

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

DATE: APRIL 9, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 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 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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT:

Mr. Kevin Regan, President
Ms. Peggy Marengi, Vice President
Mr. Ed Powers, Secretary
Mr. James Moran – excused absence
Mr. Michael Pappas
Mr. Peter Porrazzo
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane - Superintendent of Schools (arrived at 8:00)
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. Marengi and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following items: legal and personnel matters.
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 PM in the auditorium for the Recognition Ceremony at which time Mr. Regan asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and to keep in your prayers all the men and women all over the world who are protecting our freedoms. Additionally keep in your thoughts the young policeman who succumbed today to injuries suffered in a fire in Coney Island, Ms. Ruppert a Levittown teacher who recently passed away, and all the students who were recently assaulted in a suburban Pittsburgh school.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

NOTE: The Approval of Minutes was taken out of order and voted on after the Recognition Ceremony.III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of March 12, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and March 26, 2014 (Special Meeting)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. RECOGNITION

1. Art Display – Gardiners Avenue School

Dr. Grossane thanked the students of Gardiners Avenue for the colorful, spring like art work in the hallway and meeting room.

2. Athletes - Fall and Winter Sports

Steven Kissane: Division Avenue, Conference Coach of the Year, Girls Basketball
 Brianna DeMilia: Division Avenue, Scholar Athlete, Girls Basketball
 Kristin Aquila, Jessica Fressle: Division Avenue, All-County, Girls Basketball
 Laura Stuart: Division Avenue, All-County and Conference Player of the Year, Girls Basketball
 Meagan Gross: MacArthur, Scholar Athlete, Girls Basketball
 Brandon Soedarmasto: Division Avenue, All County Bowling and #1 Bowler in the County
 Chris Reilly: Division Avenue, All County Bowling and #3 Bowler in the County
 Brandon Weiss: MacArthur, All-County, Bowling
 Rosemarie Synder, MacArthur, All-County Bowling
 Kerri DeLisi: MacArthur, Scholar Athlete, Bowling
 Richard Stamm: Division Avenue, County Champion Wrestling
 Steven Schneider: MacArthur, County Champion; NY State Champion, All American, Wrestling
 Justin Cooksey: MacArthur, Second in New York State, Wrestling
 Nicolette Agostinacchio: MacArthur, All-Long Island, Fifth Place All-State, Girls Winter Track

Sabrie Moze: MacArthur, All-Long Island, Girls Winter Track
Jennifer Race: MacArthur, County Champion Race Walk, Girls Winter Track
Nicole Connolly: Division Avenue, All-County, Cross Country
Fred Gray: Division Avenue, All-County, Football
Miranda Pedroza: Division Avenue, All-County, Girls Soccer
Ariana Weingrad: Division Avenue, All-County, Girls Soccer
Michelle Pedreros: Division Avenue, Scholar Athlete, Girls Soccer
Kristin Aquila: Division Avenue, All-County, Girls Volleyball
Mallory Kundert: Division Avenue, All-County, Girls Volleyball
Elissa Bardhi: Division Avenue, Scholar Athlete, Girls Volleyball
Kevin Carboy: MacArthur, All-County, Football
Paul Giuliano: MacArthur, All-County, Football
Greg Baumstein: MacArthur, All-County, Boys Soccer
Andrew Atkins: MacArthur, Conference Coach of the Year, Boys Soccer
Frank Micieli MacArthur, All-County, Boys Soccer
Kevin Mayer: MacArthur, Scholar Athlete, Boys Soccer
Daniella Locke: MacArthur, Scholar Athlete, Girls Soccer
Camron Moskol: MacArthur, All-County, Girls Tennis
Matthew Zukowski: MacArthur, All-County, Boys Volleyball
Dianne Drury: MacArthur, Conference Coach of the Year, Girls Volleyball
Amanda Costales: MacArthur, All-County, Girls Volleyball

Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Health introduced the coaches from the various schools who called the above mentioned students to receive awards. The students were given certificates for their achievements and congratulations from the Board.

3. Music Award Acceptances - LISFA, All-County and All-State

Mr. Dulisse, Curriculum Associate for Music, thanked the Board of Education and Administration for acknowledging those who have excelled in all phases of the music programs. These students were given certificates of merit for LISFA, All-County and All State Music Awards. The Board of Education congratulated these talented students.

NOTE: The Board adjourned to the Large Board Room after the Recognition Ceremony.

B. Superintendent

1. Budget

Dr. Grossane reported that Administration was given direction from the Board to present a budget that would represent a budget to budget increase of 1.62% to match our percentage increase in our tax levy rate. He noted that not all line items have been adjusted as of yet, however this is the number that was being recommended.

