

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

DATE: MARCH 11, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 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

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice President
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary – excused absence
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – excused absence
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith
Mr. Kevin Regan – left meeting at 9:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - 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
Ms. Grace Shin – MacArthur High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

- B. Ms. Marengi, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Regan and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following items: contracts and personnel matters.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Quinones-Smith and approved (5-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember all those men and women serving overseas.

NOTE: At this time, the Board and audience convened to the auditorium to watch the Division Avenue students perform an overview from “Guys and Dolls.”

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McDonald was happy to share that Bailey Gribben, a Division Avenue senior, was featured in an article by Newsday reporting on his fundraising efforts.

She was excited to report the following:

Four members of the MacArthur Track Team placed fifth in the States
Wisdom Lane Science Olympiad made the States eight years in a row

Additionally, Dr. McDonald informed everyone that a resident submitted a petition. Ms. Marengi explained that a petition was received regarding a Child Safety Zone. She remarked that we accept her petition and appreciate her efforts. She noted that an investigation by independent engineers will be conducted to determine if the Child Safety Zone requirements are met. The results of this investigation will be presented at the March 29th Board Meeting. Mr. Powers asked if Dr. McDonald had taken any action on this issue. Dr. McDonald commented that a quote had been received by Nelson & Pope, an engineering company for \$3,500. She noted that we are legally required to issue a report. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, explained that based upon the petition, the Board has to look into whether or not the suggested safety zone meets the criteria for a safety zone. Mr. Powers thanked Dr. McDonald for working so quickly.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2015 (Regular Meeting).

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kevin J Regan, Trustee
SECONDER:	Karen Smith, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Smith, Regan, Marengi
ABSTAIN:	Ed Powers
EXCUSED:	Frank Ward, Mike Pappas

IV. REPORTS**A. Recognition****a. Division Avenue Students perform "Guys and Dolls"**

Ms. Marengi remarked that the students did a great job and she is always enamored by the productions that all the students do at all the different levels.

b. Art Display

Ms. Marengi admired the beautiful artwork by the students from MacArthur and thanked them for their efforts. She welcomed everyone to view their artwork. Dr. McDonald remarked that the staff was finding it very difficult to pick out just one winner in the art contests. She remarked we are very proud of our students.

NOTE: Agenda items 1-4 were discussed under Recognition.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian (MacArthur and Division High Schools)

The Valedictorians and Salutatorians from both high schools were introduced along with their principals, who gave a brief summary of the achievements and honors their students had attained in their High School careers. On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Lorelli and Ms. Valentino congratulated them and presented them with plaques. The students' teachers and parents were invited to share in their accolades.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

a. Secondary Staffing and Enrollment

Ms. Rhatigan presented the budget for Secondary enrollment and staffing. She reported on what goes into staffing and the procedures for scheduling including its timeline. She noted that the numbers she would be presenting would be estimates. She gave a preliminary overview of the staffing and enrollment for the high schools, middle schools and secondary Special Education. Ms. Rhatigan stated that our staff does more than just teach in the classroom. She provided a video to show some of the staff from each high school displaying their singing and dancing talents. Mr. Powers asked what was driving the clerical numbers up. Ms. Rhatigan explained that it was step increases, plus the two additional full time clerical and allowance for negotiations. There was discussion from the Board regarding the increase in teacher aides. Ms. Rhatigan explained this was IEP or 504 driven. Dr. McDonald shared that this is Nassau County wide. Ms. Marengi noted that she felt that a lot more of the Special Education students across the county are staying in district which increases our numbers. The Board requested a detailed breakdown of aides by school and by reason for this year. Ms. Marengi had questions on who has the authority to add personnel to the Special Education staff. Ms. Rhatigan responded that the decision comes from the Chairperson of Special Education.

