

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

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, December 9, 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
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas (excused absence)
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Donald Sturz – Assistant to the Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Mr. Amaninder Thind– MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. James Lunetta– Division Avenue High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

- B. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Ward and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to seek advice of legal counsel.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session in the auditorium at 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (5-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember all those fighting overseas for our freedom.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McDonald and the Board wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and November 18, 2015 (Special Meeting).

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian

IV. REPORTS**A. Student Presentations****1. Musical Presentation: MacArthur Winter Wind Ensemble**

Ms. Marengi thanked the musicians, who performed holiday music in the auditorium, for a wonderful enjoyable performance.

2. Student Art Display: Wisdom Lane School

Ms. Marengi acknowledged the beautiful art work adorning the Board room and hallway.

3. Student Presentation: Wisdom Lane School – “The Memory Project”

Mr. Avena, Principal of Wisdom Lane Middle School, introduced Ms. Herbert who was responsible for initiating this project. She called on the students from her Studio Art class to explain this project. The Memory Project is a non-profit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges in their life. These portraits bring happiness and keepsakes to children who are less fortunate. A short video was shown. Ms. Herbert remarked that we are teaching curriculum and also doing something great for humanity. She thanked the Board and Central Office for their support. Dr. McDonald commented she was looking forward to viewing the video of the completed portraits.

B. Recognition**1. Student Recognition – Outstanding Fall Athletes**

Dr. McDonald spoke about how proud she was of these remarkable athletes. She introduced Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, Athletics Health and Health Services, who introduced the students who were to be honored tonight for their achievements in Fall sports. He thanked all the coaches for a great job and the parents for all their support from home.

NOTE: The Board reconvened in the Large Board Room to continue the meeting.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

a. Coke-Cola Semi Finalist

Dr. McDonald remarked that she was very happy to announce that Division Avenue had a Coke-Cola Semi Finalist which is a huge competition. Ms. Rifkin explained that this award is a scholarship based on academics and leadership. She commented that it is very competitive with significant monetary awards.

b. Memorial Mass

Dr. McDonald shared that there would be an Ecumenical Memorial Service at St. Bernards for those individuals who worked for the district. She noted Mr. Regan would be included in their prayers.

c. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Dr. McDonald reported that the President will be signing a new bill which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act. She stated this bill takes away the control from the Federal government and gives it back to the State.

d. Vending Machine Report

At the last meeting, the Board had requested a report on our vending machines. Mr. Pastore handed out a report which included three years of data on the history, amount and income of the vending machines. He noted that research was being done on "Scholars for Dollars" and that a bid would be sent out in February for next year.

e. Tax Cap Legislation

Dr. McDonald remarked that she wanted everyone to be aware that the tax cap legislation had a piece in it that affects income tax. She asked Mr. Pastore to explain. He reported that this is part of the New York State Tax Law that allows for a refund of state taxes. There are three stipulations: the person receiving the refund has to be a resident, has to own property that gets a star exemption and has to earn less than \$275,000. Additionally, the school district cannot pierce the tax cap. Dr. McDonald commented that the district has no plans to pierce the cap so our residents will receive this refund provided they meet the other criteria.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions
(none)

3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

C. Board of Education**1. Comments and Reports**

(none)

2. Correspondence

(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Lunetta, Student Liaison, reported on some of the achievements from the students at Division Avenue: two students from a Digital Media Class had their films screened at the Gold Coast International Film Festival; the Lady Dragons Soccer Team captured the conference title; six senior athletes have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their sport at the college level; the Class of 2016's 35 top achievers attended the Blue and Silver Luncheon; the Art Club and National Art Society held a fund raiser to fight against breast cancer and raised \$400; before Thanksgiving, the annual food drive was held and collected an unbelievable amount of food for families in Levittown; the PTA sponsored an amazing and inspiring assembly led by Rohan Murphy, and the Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the UCA Cheerleading competition and placed 7th out of 25 teams which earned them a chance to compete at Disney.

