreciate all that you do on behalf of our students. The Board presented the PTA members with a certificate of appreciation followed by a reception.

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2. Art Display – Lee Road Elementary School

Dr. Grossane commented on the beautiful art display by Lee Road School. He noted the work is outstanding, especially the heart display which was done by 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

B. Superintendent's Reports

1. Follow-up to Public Be Heard Questions

(none)

2. Follow-up to Board Questions

Dr. Grossane reported that he and Mr. Flower had answers to the following previously asked questions:

One such question was the cost to perform an Enrollment Study and Population Trend Survey through Western Suffolk BOCES. Dr. Grossane reported that with the State aid ratio for a BOCES project, the cost would be a maximum of \$9,000. He commented that this would provide us with valuable information as we move forward with trends in terms of population and what shifts may have to take place in the district. At the next meeting, Dr. Grossane will provide the Board with a contract and bring forth a resolution.

The other question for Dr. Grossane was in regard to the enVision Textbook Program. He had asked the Board for their consideration to make the purchase this year. The Board asked for the code transfers. Dr. Grossane reported it would be a combination of the general textbook code, school codes and pupils with special needs reading monies, that had been allocated and not been utilized. He remarked that the total cost would be \$136,000.

Mr. Porrizzo asked if the \$58 in state aid was spoken for this year or should we purchase the materials that we need to get the teachers up to speed on the program, and put off buying the textbooks in next year's budget. Mr. Flower responded that the \$58 is in the budget already, so it would be best to purchase this year. Dr. Grossane reported that the training that comes with the program will be held in the Spring. He commented that Ms. Marengi had asked about a staff development plan to go with the implementation. He stated that Ms. Rifkin reached out to the enVision personnel and they are available to visit on a monthly/bi-monthly basis to go through the training, as we prepare our teachers for their units. Mr. Pappas asked the cost of the enVision Program. Ms. Rifkin responded it is \$136,000 for the textbook adoption which includes the initial training.

One of Mr. Flower's follow-up questions was regarding E-Commerce for the school district. He spoke about how presently this program allows parents to go on the district website to put money into the student's account for the School Lunch Program. He would like to expand on this program, but the Program does not offer it for other products. Mr. Flower reported that New York State School Boards Association endorses a program called Pay Schools which some of our neighboring schools use. Since Massapequa Schools utilizes this program,

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Mr. Flower was able to demonstrate the program using their website. Pay Schools will allow parents to go to the district's website and pay for a variety of services such as Drivers Ed, LAP, LAMP, and others. Mr. Flower shared that there is a service fee associated with this program. The district has the option of asking the parents to pay for it or including it in the price of the items that we are charging. He advised that the Pay Schools Company recommends including the price of the service fee, which is 3.75% of the total transaction cost, in the overall cost. Mr. Flower feels this is a great program that can be used for anything that the school is collecting money for instead of having checks and cash transacted at the building levels.

Mr. Powers asked about Pay Pal. Mr. Flower explained you can pay for these services three different ways, a Pay Pal account, a credit card/debit card and an e-check. Mr. Ward inquired about whether this program could have a recurring engine that would renew the service each month. Mr. Flower responded not at this point in time. Ms. Marengi asked if there was a cost to the district. The answer was no. Mr. Porrazzo wanted to know the service fee for NutriKids. Mr. Flower replied it was about the same 3.75%. Mr. Porrazzo then questioned whether this program will interface with our Point-of-Sales System. Mr. Flower reported that Pay Schools would be separate from NutriKids which would still stay in place for school lunches. We would have two on-line payment systems. Mr. Pappas shared that he had been asking for a recurring payment plan for years. The Board gave their consensus to move forward and get pricing.