b. PTA Advisory Committee on the Budget

Ms. Brown, a representative from the PTA Advisory Council, gave a brief report on recommendations from the Council. She noted that the Advisory Committee was equally represented by all of the schools and SEPTA. Ms. Brown pointed out that that Council is pleased with the progress that the district has made since last year's report. She noted that many of their suggestions were followed through on and they believe this has helped make the district stronger. Some of the items that they would like to see move forward in the budget process are in the areas of: Elementary Clubs; Technology; GC Tech; and Grounds and Maintenance. They expressed issues with Music, Athletics, and Buildings. Ms. Brown gave a detailed description of these areas. The PTA is very much in favor of the proposed Science Center and the expansion of the Inclusion Classes. Ms. Brown stated that we need to take the same mind set in investing in our existing assets, the building and grounds of the district. For several years the needs of

these assets have been underfunded and it is beginning to show. Painting, lighting, signage, paving, blinds, cement, replacement of the risers at the high schools and improvements to the athletic fields should be addressed in this budget. The community as a whole sees these minor issues and it causes discontent on the part of the taxpayer. Ms. Brown noted that beginning the planning on capital projects shows the community the district has the future firm in mind and that investing in our students is of the foremost importance. She thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent or all their hard work on behalf of the district's children and for allowing the PTA to present their recommendations. Additionally, she thanked Central Office, Todd Connell, Vincent Dulisse, Keith Snyder and Christopher Milano for working with the Advisory Committee. Ms. Marengi thanked the Committee for all their hard work and time that was dedicated to investigating their report.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

(None)

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

Dr. McDonald reported that the Board had requested that she provide information on referral data for the Deans. She stated that more time is needed to complete that request. It will be brought up at a future meeting.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Powers shared that he was given a petition signed by 108 Wisdom Lane students that seeks to address culinary issues in the school kitchen. He remarked that the children are not happy with the chicken nuggets. Since Mr. Powers is a Board member, his son gave him the petition to hand in. Mr. Powers felt it was an impressive effort on the part of the students and hoped we could respond to their complaint. Dr. McDonald remarked that the issue would be addressed with the students. She remarked how proud she was that the students know the Democratic process.

2. Correspondence

(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Ms. Shin, Student Liaison for MacArthur, reported that the Quiz Bowl Team completed their season with a big win; the Salk/MacArthur Challenger League ended their game against Wisdom with a victory; and the drama department participating in the play Murder for Dummies.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VII. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Valedictorian MacArthur High School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-198

MOTION: "WHEREAS, Brianna Abatelli has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2015 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Brianna Abatelli for her selection as Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

2. Salutatorian MacArthur High School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-199

MOTION: "WHEREAS, Christopher Simonetti has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2015 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Christopher Simonetti for her selection as Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

3.Valedictorian - Division Avenue High School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-200

MOTION: "WHEREAS, Krysten Garcia has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2015 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Krysten Garcia for his selection as Valedictorian of the 2015 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

4.Salutatorian Division Avenue High School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-201

MOTION: "WHEREAS, Christopher Thompson has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2015 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Christopher Thompson for her selection as Salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

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 February 2015 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

6.Business Office Reports

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the following reports from the Business Office:

- Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015
- Appropriation, Revenue, Trial Balance for the month ending January 31, 2015
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending February 28, 2015.
- Credit card statement for period ending February 16, 2015."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Secretary
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

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>
A2110.1300 Teacher Salary 7-12	A2110.4690 Driver Ed Contractual	\$49,500.00
A2110.1320 Driver Ed. Teacher Salary	A2110.4690 Driver Ed Contractual	\$9,000.00
A2110.4680 Driver Ed. Repair	A2110.4690 Driver Ed. Contractual	5,000.00
A90608000 Employee Benefits Health Ins.	A1670.4100 Print Mail Postage	\$18,000.00
A1480.4000 Public Relations Contractual	A1480.4900 PR BOCES	\$36,580.25
A1670.4000 District wide photocopy rental	A1480.4900 PR BOCES	\$3,658.75
A1620.4650 O&M Equip. and Bld. Repair	A1620.4900 O&M BOCES	\$78,000.00

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

8. Obsolete Computer Equipment

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:

School / Building	No of Items	Type of Items	Date of List
Lee Road	1	Printer	12/15/14
LMEC	11	Printers / Projectors	2/24/15"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

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:

