

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

DATE: September 12, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, September 12, 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

Ms. Peggy Marenghi
Mr. James Moran
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. Jennifer Newins - MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. James Reilly – Division Avenue High School Student Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Pappas, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 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 7:45 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, for the men and women fighting at home the war on terrorism, for special remembrance for all those who perished in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 and for the first responders who are still suffering.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(None)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Moran moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of August 8, 2012 (Regular Meeting) and August 22, 2012 (Special Meeting).”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seconded: Mr. Ward

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

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition:

1. Student: Bailey Gribben, Division Avenue

Dr. Ianni, Principal of Division Avenue, gave a brief introduction of Bailey Gribben. He described Mr. Gribben as a true inspiration, one of the best that Division has to offer. He is a fighter and a motivator with a determination and passion for school and life. Dr. Ianni stated that the Board of Education was honoring Mr. Gribben for his will to fight, his generous heart and his drive to continue to learn in the wake of a three-year battle against Neurofibromatosis. In those same three years, Mr. Gribben has raised more than \$25,000 for the Children’s Tumor Foundation with the help of family and friends. The Board and Central Administration congratulated Mr. Gribben and presented him with a certificate.

2. Food Service Committee – Vending Machine Bid

Mr. Flower gave an explanation relating to the vending machine bid. He reported that the bid had expired and we had experienced some legal matters in regards to awarding that bid originally. As a result of that, we had to go out to bid again. The Food Service Committee participated in an all day event sampling healthy foods to decide what foods to offer students in the vending machines for before and after school activities. These foods also had to be within the guidelines set forth from the Wellness Policy that the Food Service Committee had set up. Mr. Flower commented the committee volunteers would be receiving a certificate from the Board in recognition for all their hard work.

Mr. Pappas noted that these volunteers gave up a full day of their time to test out healthy foods and he thanked them.

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3. Art Display – East Broadway Elementary School

Dr. Grossane directed everyone's attention to the art display within the room and outside in the hallway. He thanked the art department of the East Broadway School. Dr. Grossane stated he was especially fond of the mural with silhouettes.

B. Superintendent:

1. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. Grossane pointed out that there was a question previously asked regarding recognition of our scholar athletes in our Newsletter. He remarked that he had received from Mr. Snyder, the names of the Lacrosse Team and any other athletes that might have been missed. They will be recognized in the next Newsletter going out in another month or so.

Follow-up to Board Question

Dr. Grossane noted there was a question on our bus aid ratio. He reported it is 58%.

Another question asked from the Board was regarding the Adult Education Program. Dr. Grossane noted that as stated from the State Education Department (SED) and our legal counsel, the program is a piece of the Levittown School District, not a separate entity and therefore the liability is covered by us.

2. Superintendent's Reports:

a. Opening of School

Dr. Grossane reported that the opening of school went very well. He thanked the Transportation Department and Mr. Flower for their hard work on overseeing that. He noted that there were very few late buses the 1st day and any issues were resolved by the 2nd day. Dr. Grossane commented that the buildings opened in wonderful shape with all projects completed. Since there was much to discuss from the SED, the teachers had two days of orientation, which was new this year. Dr. Grossane went on to discuss the different training for the staff.

Dr. Grossane was happy to report that he just received official confirmation that our APPR Plan has been approved by the NYSED. He noted we are one of nine districts to have our plan approved. It was considered a model plan and they are very proud to post it to the state website. Dr. Grossane thanked all the committee members, teachers, administrators and central office for their hard work and diligence. He noted it was truly a collaborate effort, and we will reap great benefits from it.

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Dr. Grossane explained that as part of the APPR Plan, there is a state mandated program called the Student Learning Objective (SLO). He reported that over the summer, teachers and administrators had to write up SLO's for each course that wasn't governed by the state testing program. Dr. Grossane noted that all of these assessments will be administered by the end of September. Parents will receive a letter stating that this is not a test for the students but part of the Professional Development Program. In this program, a baseline is taken of where the student is at the beginning of the class and then a post test is given at the end of the year. This is part of the Teacher Evaluation Program.

