

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

DATE: JUNE 10, 2015**REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, June 10, 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 Marenghi, President
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice-President – excused absence
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary – excused absence
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith
Mr. Kevin Regan

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. Shin - MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. Lunetta - Division Avenue Alternate Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Ms. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Moran and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the following items: legal and personnel matters.
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session in the large Board Room at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Quinones-Smith and approved (5-0). Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to please proceed to the auditorium where the Recognition Ceremony would commence. At 8:45 the Board resumed the meeting in the large Board Room. Ms. Marenghi asked everyone for a moment of silence to remember all those fighting overseas for our freedom.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marengi announced that after the Recognition Ceremony there would be a small reception in the Panther Room.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of May 6, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and May 19, 2015 (Annual Meeting)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition

The program began with the combined select chorus from MacArthur and Division Avenue High Schools singing the National Anthem. Dr. McDonald announced that these students would be singing at the Mets baseball Game at CitiField on June 11th. Ms. Rifkin shared that tonight we would be honoring special students and athletes. All honorees were given certificates and pictures were taken.

Winner Humane Society of NY Essay Contest

Ms. Rifkin shared that Isabella Ricon was the winner of this essay contest. Ms. Ricon wrote an essay about having superpowers to help save animals. Ms. Rifkin congratulated Ms. Ricon on her heartfelt essay.

Music Students

Mr. D'Ulisse, the Curriculum Associate for Music, read the names of the music students from every school who were recognized for their excellence in music. He thanked all the music teachers for their commitment to the students.

Art Students

The students whose art work was exhibited in the hallway outside Dr. Mc Donald's office were recognized and given their framed artwork. Mr. Creter, Curriculum Associate for Art/Technology/FACS, noted that the students have amazing art teachers.

Spring Athletes

Mr. Snyder, Athletic Director, announced that Mr. Chiti, the Chairperson for Athletics, was retiring after a 37 year career. He remarked that Mr. Chiti attended Division Avenue High School where he was an outstanding shortstop on the school's baseball team. The athletes from both high schools in the sports of baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis and track were recognized. Mr. Snyder thanked the coaches from these teams for all their hard work and devotion.

Student Liaisons

Ms. Marengi presented a plaque to Grace Shin, MacAthur Student Liaison. She thanked Ms. Shin for her service to the Board and all of her input. Christina Reilly, the Division Avenue student Liaison, was absent due to college orientation.

PTA Budget Committee and Food Service Committee

Mr. Pastore thanked all the members of these two committees for all their hard work and dedication. He remarked that everyone appreciates all they do.

Retirees

Ms. Rhatigan recognized and thanked the retirees for their years of dedicated service. She pointed out that this is a bittersweet time when we have to say congratulations and goodbye. Ms. Marengi, on behalf of the Board and Administration, thanked all of the retiring staff. She commented that there is no hierarchy of importance in school systems, only value in people working together.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

A. Division Avenue Students Academic Presentation: "Guys and Dolls of Chemistry"

The students at Division Avenue performed a skit from Guys and Dolls relating to chemistry under the direction of Mr. Sparaco. Ms. Marengi thanked the students for a very enjoyable skit. Dr. McDonald noted that this was the most entertaining presentation on chemistry.

B. Adult Education

Ms. Rifkin gave an update on the district's Adult Education Program. She reported that last July she made a presentation to the Board where she pointed out that the program was in danger of not being self sustaining. She noted that enrollment has continued to decline and this year the program will cost the district \$9,962. Mr. Walden, Coordinator of Adult Education, had reached out to other districts to see if they are experiencing the same type of phenomenon with their programs. He found that most districts are seeing declining enrollment. They suspect that more people are taking on-line courses since they are more accessible. Ms. Rifkin went over some of the ideas she and Mr. Walden had in order to move forward with the program. She asked the Board for direction on whether to continue trying to improve the program or not since it is costing the district money.

Mr. Regan shared his personal thoughts and stated that these courses have been invaluable over the years. He suggested giving it one more shot and trying to have more community input to see what courses they want. If we are still running at a deficit next year, eliminate it then. Mr. Pappas asked if we could combine classes with surrounding districts. Dr. McDonald recommended taking a survey with the community and take the program to another year. Ms. Marengi requested that a survey be done early enough to be able to use the feedback to make a decision. Also, try to obtain some demographic data on attendees. Mr. Pappas asked questions regarding enrollment for Levittown residents, non-residents, tuition and the programs operating budget. The Board had a discussion on these issues. A consensus was taken and the Board decided to continue for one more year and then decide.

