

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

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, December 11, 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ed Powers: Excused, Frank Ward: Present, James Moran: Present, Mike Pappas: Present, Peter Porrazzo: Present, Kevin J Regan: Present, Peggy Marenghi: Present.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane - Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Mr. Nicholas Fuchs - Division Avenue High School Student Liaison
Mr. Brian Zilli - MacArthur High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Regan, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Marenghi and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet with the Internal Auditors.
- C. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:40 PM at which time Mr. Regan asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting all over the world. Mr. Porrazzo asked that we add, Mr. Victor Longaro, former Assistant Superintendent, who lost his house in a fire last week and Dr. Rose Auteri, a former Principal at Abbey Lane, who recently passed away, to our thoughts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of November 13, 2013 (Regular Meeting), November 20, 2013 (Special Meeting) and December 3, 2013 (Special Meeting)."

NOTE: The Board requested corrections which were reflected in the approved minutes.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Powers

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition

1. Art Display: Salk Middle School

Dr. Grossane thanked the students and teachers from Salk for the gorgeous art work in the Board Room and hallways.

2. Musical Presentation: MacArthur Winter Wind Ensemble

Dr. Grossane thanked the Wind Ensemble for their holiday music which is always pleasant and festive to hear.

B. Superintendent

1. Follow-Up to Public be Heard Questions

There were no questions for this meeting.

2. Follow-up to Board Questions

Dr. Grossane commented that there was a question at a recent Board meeting regarding the new requirements for a Special Education diploma. He remarked that the Director of Special Education, Ms. Carelli-Lang, was present tonight to report on that subject.

3. Report: Special Education

Ms. Carelli-Lang thanked the Board for inviting her to speak about the credentials needed for students with disabilities. She remarked that as always our obligation is to provide a free appropriate public education for all of our special education students and to prepare them for further education, employment and independent living. She gave a brief presentation on Alternate Pathways and Graduation Options for Students with Disabilities. She explained that there are three pathways to exiting high school; a diploma, Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) and Skill and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC). Ms. Carelli-Lang reported that the state has determined that the IEP diploma will no longer be available for students with disabilities and gave the reasons. She noted that as a result of these issues regulatory requirements were created. Ms. Carelli-Lang went over the requirements and anticipated outcome of the implementation of the new certificates.

Dr. Grossane noted that explanations given were from the Commissioners Regulations which mandates us to follow these regulations.

Mr. Pappas commented that he personally does not believe in this new standardized process. He feels we are being forced to go along with this. He remarked that children are not standardized. Mr. Pappas wanted to know the number of special education students in our district that receive IEPs, local and regents diplomas. Ms. Carelli-Lang stated that there are approximately 11 Advanced Regents, 43 Regents, 16 local diplomas, and 7 SACC of which 6 are located in placements outside of the school district. Mr. Pappas stated that he sees this new regulation as a hurdle for some students. Dr. Grossane explained that to qualify for this new credential, you have to be alternatively assessed. Ms. Marengi asked for the number of seniors in-district and out-of-district, that are alternatively assessed and in self contained classes as compared to last year. Ms. Carelli-Lang remarked she will get this information for her. Mr. Ward expressed his opinion that we are giving the students more work but taking away the right to have a diploma. Dr. Grossane shared that the State is saying that the IEP diploma was geared only on what that child's individual goals were and that they may not have necessarily had career training or work study programs. The State now is requiring that all students that are alternatively assessed have that kind of experience. He commented that we can voice our displeasure but it is a regulation.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Moran reported that he and several Board members attended the MacArthur play, Les Miserables. He remarked that it was excellent. Dr. Grossane mentioned that it was a joint effort with students from both schools and some faculty. Mr. Pappas was glad to hear that the participants will be coming to the January Board meeting for us to honor them. Additionally, Mr. Pappas wanted to thank the PTA Council, SEPTA, and the PTA's from Summit, Gardiners, Lee Road, Abbey, Wisdom, and East Broadway for their hospitality. He mentioned that one of the highlights of the Blue and Silver Luncheon was when the students spoke of the best parts of their school experience.