Dr. Grossane was excited to announce that the district has a National Merit Semi-Finalist at MacArthur High School.

C. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports:

a. Building Inspection Report

Mr. Porrizzo pointed out that the buildings looked the best that they have in years. He praised the workers who he felt went above and beyond. He mentioned that the staff had cleaned the monuments around the schools. Mr. Pappas stressed that the staff did an excellent job.

Mr. Powers reported on an incident at Summit Lane School. It seems that a Division Avenue opponent team parked their bus at the Summit Lane School parking lot at the time the school was dismissing the students. The parents could not get out of the school. Mr. Powers asked Central Office to find a way to avoid this in the future.

Mr. Powers noted that many high school students were complaining about the size of the school lunch. He explained that we are following the new federal guidelines.

Mr. Porrizzo asked Dr. Grossane if the state had sent a box of materials to sample on the students for testing. Dr. Grossane responded that the district did not receive the packet but did receive a letter stating that Gardiners Avenue Grade 5 was selected to field test ELA. He reported that there was a conversation at the County Superintendents' Meeting, that the county as a whole may decide to send the material back to the state as a message to say we have had enough testing of our students. He commented that he is in agreement with his colleagues.

Mr. Porrizzo said he was aware of this and heard that the state was hiring outside companies to write the tests instead of teachers and they want the schools to test it for them.

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2. Correspondence

Mr. Pappas reported that he had received a petition. He noted that the letter was not directed at the Board but he wanted Central Office to make sure that everything was done properly. This petition was signed by students regarding a coach and a substitute teacher who is no longer working for the district.

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Pappas introduced the two Student Liaisons to the Board, James Reilly from Division Avenue and Jennifer Newins from MacArthur High School.

Mr. Reilly reported that the Division Avenue Homecoming was this Saturday and students were busy preparing for it. He noted it was a great first day of school especially for the seniors with their sea of yellow colors. Mr. Reilly noted that over the summer, Ms. Foglia's garden was worked on.

Ms. Newins described the events taking place at Mac Arthur. She shared that homecoming was in a few weeks and students were busy working on the banners. She said since it is Mac Arthur's 50th Anniversary, this is the school theme and the school was going all out with a Carnival set up. Ms. Newins was very excited about Spirit Week and looking forward to all these events. She wanted to thank the Peer Leaders for having all the freshman settled into their routines.

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

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers 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 # 12-13-65
Warrants

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

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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2. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached reports and put same on file: RESOLUTION # 12-13-66
Treasurer's Report

Summary of Treasurer's Reports for the months ending June 30, 2012 and July 31, 2012."

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

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

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending July 31, 2012." RESOLUTION # 12-13-67
Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

NOTE: Mr. Pappas was questioning why accounts #1620.4660-A-0 (Operations & Maintenance Building Repairs) and #1620.4670-A-0 (Operations & Maintenance Building Equipment Repairs) had zero balances. Mr. Flower explained that because of the way we process our payroll at the end of the year, the July 15th payroll still has timesheets that are payable out of the 2011/2012 school year. In addition, any encumbered purchase orders that are still outstanding are also carried forward into the new school year. He mentioned that they still have the old budget codes. Mr. Pappas asked what the new amount would be for this year for that code. Mr. Flower responded there would be no dollar amount for this code for the 2012/2013 school year but it would be in the 1620.4650 account which has \$558,000 combined for both Building Repair and Equipment.

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

4. **MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi 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 2012-2013 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 # 12-13-68
2012/2013 School Year Transportation Contracts

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	August 15, 2012	\$ 11,350.00
Anytime Bus	August 15, 2012	\$ 0.00
Educational	August 15, 2012	\$ 0.00
We Transport	August 15, 2012	\$ 0.00."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

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

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5. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Mr. Ward, Mr. Powers and Mr. Moran, with Mr. Pappas as alternate, as members of the Board Audit Committee." RESOLUTION # 12-13-69
Board of Education
Audit Committee