C. Midterms

Ms. Rifkin recommended eliminating Block Time for Midterm Exams. She explained that in January when midterms are scheduled there are no classes for the high school students. She noted that Administration feels it is very important to maximize instructional time. Ms. Rifkin stated that each individual exam given would be reviewed to make sure that it is given in the least amount of time and not over testing our students. She remarked that an analysis would be conducted to make sure that we are testing appropriately. She discussed one idea which was to provide in class exams with staggered times and in this way we can gain a week's instruction time for the students. A consensus from the Board was taken to move forward and take the midterm week off the calendar.

D. Report on Facilities Planning

Mr. Pastore and Mr. Milano, Director of Facilities, showed a Power Point presentation on their conception of how the district will handle projects going forward. Mr. Pastore stated that this capital projects overview will illustrate our procedure on how our projects go through the pipeline so that we can become more efficient. He went into detail on the process for new project development. Dr. McDonald asked the district's engineer and architect, Mr. Lucchesi and Mr. Mark, to explain the process involved in sending proposals to the state for approval. Mr. Pastore reported on our Nassau County Legislative Grants secured by Legislator Dennis Dunne, which provide funding for installing paths, bleachers and repairing sidewalks. He discussed the district's completed projects, in-progress projects and possible future projects. One such future project is for solar energy. Mr. Pastore reported on the Governor's NY-Sun Initiative which is to increase the number of solar electric systems across New York State. He noted that the New York Power Authority has started a K-Solar Program to be consistent with this initiative to provide school districts with certain tools and resources aimed at making solar energy more accessible to their facilities and thereby reducing their energy costs. Mr. Pastore stated tonight's agenda contains a memorandum of understanding to participate in the K-Solar Program. He pointed out that there is no cost or obligation to the district. A report will be issued after our buildings are surveyed and if the project is worthwhile, it will be brought to the Board. Mr. Pappas noted that he had been asking for many years about solar power for the district. He was concerned because he was told we could not use solar powers for reasons such as our roofs could not handle the weight of the solar panels. He wondered what had changed. Mr. Mark explained that a team of engineers will investigate our buildings to determine whether it is viable to use solar. He commented that technology has changed. Mr. Pappas was worried that the vendor was more concerned with their interest rather than the district's. Dr. McDonald remarked that instead of using solar for wide scale projects, we may be able to use it for smaller ones. She commented that the report was useful and since it costs us nothing, we should move forward with it. She noted that we do not have to carry out their suggestions. The Board agreed to move forward.

Dr. McDonald thanked Mr. Lucchesi and Mr. Mark for coming to the Board meeting and for all the work they have done for the district. She remarked that everything they have done looks really nice. It is important to us that our children are in an inviting and engaging space.

E. Report on School Lunches

Mr. Pastore, along with Mr. Bigley, our food service consultant, gave an update of the school lunch program. Mr. Pastore noted that he had three topics for discussion. The first was the new five year school lunch bid beginning in 2015-2016. He explained, with the help of charts that our current vendor, Aramark, was losing money. Therefore, they no longer wanted to renew our bid. Mr. Pastore reviewed the tight bid schedule to find a new food service management company. He went over current school lunch pricing and how they were calculated. He recommended no increase in the school lunch price. Mr. Pastore pointed-out the modifications to the Food Service Management bid and the start-up cost for a new management company. Mr. Pappas asked what was done with the surplus lunch money. Mr. Pastore responded that money was used for new equipment, equipment repairs, material and supplies, and chairs and tables. Mr. Pappas remarked that he was under the impression that this money along with the CM Fund money, was to be used for cafeteria refurbishing for the elementary schools. Dr. McDonald stated that this project will be put on the list. Mr. Pappas also felt that the some of the money should be used to enhance the lunch food so that the students would actually like it and perhaps buy more. Mr. Pastore commented that we could change the composition of the program but this would reduce our guaranteed return. Dr. McDonald noted that we have to be careful to balance it appropriately. Secondly, Mr. Pastore went over the factors to consider in a self-operated child nutrition lunch program. He noted we would not get the same prices for food because we would not be buying in volume. Additionally, we would not receive commodities from the Federal Government which are free and help to defray costs. Mr. Pastore shared that we would be operating at a loss. The third issue for discussion was leaving the National School Lunch Program. Mr. Pastore remarked that the major obstacle to leaving this program is that we will not receive reimbursement for the meals served to free and reduced lunch students. The practice is to raise the price of paid lunches to make up this reimbursement. Mr. Pappas asked what our breakdown was for free and reduced lunch. Mr. Pastore noted that of the approximately 22%, 16% is for free and 6% is for reduced lunch. Mr. Pappas wanted to know the change in free and reduced from 2008. Dr. McDonald stated that it has significantly increased due to the economy.