School/Building	No. of Items	Date of List
Wisdom Lane	3 Whirlpool ovens	2/5/15
Wisdom Lane	1 GE Refrigerator	2/5/15
Building & Grounds	4 Crescor food warmers	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	2 Hobart 2-door refrigerators	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	1 Victory 4-door refrigerator	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	1 Jordan 6-door refrigerator	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	1 Champion Dish washer	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	1 Garland 8-burner stove	2/24/15
Building & Grounds	1 Turbo air freezer m3	2/24/15
GC Tech Automotive Class	Chassis only of 1997 donated Crown Victoria	3/3/15”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: James Moran
AYES: Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED: Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

10. Contract for Capital Markets Advisors RESOLUTION:14-15-207

MOTION: “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, to prepare a waiver application to prevent the interest rate recalibration on our outstanding school bonds as required by law, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract.”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: James Moran
AYES: Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED: Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

11. Contract with Kaplan

RESOLUTION # 14-15-208

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Kaplan, Inc., to provide a complete SAT Classroom Prep course for the May 2, 2015 SAT at a cost of \$5,650. The individual tuition rate is \$200 per student.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education President is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

12. Contract with Seneca Consulting

RESOLUTION # 14-15-209

MOTION: " RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Seneca Consulting Group in the amount of \$15,500 to cover services related to the Affordable Care Act for the 2014-15 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

13. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-210

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the periods ending September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the participation in the Nassau County Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Association (NCSBGA) Purchasing Consortium with other Nassau County School Districts for preparation and use of bids related to buildings and grounds purchases, as per the list of bids approved by the Cooperative Bid Committee."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

15. Parents Bill of Rights Riders

RESOLUTION # 14-15-212

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the attached Parents Bill of Rights Riders be approved for signature by the Board of Education President in regard to the following agreements:

- Access 7
- Blessed Healthcare and Staffing Agency
- Central Park Therapy
- Deveraux Foundation
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- ~~West Islip UFSD~~
- Mill Neck Manor Services."

NOTE: Mr. Cohen, Legal Counsel, informed the Board that contracts between public schools do not have to have a Parents Bill of Rights Rider. Therefore, West Islip UFSD should be omitted from the above list.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Delete West Islip UFSD from the above list.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Frank Ward, Mike Pappas, Kevin Regan

16. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 14-15-213

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in these districts for the 2014-15 school year:

- Baldwin Public Schools
- Massapequa Public Schools
- Plainedge Public Schools
- Syosset Public Schools
- Uniondale Public Schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education President is, hereby, authorized to execute these contracts.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

17. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-214

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

- a. 30 baseball jerseys for the Division Avenue baseball team donated by the Levittown Diamond Club, Tony Abbate, 377 Oak Street, Suite 209, Garden City, NY 11530;
- b. Two books for the Lee Road Library, donated by Jason Edwards, Rogue Bear Press, Box 513, Ardsley, NY 10502
- c. Two checks for \$1,000 each (one for Division Avenue, one for MacArthur) donated by Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, 150 E. Sunrise Highway, second floor, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, to be used as scholarships for 2015 graduates;
- d. checks for the following schools in the indicated amounts, given by Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 2A-O, P.O. Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459-0214

Abbey Lane	\$206.58	East Broadway	569.65
Gardiners	426.94	Lee Road	501.97
Northside	362.50	Summit Lane	322.55
Jonas Salk	269.26	Wisdom Lane	140.17
Division Avenue	197.64	MacArthur	979.99
District-wide Literacy Program	1,000.00"		

NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their generous donations.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

RESOLUTION # 14-15-215

18. Annual Meeting Resolution

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the annual School District election of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, shall be held in the various election districts of said school district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 7:00 A.M., prevailing time, for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice of meeting, the form of which is hereby approved, and that the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time, in each election district; and it is further RESOLVED, that the following notice be published once a week in four (4) of the seven (7) weeks preceding the date of the meeting in the Levittown Tribune, Wantagh LI Herald and Seaford LI Herald newspapers having general circulation in the district; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Inspectors of Election be appointed in accordance with previous procedure.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND PERSONAL REGISTRATION, LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the School District, the vote on the School District budget and election of candidates for the School Board of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and the vote on the Public Library budget and election of a candidate for the Board of Trustees for the Levittown Public Library, will be held in the several election districts of the School District at the voting places designated below on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to vote by ballot on voting machines on the proposition or propositions set forth below, as well as any other propositions which may properly come before the electorate, and to elect members of the Board of Education and to elect a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Shall the following resolutions be adopted:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2015-2016 proposed by the Board of Education and filed with the District Clerk in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

PROPOSITION NO. 2**LIBRARY BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the Public Library Budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 proposed by the Library Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library heretofore filed pursuant to law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of member of the Library Board of Trustees must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM but no later than 5:00 PM on April 20, 2015. Forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Two (2) members for the term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2018.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office.