Mr. Pappas was happy to share that he heard good news regarding chemistry. Ms. Rifkin remarked that the first quarterly tests across the content areas were given and the results from double period chemistry class exceeded our expectations. Mr. Pappas asked that congratulations be passed on to everyone.

Dr. Grossane responded to the Board's request for information from our architects regarding the progress on the Division Avenue cafeteria. He read the list of what had been worked on and also a punch list of what still had to be done. He noted he would include this information in the Board's Friday Packet.

Mr. Porrazzo stated that we paid to have the kitchen designed but since the outcome was not everything we wanted, he suggested we consult with a kitchen specialist to review the plans. He felt we should wait to bid this item out. Dr. Grossane commented that he met with the architect's kitchen expert and requested that he review the scope of what was going to be done.

There was discussion from the Board concerning the timing of the work, safety hazards, short cuts in the design plan, claims under warranty and legal actions available. Mr. Cohen, legal counsel, pointed out that it is the architect's role on behalf of the school to get movement from the contractor to fully close out the project.

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

3. Student Liaisons to the Board of Education

Mr. Fuchs wished to thank all of the families who donated food to the Division Avenue Thanksgiving Food Drive. He mentioned that this year, the school collected a record of over 17,000 items and \$2,000 worth of gift cards. He commented that it was truly amazing to see how we can form a successful and caring community.

Mr. Zilli thanked the MacArthur community for a successful Thanksgiving Food Drive. He reported that toys were pouring in for the Business Honor Society Toy Drive. Mr. Zilli congratulated the student athletes who signed Letters of Intent to play college level sports. He shared that he had attended the school play where everyone did a great job.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 13-14-112

MOTION: "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,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the November 2013 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Vice President
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

2. Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 13-14-113

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached reports and placed same on file:

Summary of Treasurer's Reports for the months ending October 31, 2013."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

3. Claims Auditor Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-114

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Reports prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending November 30, 2013"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

4. Appropriation, Revenue and Trial Balance Status Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-115

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending October 31, 2013."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas thanked AVZ for getting the report to the Board on time. He was concerned that the number of confirming purchase orders went up. Mr. Pastore remarked that he is discussing this issue with his staff and others who are involved with purchase orders to sort out the problems. He feels that there is a consistent procedural problem that he will try to work out.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Powers

5. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 13-14-116

MOTION: "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfers have been prepared and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance,

<u>Code from</u>	<u>Code to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110-1400	A2110-1209	\$28,000
A9060-8000	A1310-4000	\$22,500

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas wanted to know how there was a surplus in benefits. Mr. Pastore responded that the health insurance rate came in much lower than expected.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Powers

6.SEQRA Type II- Energy Performance Contract

RESOLUTION # 13-14-117

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District desires to embark upon capital improvements at each of the District’s facilities in connection with an energy performance project; and

WHEREAS, said improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the project and has determined, based upon the recommendation from ECG Engineering, P.C., in connection with its review and examination of the project, that the energy performance project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c) (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the energy performance project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the project from the New York State Education Department."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas and Mr. Ward had questioned the term “Board of Education” used in the Resolution. Mr. Pappas asked if the phrase “Levittown Union Free School District” could be used instead. Mr. Cohen remarked that it reads the Board as the governing body for the school district that is the SEQRA agency. He noted that it is the standard resolution for this type of action.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

7. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION # 13-14-118

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept with thanks the following gifts:

- a. Checks totaling \$1,500 donated to MacArthur High School for a scholarship fund for MacArthur students, donated by Life Touch School Portraits, 515 Smith Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735
- b. Checks totaling \$1,500 donated to Division Avenue High School for a scholarship fund for Division students, donated by Life Touch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, N 55344
- c. Vivitar 3800N 35mm SLR camera, for use in high school photography classes, donated by David Rosen, 448 N. Newbridge Road, Levittown, NY 11756
- d. Piano donated to Northside elementary school by Lisa Cooper, 8 Locustwood Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
- e. IPTV all-inclusive video unit for use by Abbey Lane School for announcements and video productions, donated by Abbey Lane PTA, 239 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756
- f. Couch for the ABA apartment, room 206, Levittown Memorial Education Center, donated by Dawn Skobliki, 116 Barraud Drive, Port Jefferson, NY 11776."