Mr. Pastore reported on the bid for a new food service vendor that was being presented to the Board. He commented that is very similar to the bid presented a year ago with a small amount of tweaking. Mr. Pappas had issue with the food service company and the vending company being the same. He felt they should be separate bids and if they win both, great. He noted there is a better chance of competition that way. Mr. Bigley stated that putting it under one roof gives you a larger return. The Board discussed this issue. A consensus was to bid each out separately.

F. Audit Committee Meeting Date

Dr. McDonald reported that the Board was due to have another Audit Committee Meeting. She suggested that it be scheduled for the August Board Meeting since that is when the tax levy is set. She stated that our Internal Auditor will be there to present their findings.

G. Award of RFP/Auditors

Mr. Pastore shared that an RFP was conducted for auditing services as required from the State Controller's Office every five years. He noted that his recommendation was to stay with R.S. Abrams for External Auditors, stay with Cullen and Danowski for the Internal Auditors and use Nawrocki Smith as Claims Auditing Services. He remarked that the

numbers were similar. Mr. Pappas commented that we had used Nawrocki Smith before and he would like to review notes on why they were replaced. Dr. McDonald explained that we had used Nawrocki Smith as Internal Auditors and we are now using them for claims auditing. Mr. Pappas felt AVZ had done a great job. Dr. McDonald noted that they did not bid.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. McDonald responded to questions asked by Ms. Finkelstein regarding the following:

1. Regarding the EBALR account, what can it be used for, and what was its genesis?

- The Accrued Employee Benefits Liability Reserve was created during the 2004-2005 School Year, through unexpended budgetary appropriations. This reserve is used to pay for unused accumulated leave time contractually provided to certain groups of employees. This typically includes payment for unused sick and vacation pay. This fund cannot be used to pay for items such as: retirement incentives (unless it is related to unused sick time), FICA and Medicare payments and retiree health insurance. This reserve should be funded at 100% of the accrued liability for unused accumulated leave time. Currently, our liability for unused accumulated leave time is \$200,000. As a result, we are overfunded in this reserve.

2. What other districts give out retirement incentives?

- It is impossible to give you a comprehensive answer to this question, because we do not have access to the employment contracts of every district. However, I will give you the next best answer, which is – it depends. Some districts, such as the one I was in previously, provide a retirement incentive which is incorporated in their employment contract. As such, when an employee is FIRST ELIGIBLE for retirement, they receive an incentive to do so. This means that they retire when they are 55 and have 30 years service. Most districts offer a retirement incentive when it is financially advantageous to do so. That means that many employees are on top step, making the highest salary they can earn and hiring newer teachers lowers the payroll significantly. Many districts have offered incentives in recent memory.

3. What is our state aid share for “emergency repairs”?

- Last year money was appropriated for masonry and roof repair. That money is aided by the state at the rate of 65%. So, if we spend \$100, we get \$65 back, subject to the state’s approval of the project at the maximum rate.

4. What is the dollar difference between having curriculum associates as opposed to having chair people?

- The last time the district had an administrative structure that included chair people, the salary cost was \$8,709,681. This was in the 11-12 school year. The new structure, to take effect in 15-16, has a salary cost of \$7,539,984.

- 3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

C. Board of Education

- 1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi asked everyone to look around the room and in the hallways at the Division Avenue art exhibit which is absolutely stunning. She remarked that it is hard to believe that these aren't done by professional artists.