Mr. Flower's other item for information was about time and attendance. He noted that Finance Manager had a module where you can place biometric clocks in the buildings and have employees clock in and out. This could be linked into the payroll module which would eliminate paper time sheets since everything would be done electronically. Mr. Flower explained that there is an approval process which goes with this module that goes from supervisor to supervisor to authorize the times appropriately. Mr. Flower reported that legal counsel has advised that since this item is not a change in work conditions or a change in the scope of the day, it does not have to be collectively negotiated. Mr. Pappas asked if it would save the district money in payroll. Mr. Flower responded that it would significantly reduce time and make payroll more accurate. Mr. Ward asked if it was for the teachers and Mr. Flower noted it was only for CSEA members who are paid hourly. Mr. Moran wanted to know how the current employees are paid and who monitors them. Mr. Flower remarked they sign in and are monitored by each of the buildings, the department head and supervisors. Mr. Porrazzo suggested that Mr. Kister, Director of Computer and Media Services, review this program. A consensus of the Board showed they were in favor of moving forward and asked Mr. Flower to get pricing and report back to them.

C. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports

Mr. Regan commented that he had the pleasure of attending the MacArthur Business Department Student Showcase. He wanted to commend and thank Ms. Valentino and her staff, especially the Business Department, for an impressive job. He remarked that it was very informative and well run.

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Mr. Regan noted the students were terrific. Additionally, he attended a seminar given by the Commissioner of Education, Mr. John King, who was worth listening to. Mr. Regan noted Mr. King has a lot of issues in New York to deal with.

Mr. Powers reported he was present for the Summit Lane Concert. He pointed out that the band really nailed it. It was amazing. Additionally, he attended the training session for the enVision Math Program. Mr. Powers commented that it was very well attended with a lot of questions asked. He noted that Ms. Rifkin and the teachers present, did an admirable job in communicating the scope of the program.

Mr. Porrazzo shared that he attended the MacArthur Girls Soccer Dinner with Mr. Pappas and Mr. Regan, which was a very nice event. Additionally, he noted that he went to the Nassau Suffolk School Board Association Conference and the Island Trees Collegial Forum with several Board members. He commented that they were very informative. Mr. Porrazzo remarked that it is becoming very common place for the district to have National Merit Semi-finalists, Intel Science Candidates, and Coca Cola Scholars. He stated it is a testament to how far the district has progressed over the last decade.

Mr. Pappas thanked the Nothside, East Broadway, Salk/MacArthur, Lee Road, and Abbey Lane PTA's along with SEPTA for having him at their recent meetings. He commented that it is amazing to see all the wonderful things the students are doing. He noted they are all good kids. Mr. Pappas reported that he attended several conferences on the Cap Levy. He hopes the district can continue to make progress here and move forward.

2. Correspondence  
(None)

3. Student Representatives to Board

Ms. Chaleff, the student representative for Division Avenue, noted that the Science Olympiad team just had their Regional's and earned a spot in the New York State Science Olympiad Finals for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Additionally, she shared that Senior recitals with dance and music was being held the following evening and should be an enjoyable event.

Ms. Bradley, the student representative for MacArthur, reported that the Girls Track team won Conferences and are competing at County.

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

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**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "WHEREAS, all claims, warrants and charges against the School District have been reviewed by the Claims Auditor and have been certified by the Claims Auditor for payment, RESOLUTION # 11-12-164  
Warrants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the January 2012 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2011 and place same on file." RESOLUTION # 11-12-165  
Treasurer's Report

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

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

**APPROVED 7-0**

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached list of budget transfers dated February 8, 2012 has been prepared and is recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, RESOLUTION #11-12-166  
Budget Transfers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached list of budget transfers."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

**NOTE:** Mr. Moran asked if the \$40,000 coming out of the contracted buses was money saved. Mr. Flower responded yes because we took over a run. Mr. Pappas asked for Mr. Flower to further elaborate on the one transfer. Mr. Flower reported that we had under budgeted since fuel prices had gone up about 28%. Additionally, he commented that the amount of fuel was based on last year's run which had only two runs in the morning because the high schools and middle schools were on the same bus. This year we have three runs in the morning, a high school, middle school and elementary school run which increases the mileage on the bus. Mr. Flower remarked we did save some money by eliminating contract runs. Based on these remarks, Mr. Pappas asked if we over budgeted on contacted bus runs. Mr. Flower responded that we did and now have about \$600,000 extra in the code. Mr. Pappas inquired how much would be in the code at the end of the year. Mr. Flower answered that since all of the contract buses have been encumbered, the \$600,000 should remain in that code.