NOTE: Mr. Regan thanked everyone for their generous donations to the district.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

8. Contract for June 2014 Commencement - Hofstra University

RESOLUTION # 13-14-119

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Hofstra University in the sums of \$8,000 for the license fee for the use of the facility and estimated applicable expenses of \$8,354 for two high school graduations to be held at the David S. Mack Sports Complex of Hofstra University on June 21, 2014."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas commented that we have had great success holding graduation at Hofstra.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

9. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION # 13-14-120

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the following policies:

Policy # 3413 - Smoking on School Premises

Policy #6130 - Evaluation of Personnel

Policy #7222 - Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked for a separate vote on Policy #7222. He feels strongly about taking away a diploma from these students and wanted to send a message to Albany. Mr. Porrazzo stated it is a diploma with a label. Mr. Regan pointed out that regardless of how we voted, this is a mandated State Education Department policy. Dr. Grossane remarked that he would send a letter to the Commissioner of Education expressing the Board's feelings and showing that the motion failed.

SEPARATE VOTE on Policy #7222 - Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities."

RESULT: MOTION NOT CARRIED 1-5-0
MOVER: Frank Ward, Trustee
SECONDER: Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES: Regan
NAYS: Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marenghi
EXCUSED: Powers

VOTE ON ALL OTHER POLICIES:

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER: James Moran, Trustee
AYES: Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marenghi
EXCUSED: Powers

10. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-121

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Salk	13 overhead projectors	11/25/13
Salk	25 televisions	11/25/13
Salk	9 VCR	11/25/13
Salk	1 disc player	11/25/13
Salk	2 microwaves	11/25/13
Division Avenue	Treadmill	12/2/13
Division Avenue	Leg Press	12/2/13"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Regan, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

11. Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-122

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the computer equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Wisdom Lane	1 printer	November 13, 2013
LMEC	9 (3 projectors, 5 printers, 1 laptop)	December 6, 2013"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

12. BOCES Contract for Video Cameras

PULLED

Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Technology Program Contracts between the Levittown Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES (Project #4-388149 AP) for the addition of indoor and outdoor video cameras and related equipment which will be installed and connected to the existing networks within the School District's secondary schools and buildings and grounds buildings.”

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo commented that he had asked several times for an overall comprehensive security plan for the District. He wanted to see what the final project would look like. Dr. Grossane pointed out that these cameras were part of a plan that had been discussed last year and explained how the cameras would work. Mr. Pappas noted that these cameras are currently installed at the high schools. Dr. Grossane shared that this resolution is to install them at the two middle schools and for additional cameras on the exterior of the high schools. Mr. Ward asked if these cameras would cover the parking lot at MacArthur where many car accidents have taken place. Dr. Grossane shared the areas the cameras would cover but he was not sure about the parking lot. Mr. Ward asked why they would not show this area. Ms. Rhatigan commented that she would find out the reason from those individuals who participated in the original design plan. Mr. Ward questioned whether we should bid this contract out or stay with BOCES. Ms. Rhatigan stated that BOCES is the pass through and that we have already started with this vendor. She mentioned that these cameras were part of the security plan that was started over two years ago and it would be difficult to bring in another vendor at this time. Mr. Porrazzo wanted to know what phase we are at for this project and how much more we need to spend. He stated that this plan may no longer meet our needs. Mr. Pappas inquired if we plan on installing cameras in the elementary schools and Mr. Porrazzo asked if not, why not. Dr. Grossane responded that we did not price out the interior of the elementary schools since that was not part of our plan. He commented that the cameras at the interior of the high schools and middle schools are used for security and to assist in disciplinary actions. Elementary school children very rarely travel the halls by themselves. Ms. Marengi suggested we have an assessment of the district to see what our priorities are and where the money needs to be spent. Ms. Rhatigan remarked that this was done already when we had the Office of Emergency Management and BOCES come in to evaluate our needs but that we could regroup. Mr. Cohen advised that the Board have the vendor come in and do a comprehensive study and make recommendations. In this way