- 2. Correspondence
(none)

- 3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Lunetta reported on events at Division Avenue which were: the baseball team won the Long Island Championship; Senior Awards; Varsity Awards Dinner for Sports; Ninth Annual Dance Recital; and the District Hair Drive.

Ms. Shin shared the events at MacArthur which were: Annual Senior Awards, the 1st Annual Symposium for Science Research, Prom and Graduation the combined Division and MacArthur Select Chorus will be singing the National Anthem at CitiField, Prom and Graduation.

Ms. Marengi thanked the Student Liaisons for their service and wished them good luck in college.

V. **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 14-15-266

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 MAY 2015 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

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

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-267

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

- Appropriation Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Trial Balance- for the month ending April 30, 2015;
- Claims Auditors Report- Prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending May 31, 2015;
- Quarterly Claims Auditors Report - Prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the period from January 1 to March 31, 2015;
- Treasurer's Report- For the month ending April 30, 2015;
- Credit card statement for the period ending MAY, 2015 - no activity, no statement
- Fund balance as of May 31, 2015."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas wanted to commend Mr. Pastore on the AVZ report. He noted that the numbers went down. He remarked that this is the kind of report he wants to see.

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

3. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurers' Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-268

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports from Jonas Salk, Wisdom Lane, Division Avenue, MacArthur and GC Tech for the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2015."

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

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 14-15-269

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>
A1620.4050 O&M Telephone	1620.4050 O&M Gas	\$60,000
A1620.4090 O&M Fuel Oil	1620.4050 O&M Gas	\$50,000
A22504500C Sp.Ed. Materials and Supplies Abbey		\$26,200
	A22504500D Sp. Ed. Supplies GAS	\$ 3,150
	A22504500F Sp. Ed. Supplies Northside	\$ 3,250
	A22504500H Sp. Ed. Supplies Summit	\$ 2,250
	A22504500K Sp. Ed. Supplies Salk	\$ 8,950
	A22504500L Sp. Ed. Supplies Wisdom	\$ 8,600
A22504500 Sp. Ed. Materials and Supplies LMEC		\$22,050
	A22504500G Sp. Ed Supplies. E. Bway.	\$ 3,700
	A22504500E Sp. Ed. Supplies Lee Road	\$ 550
	A22504500P. Sp. Ed. Supplies Division	\$10,300
	A22504500Q Sp. Ed. Supplies MacArthur	\$ 7,500

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

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

5. Teachers' Center Continuation Grant

RESOLUTION # 14-15-270

MOTION: “WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has received and reviewed the 2015-2016 grant application for the Teachers’ Center; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that neither the autonomy nor the authority of the Teachers’ Center, nor the costs associated with the District’s support of the Teachers’ Center, are altered in any substantive manner from the 2014-2015 program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the 2015-2016 Teachers’ Center grant application.”

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

6. Obsolete library books

RESOLUTION # 14-15-271

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the 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>
MacArthur High School	142 library books	May 8, 2015“

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

7. Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 14-15-272

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
LMEC	11	Printer / PCs	5/22/15
LMEC	6	Printers / Projectors / PCs	5/26/15
Summit Lane	1	Printer	4/30/15"

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

8. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-273

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

- a. a check for \$103 donated to East Broadway School by Mrs. Kerry Couture, 160 Poplar Street, Garden City, NY 11530 for the James Woolwich Award, given to one boy and one girl from East Broadway School moving up from fifth grade;
- b. a check for \$500 donated to Summit Lane School by the Summit Lane PTA to purchase a rug for the entranceway of Summit Lane Elementary School;
- c. a check for \$100 donated to East Broadway School by Newsday Media Group 235 Pinelawn Road, Melville, NY 11747-4250.”

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

NOTE: The Board thanked all those that contributed.

9. Contract with East Meadow Driving School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-274

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with East Meadow Driving School to provide driver education services to Levittown students;

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

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

10. Contract-CentralEd (Textbook Central) Div. of Tel/Logic, Inc.

RESOLUTION # 14-15-275

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into an agreement with CentralEd (division of Tel/Logic) covering textbook procurement and distribution services for the 2015-2016 school year to be provided by Textbook Central.”