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

6. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Mr. Regan and Mr. Ward of the Board of Education as members of the Levittown School District Wellness Committee for the 2012-2013 school year." RESOLUTION # 12-13-70
2012-2013 District
Wellness Committee

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Martin Kehoe as Impartial Hearing Officer in a matter regarding student I.D. #1524009." RESOLUTION # 12-13-71
Appointment of Impartial
Hearing Officer

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

8. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Union Free School District and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County for the lease of the Seaman Neck School building for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017." RESOLUTION # 12-13-72
Seaman Neck School Lease

Seconded: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo noted that the Board did not receive the red line version of the contract and asked Mr. Flower if there were any changes. Mr. Cohen responded that there were a number of changes that were negotiated. Mr. Flower commented that the rate increased but the percentage went down from the previous year from 4% to 3%. Mr. Porrazzo asked if we are responsible for the upkeep of the building such as the roof and windows and in what condition they are in. Mr. Flower answered that we are responsible for the major portions of the buildings but not for things such as snow removal. He noted the condition of the building is included in the

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engineer's report and that it is not in bad shape. There was a discussion on when the building was renovated and if BOCES would do any repairs. Mr. Porrazzo pointed out that at a certain point we will have to maintain the building. He asked about the terms of the contract. Mr. Cohen answered that the lease is for five years with an option to renew for another five years and with an option to cancel with one year's notice. Mr. Pappas went over parts of the contract. Mr. Flower stated that he has not had any problems with BOCES and they have been providing the upkeep of the building.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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

RESOLUTION# 12-13-73
Schedules

Schedule 12-G-4 (Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."	1001
Schedule 12-GG-4 (Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1002
Schedule 12-H-5 (Appointments – Certified Personnel)."	1003
Schedule 12-H-5a (Appointments - Administrators)."	1004
Schedule 12-H-5a1 (Salary Change - Certified Personnel)."	1005
Schedule 12-H-5c (Designation - Consultants)."	1006
Schedule 12-H-5g (Designation – Coaches)."	1007
Schedule 12-H-5h (Appointments – Extra Curricular)."	1008
Schedule 12-HH-5 (Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1009
Schedule 12-KK-3 (LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1010
Schedule 12-O-3 (Students with Disabilities)."	1011

AMEND

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Schedule 12-H-5g to read: *** Taking over for Theresa Wherman pending resignation of her position, salary prorated accordingly AS OF 9/16/12 – 9 WEEKS.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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- 10. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept with thanks the following gift: RESOLUTION # 12-13-74
Gift to School

a) twenty-five jerseys for the MacArthur Girls soccer team and one box of Champions League Replica Balls (12 – 15 balls) for the MacArthur Boys Soccer team, given by Danny Alonzo, 10 Harbor Lane, Levittown, NY 11756."

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Pappas thanked Mr. Alonzo for his gift to the district and the students.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

11. Ad Hoc – Discussion Only; No Action Taken

a. Concussion Policy

Ms. Rhatigan gave a 1st read of this policy and gave a brief description of the reason for this policy. She noted there have been concerns about concussions in sports, especially the serious and long term impact. She commented that Levittown has always had strong procedures in place and is lucky to have trainers on staff. The state is now requiring a written policy with rules and timeframes. Mr. Porrazzo asked if there was a requirement called "return to learn" in the policy. He went on to explain this is when a child is injured and needs extra help returning to the classroom. Ms. Rhatigan was not familiar with this but would research it further. Mr. Porrazzo noted a lot was mandated by the state and he questioned what would happen if we did not comply with their terms. Mr. Porrazzo pointed out the policy leaves a lot open for interpretation. Mr. Cohen explained that the policy states where there is any doubt, you error on the side of caution. Mr. Moran noted that it is a BOCES requirement that at the high school level for JV and Varsity, a doctor be present before a game starts. There was a discussion on baseline testing. Ms. Rhatigan said that Mr. Snyder, the Athletic Director, will be sending out a letter to parents regarding baseline testing. Mr. Cohen stated he would read through the policy and give any recommended changes before the next reading. He suggested that the school physician review the policy from a medical view point.