Mr. Pastore gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the draft budget. He shared that there are three propositions to be voted on: the annual school budget, the use of the capital reserve fund, and the library annual budget. He commented that he has been working on a five year budget projection which is critically important to the financial health of the district. He

mentioned that the purpose of this projection is to look at five years under a certain set of assumptions and anticipated changes in the financial climate and use this as a guide to predict the budget for this year and the future. Mr. Pastore went on to discuss: restricted and unrestricted reserves, fund balance, tax levy, revenues, state aide projections and major components of the spending plan. The last slide summarized the tax levy and tax rate based on the assessed values known at this time and the adjusted base proportion from last year. Mr. Pastore shared that his report is posted on the district's website. Dr. Grossane asked what the new budget number was. Mr. Pastore responded \$198,758,768 which is a decrease from last year of \$918,398.

The Board discussed this presentation and asked questions such as revenue increases, allocation of money for technology improvements, the Refresh Cycle Plan, assessment of preparation for the PARCC Exam, new phone system and additional security cameras. The five year budget projection was reviewed and talked about. A Board member had concerns regarding reserves and fund balance money available for the future. Several Board members felt that the State would intervene before anything drastic happened.

There was a lengthy discussion of a time card system which had been brought up previously. Dr. Grossane mentioned that the allocation of that money is in the current year's budget and if the Board can come to a consensus on a system, it can be implemented in the summer. Ms. Rhatigan reported that she had reviewed some systems and many do not integrate with Finance Manager, our current Business Management System. She commented that Finance Manager does provide a time piece management product but it is very expensive. She remarked that she was not comfortable making a recommendation at this point. Ms. Rhatigan noted that she would continue to review other attendance systems. Dr. Grossane advised that at the next meeting, he would bring back the original proposal which was to monitor just the hourly employees and see if there is something else on the market that would do what we need. He remarked that it was suggested that the money that is in this year's budget for the purpose of a time card system be utilized for something that we are planning on purchasing for next year and therefore make a swap so the money remains in the budget for next year and can be addressed then.

The Board thanked Mr. Pastore for all of his informative budget presentations. Dr. Grossane thanked his staff for all their help with the budget.

2. Food Service

Dr. Grossane announced that this report is postponed until the May meeting.

3. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. Grossane responded to a question that was asked at the last regular meeting.

- In response to Ms. Finkelstein question on unfunded mandates, Dr. Grossane commented that Mr. Pastore would provide a list that would be read at the next public Board meeting.

4. Follow-up to Board Questions

Mr. Pappas asked about his request for a breakdown of the top ten highest dollar amount in yearly repairs for buses. Dr. Grossane mentioned that he had the repair manuals and would look through them for the amount spent and report that in the next Friday packet.

For Ms. Rifkin, Mr. Pappas asked about his request for different options for driver education classroom time. Ms. Rifkin responded that the morning class is the problem since it would have to start at 5:50 am in order to finish before school. She noted that the times could be staggered. Dr. Grossane mentioned that the evening class could be pushed back to accommodate those students that have extracurricular activities. Mr. Pappas mentioned that our driver's education class is a substantial savings over other programs. He thanked Ms. Rifkin for an excellent job coordinating this program. Mr. Porrazzo asked if there was any online program for driver's education. Ms. Rifkin remarked that it is a state requirement to have face time for the lecture.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Regan congratulated all the students that received recognition tonight. He noted they are terrific students and we are proud of them.

Ms. Marengi remarked that she went to a Teacher's Center meeting with Ms. Rifkin. She commented it is moving along nicely and they have run quite a few successful courses this year. She remarked that what they are doing is very valuable and they plan to be up and running again next year.

Mr. Pappas thanked the PTA's from Lee Road, SEPTA, Wisdom Lane, Salk and MacArthur for their hospitality at their meetings. He noted that the speakers at these meetings are very informative.

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Fuchs congratulated all the students who received recognition this evening for their success in music and athletics. He reported that the Science Olympiad Team placed in the top five percentage in the State in their last competition. The annual theatrical show "Into the Woods" was a huge success with an excellent display of all the talented students. Lastly, he mentioned that Anthony Papa threw a "perfect game" at Division Avenue's last baseball game.

Mr. Zilli congratulated all of the student athletes and musicians who do an excellent job every day. He mentioned that many students have been accepted to very prestigious schools. He reported that at the Invitational Track Meet, the Track Team did very well.