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

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4. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending December 31, 2011.”
- RESOLUTION # 11-12-167  
Appropriation and Revenue  
Status Reports

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

**NOTE:** Mr. Flower remarked that included in the Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports is also a list of all of the budget transfer reports that were done for the month.

**MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes. APPROVED 7-0.**

5. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve and award the following bid to the lowest, responsible bidder – Tobay Printing:
- RESOLUTION #11-12-168  
Approval of Bids

12E – No. 12 A (four newsletters) & B (calendar) –  
District Printing Services.....\$ 14,422.”

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers asked if we were going back to printing the district calendar. Dr. Grossane responded that he had asked for the inclusion of the calendar in the bid. He reported that after a review from State Education Department as part of their administrative recommendations, there is a very strong possibility that they are going to recommend that we go back to a school calendar as a vehicle for information. Dr. Grossane felt that based on this assumption, he wanted to have the money budgeted for a calendar. There is a possibility that we could have other options.

Mr. Porrazzo was concerned that this company can do the printing for this low price which is less than half of what it cost last time. Several members of Central Office noted they had used this vendor before for other projects and they were cheap and reliable. Additionally, Mr. Porrazzo asked if the bid was written so that parts of it could be rejected. Mr. Cohen, legal counsel, pointed out that it is written in two parts with an A & B, therefore you can accept both or separate it.

Mr. Pappas remarked that a information source of some type had to be circulated to the entire population to report on certain notifications. He asked if these notifications could be put in the Newsletter which goes out district wide. Dr. Grossane responded that they could. Mr. Pappas remarked that he does not want to spend money on something that we might not need.

**MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes. APPROVED 6-1-0**  
(Mr. Moran, Ms. Marenghi, Mr. Porrazzo, Mr. Regan  
Mr. Powers and Mr. Ward)  
**One member voting no.** (Mr. Pappas)

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6. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby, accept with thanks, the following gifts: RESOLUTION # 11-12-169  
Gifts to School
- a. a check in the amount of \$252.30 for the purchase of Common Core curriculum materials for Summit Lane Elementary School, given by Box Tops for Education, P.O. Box 200, Young America, MN 55553-0200;
  - b. various musical supplies for grades 3, 4 and 5 at Northside Elementary School, given by Susan Massoni and Marie Reid, co-presidents, Northside Music Club, 32 Glazer Lane, Levittown, NY 11756;
  - c. a check in the amount of \$250 for the Career Development Variety Show at Division Avenue High School, given by the NEFCU Teacher Grant Committee, 1000 Corporate Drive, P. O. Box 9003, Westbury, NY 11590;
  - d. various children’s board games for all grades at Lee Road Elementary School, given by Mrs. Jane Gutowitz, 1031 McLean Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.”

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas asked if the board games in item d were new, age appropriate and where they would be used. Dr. Grossane remarked he will check if they are new or old and that they will be used during lunch recess especially on rainy days. Mr. Pappas thanked the generous donors for their generous gifts to the school district.

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, declare the items on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value: RESOLUTION # 11-12-170  
Obsolete Equipment

| <u>School/Building</u>  | <u>Number of Items</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Abbey (printer)         | 1                      | 1/3/12      |
| LMEC (printers, a.v.)   | 4                      | 1/4/12      |
| Division (audio visual) | 28                     | 1/10/12     |
| Lee Road (audio visual) | 10                     | 1/4/12      |
| Wisdom Lane (printer)   | 1                      | 1/12/12     |
| LMEC (printer)          | 1                      | 1/17/12     |
| Division (fax machine)  | 1                      | 1/24/12.”   |

Seconded: Mr. Powers



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**NOTE:** Mr. Moran inquired about the televisions. He asked if they are damaged or defective and if they work. Mr. Porrizzo noted they were not being replaced. Ms. Rifkin remarked they are probably outdated with use of the new technology and of SmartBoards. Dr. Grossane commented that he will get more information and if they are workable they will be donated.