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

11. Asset Valuation and Inventory Updating Service

RESOLUTION # 14-15-276

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;

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

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

12. Out of District Contract for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 14-15-277

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 those districts for the 2014-15 school year:

- North Merrick UFSD
- Bellmore UFSD
- Plainview-Old Bethpage UFSD

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

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

13. Eastern Suffolk BOCES - Joint Municipal Bidding Program

RESOLUTION # 14-15-278

MOTION: “WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public Schools, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.”

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

14. BOCES Letter of Intent

RESOLUTION # 14-15-279

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Letter of Intent with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to cover anticipated services and other expenses for the 2015-2016 school year."

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

15. Request for Proposals - Auditing Services

RESOLUTION # 14-15-280

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following firms be awarded auditing contracts as follows:

- RFP #LPS-15-002 - External Auditing Services to R. S. Abrams,
- RFP #LPS-15-003 - Internal Auditing Services to Cullen and Danowski,
- RFP #LPS-15-004 - Claims Auditing Services to Nawrocki and Smith, LLP

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked if the prices for the services changed. Mr. Pastore responded that the prices for the External Auditing services went down, for the Internal Auditing they stayed the same, and went up for the Claims Auditing Services approximately \$3,000.

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

16. Request for Proposals for Tutorial, Special Education and Health Related Services

RESOLUTION # 14-15-281

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the firms on the attached spreadsheet be awarded contracts for special education services;
RFP #15-005 LPS- - Tutorial, Special Education and Health Related Educational Services (as per proposals)

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

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

17. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 14-15-282

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following 2015 Summer transportation contracts/extensions:

SUMMER 2015 TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS

<u>EXTENSIONS:</u>	<u>BID DATE</u>	<u>APPX.COST</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>SCHOOL:</u>	<u># OF Students:</u>
E260762	4/17/2008	\$0.00	SUBURBAN BUS		
E413272	5/13/2013	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E413273	5/13/2013	\$0	We Transport		
E413626	5/15/2014	\$6,059.00	ACME/BAUMANN	Lexington	1
E413627	5/15/2014	\$0.00	Educational		
E413628	5/15/2014	\$0.00	First Student		
E413629	5/15/2014	\$0.00	SUBURBAN BUS		
NEW	5/12/2015	\$0.00	SUBURBAN BUS		
NEW	5/12/2015	\$0.00	ACME/BAUMANN		
NEW	5/12/2015	\$0.00	We Transport		
NEW	5/12/2015	\$0.00	Educational		
NEW	5/12/2015	\$0.00	First Student		

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

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

18. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 14-15-283

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following organizations to provide special education services:

- Seaford Union Free School District - tuition contract - 2014-15
- Linda Korstich-Plainview Speech - speech services - summer 2015
- Developmental Disabilities Institute - tuition contract 2015-16
- Hagedorn Little Village School - tuition contract 2015-16
- Harmony Heights - tuition contract 2015-16
- Lexington School for the Deaf - tuition contract 2015-16
- Maryhaven Center for Hope - tuition contract 2015-16
- Mill Neck Manor School - tuition contract 2015-16
- Nassau-Suffolk Services for the Autistic - tuition contract 2015-16
- School for Language and Communication - tuition contract 2015-16
- United Cerebral Palsy - tuition contract 2015-16
- Woods Services - tuition contract - 2015-16

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

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

19. Parents Bill of Rights Rider

RESOLUTION # 14-15-284

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 agreement:

- Variety Child Learning Center;

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

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

20. Contract with Johnson Controls

RESOLUTION # 14-15-285

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached amendment to the contract between the Levittown Union Free School District and Johnson Controls Inc., for \$0.00;

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas and Mr. Moran requested that the reason for this resolution be explained for the record. Dr. McDonald informed the Board that this resolution is correcting a typo in the contract. Instead of 2,013 feet soffit repair at Northside , the contract should read 201 feet. There is no dollar amount associated with this change.

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

21. Renewal of Athletic Training Services LPS 14-003

RESOLUTION # 14-15-286

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following contract with Winthrop University Hospital for athletic training services should be extended;

<u>RFP#</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LPS 14-003	Renewal of Athletic Training Services	\$75,000

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked if this was the same company the district has used before. Dr. McDonald responded it was. She noted that it is the same rate but a higher price because it now includes trainers at the middle schools.