Mr. Regan stated that this year's Student Liaisons are exceptional. Mr. Pappas shared that at the Challenger Basketball Series, the students play their hearts out with the audience of their peers cheering them on. Ms. Rhatigan announced that the district's goal is to be a National School of Character.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption of 2014-15 Budget for May 20, 2014 Annual Vote

RESOLUTION # 13-14-160

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt a school district budget authorizing a total expenditure of \$198,757,768 and an associated tax levy of \$133,280,952 for the 2014-2015 school year, said budget to be presented to the voters of the District on May 20, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at least fourteen days before the 20th day of May, 2014, copies of the aforesaid mentioned budget shall be prepared and made available, upon request, at the office of the Superintendent, and at offices of the Principals in all the schools of the District.”

NOTE: Dr. Grossane stated that everyone is in agreement to with the 1.62% budget to budget increase while awaiting adjustments to the line items.

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

2. Amendment to Authorization of Foreign Field Trip

RESOLUTION # 13-14-161

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize students at Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools to participate in a foreign field trip to Germany, Austria and Spain from February 11 to February 20, 2015."

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that this resolution was brought back because the original trip was just to Spain but it has been revised to include Germany and Austria.

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 13-14-162

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 March, 2014 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

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

2.Appropriation, Revenue, Trial Balance and and Balance Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-163

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation, Revenue and Trial Balance Reports for the period ending February 28, 2014 and the Fund Balance Report as of March 31, 2014."

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

3.Claims Auditor Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-164

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending March 31, 2014."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas wanted to discuss the number of confirming purchase orders and over ninety day violations. Mr. Pastore stressed that his department was continuing to struggle with these issues. He noted that this month's over ninety day invoices were from older invoices for School Specialty. In terms of confirming purchase orders, he commented that many were already encumbered in prior months. He reported that after the auditors review the invoices for the month, he does an analysis to determine the reason that it is a confirming purchase order or over ninety day invoice. Mr. Pastore stated he would provide the Board with a list of confirming purchase orders. Mr. Pappas noted that the Auditors did consider these invoices to be confirming in that the service was rendered prior to the purchase order date. He wanted to know why we are so late in paying our invoices. Mr. Pastore explained that it has to do with the way bills are being processed in one department. He shared that he is trying to have them processed as quickly as possible but in many instances there is a problem with the bill. Mr. Powers asked if the Auditor had proposed a solution to this problem of payment to our vendors such as changing the process. Mr. Pastore noted that the auditors have suggested that we pay the invoice and if there is a dispute; make the adjustment later on another bill from that vendor. Mr. Porrazzo questioned why it takes ninety days to resolve a billing issue especially since it seems to be from the same individuals. Mr. Pappas commented that confirming purchase orders and ninety day invoices should not be there. He stated he was frustrated with this issue and would not bring it up again. Mr. Pastore noted that we are educating our employees to these new suggestions and looking for a solution that satisfies everyone. He commented that everyone takes this matter very seriously.

RESULT:	MOTION FAILED [1-0-5]
MOVER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Trustee
AYES:	Regan
ABSTAIN:	Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marenghi, Powers
EXCUSED:	James Moran

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 month ending February 28, 2014"

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

NOTE: Mr. Regan and Mr. Pappas temporally left the room. Ms. Marengi, acting chairman, presided over the meeting.

5. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 13-14-166

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>
A16204090 Fuel Oil	16204650 Repairs	\$ 25,000
A16214550 Heat Supplies	16204650 Repairs	\$ 20,000
A22501200 Sp. Ed. Salaries K-5	A22504900 Sp. Ed. BOCES	\$300,000
A22501300 Sp. Ed. Salaries 9-2	A22504900 Sp. Ed. BOCES	\$100,000
A22504000 Sp. Ed. Related Services	A22504900 Sp. Ed. BOCES	\$400,000
A22504005 Sp. Ed. Services Special Programs	A22504900 Sp. Ed. BOCES	\$125,000
A22504700 Sp. Ed. Tuition	A22504900 Sp. Ed. BOCES	\$200,000

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

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo was concerned about the transfer of money into the BOCES budget code. He wanted to make sure there was enough money between the adopted and proposed budget for next year since he thought we used some BOCES codes already. Mr. Pastore remarked that this was the first time a budget transfer was being made for this code. He noted that this came to his attention during the drafting of the budget and he feels we are making our best estimate as to the money that is needed.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
AYES:	Powers, Ward, Porrazzo, Marengi
EXCUSED:	James Moran
AWAY:	Mike Pappas, Kevin Regan

NOTE: Mr. Regan returned to the room but Ms. Marengi continued to preside over the meeting.

