

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

DATE: July 25, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, July 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 Marenghi
Mr. Michael Pappas – President (excused absence)
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President
Mr. Kevin Regan - Secretary
Mr. Edward Powers (excused absence)
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Porrazzo, acting chairman, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Ms. Marenghi and approved (5-0) 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. Porrazzo asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting overseas.

II. PUBLIC BE HEARD

(attached)

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III. **NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS**

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the final contract with the Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$7,569,686.88 to cover services and other expenses for the 2011-2012 school year, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the same."

RESOLUTION # 12-13-38
Nassau BOCES Final Contract
for 2011-2012

Seconded: Mr. Regan

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with the Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$6,096,426.92 to cover services and other expenses for the 2012-2013 school year, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the same."

RESOLUTION # 12-13-39
Nassau BOCES Initial Contract
for 2012-2013

Seconded: Mr. Regan

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "WHEREAS, the Levittown School ('District') no longer wishes to receive Civil Service lists with "District" residents listed with preference;

RESOLUTION # 12-13-40
Civil Service Lists

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the District's request to the Civil Service Commission to only canvas lists in score order."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that this motion enables the district to canvas the highest scoring individuals on the Civil Service List first and then proceed down in numerical order. He mentioned that Levittown residents will be included in the list.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

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| 4. MOTION: Mr. Moran moved, "To approve the following schedules: | RESOLUTION # 12-13-41
<u>Schedules</u> |
| Schedule 12-H-2
(Appointments – Certified Personnel)." | 1001 |
| Schedule 12-H-2a
(Appointments – Administrators)." | 1002 (#9 PULLED) |
| Schedule 12-H-2c
(Designation - Consultants)." | 1003 |
| Schedule 12-I-1
(Use of School Facilities)." | 1003.1 |
| Schedule 12-K-1
(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)." | 1004 |
| Schedule 11-H-18c
(Designation - Consultants)." | 1005 |
| Schedule 11-H-18f
(Appointments – Summer School)." | 1006 |
| Schedule 11-HH-18
(Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1007 |
| Schedule 11-K-13
(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)." | 1008 |

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

NOTE: Dr. Grossane commented that on schedule, 12-I-1- Use of School Facilities, a production company from CBS who are filming in the area, approached the district requesting to park their vans at the parking lot at MacArthur and have access to our cafeteria and restrooms for a day. He noted that they will be paying for the custodians overtime and also making a generous donation to the district of \$2000.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Schedule 12-H-2a, #9 - PULLED

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AENDED 5-0.

IV. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to adjourn the public meeting 7:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

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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. Grossane and/or Board members will respond to questions, after the last speaker is heard.

Lisa Curran 71 Haymaker Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Curran, on behalf of the entire Levittown Food Service Committee, thanked the Board and Administration for all the time and effort that was put into getting healthier vending options for the students and staff of the School district. She was recommending that the RFP be sent back out for bid in the hope that the district will be able to have vending machines back by the opening of school. Ms. Curran noted that the members of the Food Service Committee stand behind the choice the students made at the sampling days, when they recommended the vendor that the district award the bid to.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein spoke about the conditions of the MacArthur track. She thanked the Board for being able to use the track as she walks there frequently. Unfortunately, she is upset by the cigarettes, bottles and trash left at the track. Ms. Finkelstein has spoken to the Board regarding this issue before. She feels a better job should be done to take care of this field.

RESPONSE:

In response to Ms. Curran's comments:

Dr. Grossane thanked Ms. Curran for her support. He noted that the district was consulting with legal counsel to see what our next move should be. We hope to be moving forward shortly to tell the community what our next actions will be regarding food service and the vending machines.

In response to Ms. Finkelstein's concerns:

Dr. Grossane remarked that the track is a constant source of frustration for all of us. He reported that more trash receptacles have been put out and the custodians go out more frequently but it is still a problem. Dr. Grossane remarked we will have to find a way to police it better.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,
District Clerk