the Board can choose the best plan. Dr. Grossane remarked that he would present the plan that was discussed in the spring at the next meeting. After a discussion, the Board decided to withdraw this motion.

RESULT:	PULLED
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13. Petty Cash Account

RESOLUTION # 13-14-123

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint William Pastore as treasurer for a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100 for the 2013-14 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

14. Annual Audit Report - Management Letter and Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION #13-14-124

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the annual audit report and the corrective action plan in response to the external auditor's management letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance is authorized to submit the management letter and corrective action plan to the New York State Comptroller's Office, pursuant to the Five Point Fiscal Accountability Plan."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas shared his thoughts that the complaints are the same every year. He asked to get a schedule for the corrective action plan, on when the corrections on the items will be implemented. Dr. Grossane stated that there is a change in leadership now in the Business Office and that Mr. Pastore brings many years of experience to the job which will help him bring resolution to these matters. Mr. Pastore stated that he would give the Board quarterly reports but these issues require maintenance.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

15.Change Order- Kitchen and Cafeteria- Division Avenue

RESOLUTION # 13-14-125

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Change Orders to the existing contracts with Tromel Construction Corp. and Seaford Avenue Corp. to perform additional required work to the kitchen and cafeteria spaces at Division Avenue High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached change orders."

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that this change order was for work that was already done and was discussed at the last Board meeting. Mr. Pastore noted that it does not include any work that was projected.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-1]
MOVER:	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
ABSTAIN:	Pappas
EXCUSED:	Powers

16.Bid - Approval of Bid- Musical Instrument Repairs

RESOLUTION # 13-14-126

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following bid:

<u>Bid #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13E No 19	J & B Musical Instruments	Per attached recommendation"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

17.Bid - Approval of Bid – Playground Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-127

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following bid:

<u>Bid #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13E No 21	Playground Equipment	Per attached recommendation"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

18. Bid - Approval of Bid – Masonry Restoration

PULLED

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following bid:

<u>Bid #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13E No 20	Masonry Restoration Phase 1	As per attached recommendation"

NOTE: Mr. Milano, Director of School Facilities and Operations, was asked to address the Board regarding this bid. He reported that the bid results were proposed in two fashions. One was for a single contractor that would incur a slightly higher cost. Mr. Pappas asked if this vendor could do the work at four different locations simultaneously. He felt the contractor would have to sub this work out and there were other issues involved. Mr. Porrazzo was concerned that this vendor was not listed with the Better Business Bureau and did not respond to our architect’s inquires. He asked if this contractor’s references were checked. The other proposal would be to award each project individually and deal with three different contractors which would be difficult to manage unless you had a Clerk of the Works involved. Mr. Moran reported that the district already employs a Clerk of the Works. Mr. Porrazzo asked how long the bids were good for. Mr. Milano responded sixty days. Mr. Pappas asked when the work was scheduled to start. Mr. Milano stated that the schedule calls for this summer but he would like to capitalize on good weather prior to that. Dr. Grossane remarked that he would bring back more information to the Board for the next meeting.

RESULT:	PULLED
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MOTION: “That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:10 PM.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

NOTE: The Board Reconvened to Public Session at 9:30 PM.

19. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 13-14-128

MOTION: “That the Levittown Board of Education approve the following schedules:”

1001	2013-G-No. 7	Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel
1002	2013-GG-No. 7	Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel
1003	2013-H-No. 8	Appointments, Certified Personnel
1004	2013-H-No. 8g	Designation, Coaching
1005	2013-H-No. 8h	Appointments, Extra-Curricular
1006	2013-HH-No. 8	Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel
1007	2013-JJ-No. 4	Permanent Status
1008	2013-K-No. 6	Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel
1009	2013-KK-No. 6	Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel
1010	2013-O-No. 6	Students with Disabilities
1001	2013-G-No. 7	Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel
1002	2013-GG-No. 7	Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel
1003	2013-H-No. 8	Appointments, Certified Personnel

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Peter Porrazzo, Vice President
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

16. Ad Hoc

Discussion Only; No Action Taken

1. Policy #6410.1 Staff Use of Personal/Mobile Technology - second read

Mr. Cohen pointed out that the Board had a question on whether an individual's device that they were using for school purposes was subject to a subpoena. He remarked that potentially someone would have to make a showing to a judge that the individual had relevant information on their individual device. He commented that this would not be something that is usual or easy to do. Mr. Pappas had requested that wording be included in the policy stating that the devices cannot be used to store student's personal information. Mr. Cohen agreed that if the policy stated that you could not input student's files that would be covered under FERBA, you could minimize the risk. Additionally, Ms. Rhatigan noted that changes had been made to item #4 concerning wireless hotspots and item # 7 regarding information on staff's equipment that must be surrendered when requested. Mr. Pappas asked if there will be a click box to mark when you sign in, to accept terms and conditions. Ms. Rhatigan responded affirmatively.

VII. DATES

Planning Session	Wednesday, January 15, 2014	7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Wednesday, January 22, 2014	7:30 p.m.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: Tapes of the meeting are available for review at the Levittown Library.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

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.

Tom Kohlman 806 Brent Drive, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Kohlman thanked Dr. Grossane for his presentation at the last Board meeting but remarked that it had nothing to do with the questions he had originally asked. He mentioned that he has been asking these questions for years.

Vickie Sanchez 70 Anchor Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Sanchez thanked the Board for listening to her when she last spoke at Public Be Heard regarding homework for her 3rd grader. She had concerns about the laser focus in the elementary grades on Math and ELA to the detriment of a well rounded education. Ms. Sanchez felt it is very important for the younger students to be able to unwind from the rigors that they are being put through. She wanted the Board to ensure that Levittown students are not Math and ELA robots, especially in the younger grades. Additionally, she had questions about the options for Special Education students regarding the new credential requirements from the state.

Marianne Adrian 17 Woodcock Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Adrian asked that now that the Board has passed the Resolution concerning Standardized testing what other measures will they be putting forth to reduce the amount of testing. She acknowledged that testing is necessary to measure how a student is progressing but still feels it is excessive.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein wanted to know how extra help is handled on the secondary level district wide especially with the Regents and Common Core. She feels that the teachers are not prepared throughout the entire year. She wanted to know the contractual obligations of the teachers for extra help. She is trying to be proactive. Ms. Finkelstein believes that the Board owes it to the community to learn what is really going on in education.

RESPONSES

Dr. Grossane noted that he will address the speakers concerns at the next Board Meeting since they were rather extensive and needed to be researched. He asked that Mr. Kohlman please call him to clarify his questions so that he can answer them in public.

Several Board members addressed the comments of Ms. Finkelstein regarding the Board educating themselves as to what is going on in education. Mr. Pappas commented that the Board spends hours and hours a week on school business, speak on many topics, and attend numerous PTA meetings and school functions. Ms. Marenghi stated that she has been in education for over 32 years and feels that this is one of the most open minded, educated Boards. She remarked that it is our job to; do the research behind the scene, to educate ourselves on all current issues; and to listen to what Albany and other educators are saying. In this way the Board can blend all of this information together to develop a philosophy that is best for the Levittown School District. Ms. Finkelstein apologized for her comments.