6.Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 13-14-167

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 and October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
AYES:	Powers, Ward, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Moran

7.Kitchen Consultant - Commercial Kitchen Consulting

RESOLUTION # 13-14-168

MOTION: "Recommended, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Commercial Kitchen Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$5,980 for cafeteria design review."

NOTE: Mr. Powers asked Mr. Pastore if he felt we had the best person for the consultant's service. Mr. Pastore responded that he had gotten excellent references for this individual.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
SECONDER:	Kevin Regan, President
AYES:	Powers, Ward, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	James Moran

8.Asset Valuation and Inventory Updating Service

RESOLUTION # 13-14-169

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and CBIZ Validation Group, LLC in the sum of \$9,400 to review the district's asset valuation and perform an inventory update for insurance and auditing purposes."

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

NOTE: Mr. Regan resumed chairing the meeting.

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve no increase to the \$13,694 GC Tech tuition rate for the 2014-15 school year."

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo asked if the tuition rate was the same as last year. Mr. Pastore replied yes. Mr. Porrazzo suggested that when we anticipate raising the rates, we should notify all schools as soon as possible so that they can include that when they calculate their budgets.

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

10.Driver Education Tuition 2014-15

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve no increase to the Driver Education tuition of \$470 for the 2014-15 school year, commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015."

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

11.Obsolete library books

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Quantity/type of book</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Wisdom Lane Library	104 library books	March 20, 2014
MacArthur Library	756 library books	March 27, 2014"

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

12.Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-173

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</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
MacArthur	Desks, carts, cabinets, lights, tables, wall mats, vacuums, auto scrubber, various parts: per attached list	March 26, 2014
LMEC - Special	Shredder	March 27, 2014“

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

13.Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-174

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</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Type of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Abbey Lane	1	Scanner	March 11, 2014
Abbey Lane	3	Printers/Monitor	March 21,2014
LMEC	3	PC, Projector, Printer	March 31, 2014

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

14. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION#13-14-175

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

- a. nine copies of "The Fault in our Stars" donated to the Wisdom Lane Library by the Wisdom Lane Book Club, Wisdom Lane Middle School, Levittown, New York 11756,
- b. as per attached list, 83 books donated to the Wisdom Lane Library by Scholastic Book Fairs, PO Box 1169200, Atlanta, GA 30368;

- c. as per attached list, 93 books donated to the Jonas Salk Library by Scholastic Book Fairs, PO Box 1169200, Atlanta, GA 30368;
- d. a check for \$500 for a scholarship fund for a Division Avenue student who is an alumnus of Summit Lane School, donated by the Summit Lane PTA;
- e. a 55 inch projection television and SONY receiver donated to East Broadway Elementary School by Mr. and Mrs. S. Blessinger, 3770 Jules Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793;
- f. a Toshiba 50 inch flat screen television donated to East Broadway Elementary School by Mrs. Beth Swanson, 46 Dawes Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791."

NOTE: Mr. Regan thanked everyone for their generous donations.

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

15. Board Meeting Dates 2014-15

RESOLUTION # 13-14-176

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached calendar of Board of Education meeting dates for the Levittown Public Schools for the 2014-15 school year."

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

16. Universal Pre-K Sites

RESOLUTION # 13-14-177

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Tender Garden located at 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756, and Kiddie Junction located at 3 North Village Green, Levittown, NY 11756, as the two sites for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2014-15 school year."

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

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the individuals on the attached list as the Election Registrars for 2014."

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo asked if the district was still allowed to use the old voting machines. Ms. Appelbaum, District Clerk, responded that we can still use them this year. Mr. Cohen reported that there is a bill in legislature in Albany to extend that date but it has not been voted on as of yet.

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas returned to the meeting.

18.Agreement with Educational Data Services.

RESOLUTION # 13-14-179

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education continue the cooperative bidding agreements with Educational Data Services, Inc., for the 2014-2015 school year at a fee of \$15,890; and,

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

NOTE: Mr. Powers asked what this service provides. Mr. Pastore responded that they are a bid agent for the district.

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

19.Appointment of Additional Member of the Wellness Committee

RESOLUTION # 13-14-180

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Angela List as an additional member of the Wellness Committee for the 2013-2014 school year."

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

20.Schedules

RESOLUTION # 13-14-181

MOTION: "That the Levittown Board of Ed approve the following schedules.