The following vacancy is to be filled on the Library Board of Trustees: One (1) member for the term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020, to succeed Susan Maher last incumbent.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Library Board of Trustees. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the previous election for members of the Library Board of Trustees, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2015-2016 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2015, at 7:30 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center and copies of such statement, as well as the statement of the amount of money required for the 2015-2016 fiscal year of the Public Library, will be made available on the District's website and at each schoolhouse and library in the District during the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) calendar days immediately preceding the election together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and only those persons whose names appear on the register of the said school district, or who are registered pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said meeting and election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all qualified voters who have previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and have voted at any annual or special election held or conducted at any time within four (4) calendar years prior to this year, 2015, are not required to register with the Board of Registration for this meeting.

All other persons who wish to vote must register. A voter may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Levittown UFSD between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 1:00 PM on school days provided that such registration is effected no later than May 14, 2015.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said register will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 16, 2015), in the office of the Clerk of the District and at each voting place on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots for those eligible pursuant to the provision of Section 2018a of the Education Law are available, and that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on each of the five (5) calendar days prior to the day of election except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 16, 2015), in the office of the Clerk of the District. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) calendar days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that during the voting hours on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, in the various election districts, the Board of Registration will meet to receive registrations for subsequent elections. During the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on voting days, the District Clerk shall be in her office at the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS:

The boundaries of the school election districts and the place of each election district for voting and registration shall be as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT #1 - GARDINERS AVENUE SCHOOL

Beginning at Wantagh Parkway and Chase Lane; east on Chase Lane to Center Lane, thence south to Prairie Lane; thence east to Gardiners Avenue; thence south to Slate Lane; then east and north to Swan Lane; then east and north to Grey Lane; continuing east to Wantagh Avenue; thence south on Wantagh Avenue to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Oakfield Avenue; continuing north to Old Jerusalem Road; thence east on Old Jerusalem Road to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to the point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #2 - EAST BROADWAY SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Southern State Parkway and east side of Wantagh Avenue; north on Wantagh to Miller Place; thence east to Exit Lane; thence south to Elm Drive; thence west to Elbow Lane; thence southwest to End Lane; south to End Lane and Elm Drive East to Pope Street; thence east to District

Line; thence south to Regent Lane; thence east to Red Maple Drive; thence northeast, and south to Regal Lane; east on Regal Lane and Cordwood Lane to Arlington Drive; thence southeast to Town Line; thence south to Southern State Parkway; west along Parkway to point of beginning. Beginning at south side of Southern State Parkway and west side of Town Line; south on Town Line to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Wantagh Avenue; thence north to Southern State Parkway; thence east to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #3 - LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginning at east side of Wantagh Parkway and south side of Hempstead Turnpike; east on Hempstead Turnpike to Silver Lane; thence south to Forge Lane; thence east to Cotton Lane; thence southeasterly to Wantagh Avenue; then south to Grey Lane; thence west to Swan Lane; then southwesterly to Slate Lane; then south to Gardiners Avenue, thence north to Prairie Lane; thence west to Center Lane; thence north to Chase Lane; thence west to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #4 - DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Hempstead Turnpike and west side of Jerusalem Avenue; west on Hempstead Turnpike to District Boundary Line at Wantagh State Parkway; thence northeast to northerly border of School District; east on Boundary Line (Flamingo Rd., Magpie Lane, Blacksmith Rd) to Jerusalem Avenue; thence south to point of beginning.