b. Dignity Policy

Ms. Rhatigan gave a reading of this policy. She reported that training had begun during Superintendent's Conference Days for Teaching Assistants and Aids and there will be follow up training for all teachers, principals, administrators and staff. Ms. Rhatigan pointed out that there is a new Code of Conduct and new information on Bullying including new forms. A letter will be sent home to parents regarding this new act and an explanation of the

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policy. Ms. Rhatigan noted she would send the packet home to the Board if they so desired. Ms. Marengi questioned if this information was posted on the website. Ms. Rhatigan remarked this new policy was in draft format and had to be adopted by the Board first before it could be posted but that a Bullying Policy was on the website. Ms. Marengi wanted a presentation for parents to explain bullying, what forms are available and how to fill them out. She felt it was important to have training for faculty and staff since bullying is now employee to student and student to student. In this way they know what the law is and what they are being held accountable for. Ms. Rhatigan stated that after the policy was adopted a letter would be sent home to parents inviting them to workshops. Additionally a Connect Ed message would go home. She went on to explain the new procedures necessary for Bullying. She said the feedback from the training so far has been excellent and the trainees feel they have a much better understanding of the topic. Ms. Rhatigan answered Ms. Marengi's question regarding establishing a curriculum on this subject by stating a rubric was being created and a character education piece. Ms. Marengi was interested in seeing more than our character education program since it is an anti-discrimination and anti-harassment act. Dr. Grossane assured her there was more. She requested that the Board receive this packet of information. Mr. Pappas asked Mr. Cohen why at the end of the policy there was no reference to civil rights and penal law. Mr. Cohen noted he would review and put in the full annotation. Mr. Ward inquired what the timeline was to appoint the coordinators. Ms. Rhatigan responded it was already done.

- c. Personnel Policy Series
 - first read - 6410-6552
 - third read - 6210-6320 – no changes

Ms. Rhatigan went over the new policies and stated that no changes were needed for those policies that were a third read. Mr. Porrazzo asked why we don't post drafts of our policies on line. Mr. Cohen responded that legally we could but that it would be very confusing since we are going through a transition with old and new policies.

- d. Public Use of Facilities Policy (5652, 5632.1, 5632.2)

Mr. Flower reviewed the changes he had made to these policies that were first brought to the Board's attention at the August Board Meeting. He noted that recently the Board was sent home some information regarding the fee structure and fees for use of our facilities that were collected last year. Mr. Flower reported that the district's new facilities scheduling software system called School Dude, was up and running. He noted that our facilities are used very frequently with outside events scheduled for September totaling 534 and in October 876. Mr. Flower commented that a problem from a financial stand point is that doing invoicing is a complicated, convoluted task where the organizations using our facilities don't get invoices for several months after the event occurred. This

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makes it very difficult to review any challenges made by organizations. Mr. Flower was proposing notifying organizations in advance of a flat fee structure. It would give preferential treatment to organizations using 85% Levittown residents and not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Flower explained that this would give groups up front notice of what they are expected to pay and we would be able to bill in advance. Mr. Porrazzo asked how many invoices are billed monthly. Mr. Flower responded approximately 20 -30. Mr. Porrazzo inquired if our past policy, which was if a custodian was working in the building and we did not incur overtime, there was no charge to the organization, would still be in effect. Mr. Flower said yes. There was a discussion on fees for profit vs. non-profit organizations. Mr. Cohen was asked to elaborate on this. He commented that the law states for community organizations you can't charge a fee, you can only recoup out-of-pocket expenses. For outside organizations that you are allowing to use your facilities, you can charge a fee beyond your expenses. Mr. Cohen remarked that many districts are renting out their facilities to gain additional revenue. Mr. Porrazzo noted he did not feel there were enough invoices to warrant redesigning our existing structure. Mr. Pappas commented that groups should know the fees already. Mr. Ward liked the idea of streamlining the process. There was discussion among Board members regarding the process. Mr. Flower announced that he would stay with the system we are currently using.