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

22. Guidance Plan

RESOLUTION # 14-15-287

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the enclosed Guidance Plan 2016-17"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Regan
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
ABSENT:	Ed Powers, Frank War

23. Memorandum of Understanding with New York Power Authority RESOLUTION # 14-15-288

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached memorandum of understanding with New York Power Authority:

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

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

24. Candidate for NYSSBA Area 11 Director

RESOLUTION # 14-15-289

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, nominate Susan Bergtraum, as a candidate for election to the New York State School Boards Association Area 11 Director."

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

25. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 14-15-290

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

1001	2014-G-No. 13	Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel
1002	2014-GG-No. 13	Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel
1003	2014-H-No 15	Appointments - Certified Personnel
1004	2014-H-No. 15c	Designation – Consultants
1005	2014-H-No. 15fl	Appointments – Summer School
1006	2014-H-No. 15h	Appointments - Extra-Curricular
1007	2014-HH-No. 15	Appointments - Non-Instructional Personnel
1008	2014-JJ-No.5	Permanent States, Non-Instructional Personnel
1009	2014-K-No.11	Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel
1010	2014-KK-No. 11	Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel
1011	2014-O-No.9	Students with Disabilities

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedules 1001 to 1004:

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

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedule 1005:

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

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedules 1006 to 1011:

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

26. Revised Retirement Incentive - Levittown United Teachers (LUT) RESOLUTION # 14-15-291

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize a revised retirement incentive for the Levittown United Teachers (LUT). This would be an amendment to the agreement approved by the Board of Education on April 15th. The amendment would change the required number of retirees from 27 to 20 (page 2, paragraph 2D) and the amount of the incentive from \$200 per unused sick day to \$180 per unused sick day (page 2, paragraph 3).

NOTE: Mr. Pappas remarked that the agreement went from 27 retirees to 20. He stated that if your revenue stream was reduced by 26% you should have your payout reduced by 26%. He felt that both sides should be equal and the sick day payout should be reduced to \$148. Dr. McDonald stated she was working off the proposal that the LUT handed in which was based on the ALSA proposal. She reported that 20 teachers have submitted paperwork but 10 have stated that they will take their paperwork back if the incentive is not passed. Mr. Regan commented that he had previously agreed to 27 retirees and wanted to know what the difference was in the savings for the district. Ms. Marenghi stated her opinion which was that we gave the ALSA Unit \$180 a day buyout and they serve the Levittown school district a lot less days than the teachers. She commented that the teachers that are retiring have been here for many, many years and this is there unused sick time. Ms. Marenghi feels that we should give the teachers the same as the administrators because we will still be making a profit. There was discussion from the Board.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-1-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
NAYS:	Mike Pappas
ABSENT:	Ed Powers, Frank Ward

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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.

Therese Rogers President, Levittown United Teachers

Ms. Rogers implored the Board to please adopt the counter proposal which the union came back with for the retirement incentive for the teachers. She noted that this revised proposal was exactly the same as the given to ALSA. Since the Board agreed to the ALSA proposal, Ms. Rogers hoped that they would do the same for the 20 teachers. Additionally, Ms. Rogers commented that it has been an honor, privilege and joy to teach the children of the Levittown School District for the past 30 years.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein had a few issues to discuss:

- She reported that there was an accident recently in front of Salk/MacArthur. She was noted that there has been a problem for many years regarding the circle in front of the school Ms. Finkelstein stressed that this is a safety concern and it needs to be addressed for the sake of the children.

Ms. Marengi stated that when she heard about the accident, she spoke at great length to the Superintendent about a solution. Dr. McDonald advised that she had planned on doing a traffic study of this area and an RFP will be done this summer. Mr. Moran stated that he was part of the original traffic study that was done and would like to be part of the next one.
- Ms. Finkelstein addressed the issue of the increase in the number of free and reduced lunch meals. She remarked that this increase might be caused by the large number of illegal tenants in the district. She was wondering if there could be a re-registration at the middle schools.

Dr. McDonald reported that the district does have re-registration at the middle schools. She noted that every child in the schools lives in the district. She explained that even if a child lives with someone else, we are required to educate them.
- Ms. Finkelstein asked why the incentive was done this year and not last year when they had so many retirees. Additionally, she asked about a deadline for the incentive.

