

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK, NY 11756**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – May 21, 2013

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 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 Marengi
Mr. James Moran
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 for Business and Finance

OTHERS

Mr. Bob Cohen – School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Pappas called the Annual Board Meeting to order at 8:00 PM. He asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting around the globe and for the Oklahoma residents dealing with the tornadoes.

II. PUBLIC BE HEARD

(attached)

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that a selection was made for the position of Division Avenue High School Principal. He remarked that we are very proud to announce that Joan Lorelli will be the new Principal. He commented that Ms. Lorelli is a long time district employee and has been integral to the successes at Division Avenue. Ms. Lorelli thanked the Board and Central Office for this wonderful opportunity.

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III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi moved “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, certify the results of Proposition No. 1 (school district budget vote), Proposition No.2 (establishment of school district capital reserve fund), and Proposition No. 3 (library budget vote) and Board member elections for the school district and library which took place on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the following results:

RESOLUTION #12-13-215
Certification of the Vote

PROPOSITION NO. 1: ‘BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2013-2014 proposed by the Levittown Board of Education, in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law and on file with the District Clerk, shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefor on the taxable real property of the District’

Results: **Yes 1809** **No 1205**

PROPOSITION NO. 2: ‘BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law, to establish the 2013 Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing District-wide capital improvements including site work, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, with the ultimate amount of the 2013 Capital Reserve Fund to be \$25,000,000, the probable term to be ten (10) years and the source of the funding to be (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) authorized transfers from other available reserves in accordance with existing law, and (iv) New York State aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time.’

Results: **Yes 1348** **No 973**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

	<u># of Votes</u>
1-A Peggy Marenghi	<u>1564</u>
1-B Peter Ziropiannis	<u>1132</u>
1-C James Moran	<u>1604</u>

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III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS (continued)

1. Certification of Vote – Continued

PROPOSITION NO. 3: ‘BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library budget for the year 2013-2014 proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library, and a levy of a tax therefor in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law be approved.’

Results: **Yes 1242** **No 779**

LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

	<u># of Votes</u>
1-A Margaret Santer	<u>1501</u> .”

Seconded: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Mr. Pappas congratulated the incumbents, Ms. Marengi and Mr. Moran on their reelection and thanked everyone for their support in passing the budget. Additionally, he thanked Central Office and the Board for working together to come up with a winning budget.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

IV. ADJOURN

Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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.

James Moran 2 Shield Lane, Levittown, NY

Mr. Moran addressed the Board regarding his efforts to get the younger generation involved in the issues facing the school district. He reported that he set up an on-line Facebook group called Facebook Matters, where cost saving measures and revenue generation were discussed. Some ideas talked about were to review alternative health care plans, alternate energy, supply sharing with other districts, a recycling program, early retirement incentive and fund raising festivals.

RESPONSE:

In response to Mr. Moran's comments:

Dr. Grossane thanked Mr. Moran for his interest and ideas. He noted that many of suggestions had already been reviewed but he would keep him posted on any progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,

District Clerk