e. Citizens Advisory Committee for Budget

Mr. Pappas took a consensus from the Board to move forward and post the ads for the Citizen Advisory Committee on Budget. The Board was in favor of this idea but asked that the committee start earlier this year so that their report can be delivered on time. Ms. Appelbaum, the District Clerk, remarked she would start the process.

f. Enrollment at GC Tech

Mr. Pappas asked what the enrollment was at GC Tech. Ms. Rhatigan commented that she was given documentation from GC Tech but was then advised that it needed to be amended. Dr. Grossane noted that numbers would be refined and sent home in the Board's Friday packet.

g. Lucchesi Engineering

Dr. Grossane reported that he was bringing to the Board's attention invoices from our current engineering firm that did not have project numbers from SED. He remarked that we have engaged in a few projects with them and we agreed to pay for scope and design work that was done. He wanted to know if we should pay for it in a different way.

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12. Ad Hoc (continued)

Mr. Flower reported that he was holding the invoices because this was a new procedure that he was not familiar with. He was worried about how they can be charged to a project, a number for which is needed in order to get building aid. There was a review of the invoices in terms of amount and what projects they were for. Mr. Flower explained that he had several concerns regarding paying for these invoices. He noted that there are two projects that we are being invoiced for. One is for the renovation of the Mac Arthur cafeteria. Mr. Flower wanted to know if this was a viable project that we should be working on and paying the invoice for. The other is for the roofing and masonry work that Lucchesi has done for us. Mr. Flower went on to discuss the complications of paying for these projects. He commented that money was available in the Capital Fund for both high school's cafeteria renovations but not enough for the roofing and masonry work. However, there is money in the Unappropriated Fund Balance. Mr. Flower was requesting direction from the Board to draft a resolution for the October Board Meeting to transfer money from the Unappropriated Fund Balance into the Capital Fund. He would declare those projects to be emergency projects as recommended by the architects and move forward to submit them up to SED. Mr. Cohen asked if the Board was comfortable that it was truly an emergency. The Board asked questions and had lengthy discussions on issues such as clarification of an emergency project, the amount of money in the funds, how much money we consider funding and if voter approval is necessary. Mr. Flower stated that we have a problem in that we are exceeding our 4% Unappropriated Fund Balance and will be cited by the External Auditors who will inform the Comptroller. The auditors have suggested including an explanation in our Management Letter stating that the money was designated for emergency repair work. They feel this would be acceptable. Mr. Flower discussed our options. He said we could either establish a Capital Reserve or go out for a Bond Referendum, both of which need voter approval. The only way to do a Capital Project without voter approval, is an Energy Performance Contract or an Emergency Project. The Board discussed these options along with funding for both cafeteria renovations vs. critical core infrastructure, timing of the projects, how we can use the money and what approach to take for the best course of action. Additionally, discussion was held on whether to have a referendum, when to have it and what the ballot should say. Mr. Pappas made a list of questions that Mr. Flower and Mr. Cohen needed to find answers to. Dr. Grossane mentioned that he would gather more information and report back to the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Regan moved, "That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:40 PM."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

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VII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Porrazzo
to adjourn the public meeting 11:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW A 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'S 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.

Dawn Monteiro 738 Frances Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Monteiro was making a public appeal for appropriate placement/testing for her son, a kindergarten student at Lee Road School.

Diana Galiatsatos 1221 Day Street, Seaford, NY

Ms. Galiatsatos, a Mac Arthur senior, requested a motion to move General Mac Arthur's picture from the auditorium to a more visible spot, such as the front of the school especially since it's the 50th Anniversary of Mac Arthur High School.

RESPONSE:

In response to Ms. Monteiro's appeal:

Mr. Cohen, district legal counsel, informed Ms. Monteiro that it was not appropriate to go into details of a particular student's academic record and background at a public meeting. He suggested that she gather all the student's information and submit it to Central Office to discuss the merits of her appeal. Dr. Grossane advised Ms. Monteiro to make an appointment to see him.

In response to Ms. Galiatsatos's comments:

Dr. Grossane responded that he would talk to Ms. Valentino, the principal of Mac Arthur, regarding her request.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,
District Clerk