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 8. MOTION:** Mr. Porrizzo moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, accept the Federal Single Audit Report for the Levittown Public Schools as prepared by the auditing firm of R. S. Abrams & Co., LLP, for the period ending June 30, 2011.”

RESOLUTION # 11-12-171  
Federal Single Audit Report

Seconded: Mr. Regan

**NOTE:** Mr. Porrizzo remarked that the audit was not our finest and discussed some of the findings such as insufficient procedure to track certifications and approval of ARRA funds. He asked if it caused the District to lose money. Mr. Flower responded it did not. Mr. Porrizzo inquired if we were approving the grants this year. Mr. Flower commented that there was only one grant left that was being approved quarterly and the Professional Activity Reports are being done on a monthly basis or semi-annually if you are paid 100% of the grant. Mr. Porrizzo noted that the district had over six million dollars worth of grants in total, and that half of those were ARRA Grants which will be no longer available. He commented that is a big hit to the district.

Mr. Pappas asked about the Perkins Grant. Dr. Grossane replied that he would get that information. Additionally, Mr. Pappas wanted to know about the free and reduced lunch. He asked what percentage was free and what was reduced and how the numbers compared to last year. Mr. Flower remarked he would get back to the Board with that information. On Capital Assets, Mr. Pappas commented that the report noted that the district does not have a procedure for tagging our assets.

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

- 9. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, accept the response to the Single Federal Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011; and

RESOLUTION # 11-12-172  
Response to Federal Single  
Audit Report

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance is, hereby, authorized to submit the Corrective Action Plan to the New York State Comptroller’s Office and the New York State Education Department pursuant to the Five Point Fiscal Accountability Plan.”

Seconded: Mr. Powers

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**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS – Continued**

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers talked about the district's capital assets. He noted that our electronics are tracked by the Computer Department. Mr. Powers reported that a physical inventory was done for the district but recommends looking at the capital assets that aren't tracked to see what percentage of the total capital assets liability that represents. Mr. Flower commented that other districts look at their capitalization threshold. He noted that our threshold is \$500 and that other districts start at \$2,000. Mr. Flower suggested that we increase our asset threshold.

Mr. Porrazzo explained that fixed asset programs typically serve two purposes. One is for insurance tracking, where you look at everything and then make a decision if it stays just in insurance or goes into your fixed asset. He noted it's all part of the process and raising the threshold would not save any work.

Mr. Flower pointed out that since we participate in the New York State Schools Insurance Reciprocal, our insurance coverage is the sum total of all the buildings combined. In terms of raising the threshold, it would save work from an audit perspective because you have lessened the number of items you have to keep track of.

Mr. Pappas remarked that there weren't many items in the classroom that exceed \$500 and you wouldn't be tracking the computers in the classroom if you raised the threshold to the recommended \$2,000. Mr. Flower stated that most districts continue to track all of their electronic hardware for insurance purposes.

On Finding #3, Mr. Pappas asked for a description of the new system that was put into place to insure that ARRA certification reports are filed in a timely manner. Mr. Flower reported that he previously did not have access to the portal but was notified by the New York State Education Department that it is now open so that he can monitor the filing of the reports.

On Finding #4, Mr. Pappas asked about the process put in place to complete payroll certification. Mr. Flower responded that all recipients of federal grants have to sign a Personnel Activity Report. The new procedure will complete payroll certification at least semi-annually for employees whose daily is paid 100% from Federal Funds, and monthly for employees whose salary is less than 100%.