Dated: Levittown, New York
March 11, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: _____
District Clerk, Levittown Union Free School District”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

19. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 14-15-216

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

1001	2014-G-No. 10	Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel
1002	2014-GG-No. 10	Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel
1003	2014-H-No 11	Appointments - Certified Personnel
1004	2014-H-No. 11a	Appointments - Administrators
1005	2014-H-No. 11c	Designation – Consultants
1006	2014-H-No. 11g	Designation – Coaching (#3 PULLED)
1007	2014-H-No. 11h	Appointments - Extra-Curricular
1008	2014-HH-No. 11	Appointments - Non-Instructional Personnel
1009	2014-JJ-No. 3	Permanent Status – Non-Instructional Personnel
1010	2014-K-No. 8	Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel
1011	2014-KK-No.8	Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel
1012	2014-O-No. 8	Students with Disabilities
1013	2014-T-No. 1	Textbooks

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedule 1006, 2014-H-No. 11g

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked that #4 be pulled until more information is obtained.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull Schedule 1006 2014-H-No. 11g, #4

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Ed Powers, Vice President
AYES:	Powers, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

VOTE ON ALL OTHER SCHEDULES:

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Powers, Quinones-Smith, Moran, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

NOTE: DR. MCDONALD CONGRATULATED MR. GARCIA WHO WAS APPOINTED THIS EVENING AS DISTRICT TREASURER.

VIII. AD HOC
(None)

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Ed Powers
AYES:	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith,
EXCUSED:	Mike Pappas, Frank Ward, Kevin Regan

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:30 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

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 by the Board President.

Marianne Adrian 17 Woodcock Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Adrian informed the Board that she recently attended a Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Nassau Regional PTA where many local Legislators were on hand to speak to. She noted the basic theme of the breakfast was the anger over Governor Cuomo's legislation within the budget. Ms. Adrian noted that our representatives are fighting really hard to get schools their funding. She reported that when some of the Assemblymen were personally asked what parents can do to help, the answer was to mobilize and keep speaking up. Ms. Adrian invited the Board to a forum for parents, educators, students and concerned community members called Reclaiming Public Education.

Colleen Napoli 523 Sand Hill Rd, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Napoli remarked that over the last four years, she has consistently voiced her concerns at Public Be Heard regarding issues such as Common Core implementation, hours of test prep, ties to APPR, and Governor Cuomo's hold on funding. She commented that young learners are having a difficult time with all the test prep. Ms. Napoli shared that many parents are worried about the Common Core in 10th grade Geometry and the low midterm grades. Additionally, Ms. Napoli pointed-out that the 10th graders don't get to opt-out; they have to take the Regents. Ms. Napoli was requesting that the district send out a letter giving parents the support they need to refuse tests. She noted that while the district cannot endorse opting out, they can support the parent's right to refuse.

Dr. McDonald apologized that did not respond to her e-mail but she had been away in Albany. She noted that a letter would be drafted and be sent to parents shortly.

Tricia and Eric Wittman 113 Schoolhouse Rd, Levittown, NY

Ms. Wittman, a parent, spoke about her child who is in a 1st grade inclusion class at Northside. She informed the Board that her daughter was thriving and she was very pleased with the services and support she is receiving. Ms. Wittman is looking forward for her son to have an equally positive and comfortable learning experience with his sister. Unfortunately, she heard that since Northside is not her home school that her children cannot be together. She stated that she was told that each year the inclusion setting is in jeopardy of moving schools. Ms. Wittman has noted that she had inquired numerous times regarding this issue but has failed to receive an answer. She went on to share studies regarding inclusion students. The Wittman's would like both of her children to attend Northside school.

Dr. McDonald explained that once a child is in an inclusion class in a particular school, they are entitled to stay there for the whole of their elementary experience. She stated that next year, the Board has authorized inclusion to be opened up in K-1 in every school. Dr. McDonald asked the Wittman's to make an appointment to discuss their concerns.

Jane Finkelstein **848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY**

Ms. Finkelstein spoke about several topics:

She commented that she had been at the forefront of the opt-out movement and noted that it is growing. She requested that the Board attend the Reclaiming Public Education forum and hear what others are saying in terms of what is going on in education.

In regards to curriculum, Ms. Finkelstein wanted to know the difference in cost for Curriculum Associates and Assistant Directors vs. Chair people.

On the subject of extra help, Ms. Finkelstein noted that students are having trouble determining where to go everyday for this help.

Ms. Finkelstein asked about how the passing of the bus petition would affect the budget. Dr. McDonald stated that she could not comment until the evaluation was completed. She suggested that Ms. Finkelstein attend the next Board meeting for her answer.