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| 1001 | 2013-G-No. 11 | Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel |
| 1002 | 2013-GG-No. 11 | Resignation/Terminations, Non-Instructional |
| 1003 | 2013-H-No 12 | Appointments, Certified Personnel |
| 1004 | 2013-N-No.12g | Designation, Coaching |
| 1005 | 2013-H-No. 12h | Appointments, Extra Curricular, Certified Personnel |
| 1006 | 2013-HH-No.12 | Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1007 | 2013-JJ-No. 8 | Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1008 | 2013-K-No. 9 | LOA, Certified Personnel |
| 1009 | 2013-KK-No.9 | LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1010 | 2013-N-No. 3 | Health Services |
| 1011 | 2013-O-No. 10 | Students w/Disabilities" |

NOTE: Since Mr. Pappas was not available during the discussion of this Motion, he abstained from the vote.

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

VIII. AD HOC

BOCES Budget Increase

Mr. Pappas expressed his opinion that the BOCES budget was too high. He felt that the district should send someone to voice this disagreement or write a letter regarding this concern. Mr. Porrazzo commented that the budget to budget increase was reasonable but that they are raising the price of the programs that we subscribe to.

Medicaid Billing

Mr. Porrazzo asked about a report he requested on Medicaid billing. Dr. Grossane responded that the information was provided by Ms. Carelli-Lang, Director of Special Education, in the Board's Friday packet. Mr. Porrazzo advised that BOCES offers a very good program where they work with our employees to train them on how to do Medicaid billing and make sure that it is done correctly. He noted that the problem with the consultants we are currently using is that they enter this information on their computers so therefore we do not own these records. The consultants retain the records.

Bids For Pot Hole Repairs

Mr. Pappas asked about the pot hole repairs. Dr. Grossane reported that a work ticket was put in for the pot holes at MacArthur that would be cold patched. He mentioned that the MacArthur lot in general was part of the bid for the cafeteria renovation. Mr. Pappas remarked that Northside has areas that need repairs. Mr. Porrazzo inquired about the sand in the parking lots. He noted that you can rent vehicles to clean up the sand from the roads. He remarked that they even train you on how to use the equipment.

Employee Swipe Cards

Mr. Pappas inquired about the employee swipe cards for the high schools. He wanted to know what time of day they become active. Ms. Rhatigan remarked at 6:00 am for custodians and 6:30 am for the staff. Mr. Pappas reported hearing about the staff at MacArthur waiting outside to enter the building. Ms. Rhatigan noted that she was unaware of any problems.

IX. DATES

April 24, 2014: Special Meeting BOCES vote: 5 P.M.

MOTION: "That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:50 PM. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

NOTE: The Board returned to Public Session at 10:20 and adjourned the meeting.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Jane Finkelstein

848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh

Ms. Finkelstein wanted to know the assessed value for Wantagh/Seaford since Levittown is always quoted. She mentioned that there has been over three million dollars spent on advertising for Charter Schools which she feels may lead to the end of public education. Regarding the 9th grade Regents, Ms. Finkelstein wanted to know what is being done to help the children taking this test and the Common Core test. She noted they need more than just extra help a week before the exams. Additionally, she asked the cost of Middle School Summer School and why does the High School have to pay for Summer School.

Mr. Pappas asked Ms. Rifkin about the 9th grade math students and what steps were being taken to help them. Ms. Rifkin stated that the students were being offered double the extra help, such as review sessions prior to the Common Core Test and prior to the traditional Regents. Mr. Pappas asked how this was being publicized. Ms. Rifkin stated that the principals were addressing this issue. Mr. Powers commented that he had received phone calls from parents regarding the students not doing well in this subject. He asked if anyone was analyzing data that finds this to be true. Ms. Rifkin reported that the math is more challenging with a different curriculum which the students are struggling with more than in the past. She remarked that since we do not know what the Common Core Test is going to look like, we are preparing them as best we know how. Mr. Powers questioned whether it was worth focusing on one test that may be disposable. He was more concerned with preserving a years worth of learning. Ms. Rifkin pointed out that we need to teach the Common Core since we have to give that test but we have chosen to also have the Regents Test so that the students are given the maximum chance for success. She mentioned that the students should do better on the traditional Regents test because it is an easier test. Ms. Marengi asked where the information regarding the students was coming from. She mentioned that she was aware that at Division Avenue High School, the teachers were making themselves readily available to help the students. Mr. Zilli, who tutors students on these exams, noted that the teachers are playing catch up with the information on the tests and there is not enough time to get through most of the material. Dr. Grossane stated he would provide the information requested.

RESPONSES:

Dr. Grossane responded to Ms. Finkelstein's question regarding the cost of the Middle School Summer School Program by stating it is estimated at \$15,000. He noted that we do not have Summer School for the High School but do offer a one day Regents review as a refresher for those students who failed the Regents.