Mr. Pappas questioned how much we are paying for asset tracking. Mr. Flower replied the first time around it was free, going forward about \$6,000 per year.

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

**10. MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "To approve the following Schedules:

RESOLUTION# 11-12  
Schedules

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| Schedule 11-G-9<br>(Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."          | 1001 |
| Schedule 11-GG-9<br>(Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1002 |
| Schedule 11-H-101<br>(Appointments – Certified Personnel)."                   | 1003 |
| Schedule 11-H-11-a-1<br>(Appointments – Certified Personnel)."                | 1004 |

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| Schedule 11-H-11c<br>(Designation – Consultants)."                       | 1005                    |
| Schedule 11-H-11g<br>(Designation - Coaches)."                           | 1006 <b>#47, PULLED</b> |
| Schedule 11-HH-11<br>(Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."      | 1007                    |
| Schedule 11-HH-11-a-1<br>(Salary Change - Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1008                    |
| Schedule 11-I-3<br>(Use of Fields/Buildings)."                           | 1009                    |
| Schedule 11-JJ-4<br>(Permanent Status)."                                 | 1010                    |
| Schedule 11-K-8<br>(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)."            | 1011                    |
| Schedule 11-KK-8<br>(Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel)."   | 1012                    |
| Schedule 11-N-3<br>(Health Services)."                                   | 1013 <b>PULLED</b>      |
| Schedule 11-O-8<br>(Students with Disabilities)."                        | 1014                    |

Seconded: Mr. Ward

**AMEND AS FOLLOWS:** Schedule 11-H-11g #47 **PULLED**, Schedule 11-N-3 **PULLED**

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

**APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0.**

**11. Ad Hoc –**

a. Electric Buses

Mr. Moran shared with the Board a Newsday article about the Plainview/Old Bethpage School District purchasing electric buses. He noted that our district is now in a cycle to purchase buses. Mr. Moran reported that he was researching electric buses and planned to contact companies that make these buses and visit other school districts that have purchased them. He mentioned that there is state and federal grant money available for these buses. Mr. Moran noted he was interested in any vehicle that can be eco friendly and save the district money.

Mr. Flower commented that he was in contact with NESCO, our supplier of buses for the district, to set up an appointment for them to come in to discuss hybrid buses. He would keep the Board informed of the outcome of that meeting.

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**MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:12 PM to discuss personnel matters.

**Executive Session**

Seconded: Mr. Powers

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

**APPROVED 7-0.**

**NOTE: The Board reconvened in public at 9:30 PM.**

**VII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Porrizzo moved, seconded by Ms. Marengi to adjourn the public meeting 9:35 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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

**ATTACHMENTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

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V. **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

**PLEASE NOTE: COPIES OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED ARE GIVEN TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THEN KEPT WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES IN THE DISTRICT CLERK OFFICE.**

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read. Dr. Sirois and/or Board members will respond to questions, after the last speaker is heard.

**Jon Stueckenschneider                      160 Cotton Lane., Levittown, NY**

Mr. **Stueckenschneider** pointed out that he had moved his family to Levittown over two years ago. He commented that he has been hearing many rumors about the re-zoning of the catchment area. He wanted to know what was going on.

**RESPONSE:**

**In response to Jon Stueckenschneider's concerns:**

Dr. Grossane reported that this question has been brought up before. He shared with the audience that some preliminary research was done. He noted that he had asked the Board for the opportunity to examine the whole district for population trends and birth rates to see if there is a need in the future to do anything. Dr. Grossane commented that in this way we could see if larger ramifications were coming to the district, especially in light of the 2% tax levy cap, than we would have all our information to look at the district as a whole. He remarked this data would be gathered by the Enrollment Study and Population Trend Survey and then analyzed. He commented that this study could take a few months. In terms of academic environment, Dr. Grossane stressed that we are a unified district. We are proud of all of our schools and we are an Advanced Placement district of distinction because of both of our high schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,  
District Clerk



