

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

**DATE: November 28, 2012**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, November 28, 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. Edward Powers  
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary  
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

**OTHERS**

Mr. Robert Cohen – Legal Counsel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Pappas, President, called the Special Meeting to order at 6:45 PM. On a motion by Mr. Porrazzo, seconded by Mr. Powers approved (7 -0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet with legal counsel.
- 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. He asked for a moment of silence for our troops fighting around the globe.

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**I. Public Be Heard**  
(none)

**III. ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS.**

- 1. MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "WHEREAS, the unprecedented effects of Hurricane Sandy Caused the closure of school for five days and;

RESOLUTION #12-13-111  
Revised 2012-2013 School  
Calendar

WHEREAS, a subsequent nor'easter caused the closure of school for one additional day; and

WHEREAS, these school closures have caused a shortage in required student and teacher attendance days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to meet the required student and teacher attendance days, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached revised school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

Seconded: Mr. Powers

**NOTE:** Dr. Grossane explained that he is proposing to amend the 2012-2013 school calendar to include the Wednesday February 20, Thursday February 21 and Friday February 22 of the Winter Break due to the unprecedented loss of school time. He noted the district needs to meet the minimum mandate of school days, 180 days of session, in order to receive the full complement of state aid. More importantly, we need to insure continuity of instruction for our students. Dr. Grossane noted these dates provide us with a solid block of time and it affords us to still pay our due respects to the national holidays. Mr. Pappas commented that a lot of people are talking about waiting for a waiver from the state but you have to exhaust all of your vacation days before you could receive that. Mr. Pappas stated that while it is unpleasant for anyone to lose vacation time, Levittown is in a much better position than many school districts due to Dr. Grossane's leadership in getting the buildings operational quickly.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Six members present voting yes.  
One member abstaining. (Ms. Marenghi)

**APPROVED 6-0-1**

**V. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, seconded by Ms. Marenghi to adjourn the public meeting 7:47 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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