Mr. Thind, Student Liaison for MacArthur, reported on the events at his school: a new entrant breakfast for students new to the school was held; an emergency shelter drill was conducted; the play "Legally Blonde" was performed to a packed house; quarterly exams were administered; there was a very informative Financial Aid Night; the teachers held a Teacher's Choice Breakfast as their way of recognizing a student who has engaged in not only positive classroom behavior but also exhibits positive character outside of the classroom; several students were accepted into the Long Island String Festival Association; the Varsity Football Team won the 2015 Nassau County Varsity Football Conference II Title.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 15-16-131

MOTION: "WHEREAS, all claims, warrants and charges against the School District have been reviewed by the Claims Auditor and have been certified by the Claims Auditor for payment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the November 2015 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 15-16-132

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

- Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the months ending October 31, 2015 and November 22, 2015
- Claims Auditors Report- Prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending November 2015
- Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2015
- Trial Balance for the month ending October 31, 2015
- Credit card statement for period ending October 22, 2015 and November 22, 2015."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

3. Election of Vice-President of Board of Education

RESOLUTION # 15-16-133

Ms. Marengi nominated James Moran for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Ward. Mr. Moran accepted the nomination for Vice President.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

Note: Mr. Moran was unanimously approved as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2015/2016 school year and sworn in by legal counsel.

4. Risk Assessment Update Report and Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION # 15-16-134

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Risk Assessment Update Report dated November 5, 2015 and the Corrective Action Plan in response to the internal auditor's recommendations, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance is authorized to submit the Risk Assessment Update Report and the Corrective Action Plan to New York State."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

5. Cullen and Danowski Engagement Letter

RESOLUTION # 15-16-135

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached engagement letter from Cullen and Danowski dated November 19, 2015 for the agreed upon procedures."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

6. Annual Audit Report - Management Letter/Corrective Action Plan RESOLUTION # 15-16-136

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the annual Audit Report dated June 30, 2015 and the Corrective Action Plan in response to the external auditor's recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance is authorized to submit the Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan to the New York State."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

7. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 15-16-137

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

<u>Code from</u>	<u>Code to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A55404000 Contracted Buses	A55814900 Transp Svs BOCES	\$44,000

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

8. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 15-16-138

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

9. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-139

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following vendors to provide special education services for the 2015-16 school year.

- Dr. Andrew Singer - Consultant
- Seaford UFSD
- Seaford UFSD - Health and Welfare Services
- Hicksville UFSD
- Herricks Public Schools
- Farmingdale Public Schools
- Hempstead Public Schools

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

10. Contract for June 2016 Commencement - Hofstra University

RESOLUTION # 15-16-140

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Hofstra University in the sums of \$8,000 for the license fee for the use of the facility and estimated applicable expenses of \$6,875 for two high school graduation rehearsals and ceremonies for Division Avenue HS and MacArthur HS to be held at the David S. Mack Sports Complex of Hofstra University on June 3, 2016 and June 18, 2016;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

11. Agreement with Utility Check Ltd

RESOLUTION # 15-16-141

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve an agreement with Utility Check Ltd. to cover services related to retrieving overcharges on utility bills and offer assistance and guidance on all utility matters; and, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

12. Contract with Colonial Flag

RESOLUTION # 15-16-142

MOTION: RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve the contract with Colonial Flag to assist with the arrangements of flags displayed in the community to promote unity, awareness, understanding, fundraising and appreciation of charitable and patriotic causes; and, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

13. New York YMCA Camp - Greenkill

RESOLUTION # 15-16-143

MOTION : "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize students from East Broadway School and Summit Lane School from 5/9/16 - 5/11/16; Gardiners School and Northside School from 6/6/16 - 6/8/16; and Abbey Lane School, Lee Road School, and Division Avenue School from 2/29/16 - 3/2/16 to participate in an outdoor education program at Camp Greenkill.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

14. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 15-16-144

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

- A 2002 Nissan Altima, VIN #1N4AL11D42C279768 to be used for instruction in Mr. Luna's automotive class from Ms. Cathleen Dostis, 3625 Lynn Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793;
- A check in the amount of \$100.00 to be used towards the purchase of new library books at Summit Lane Elementary School from the Friends/Family of Steven Esposito, c/o Kristi Ruggiero, 125 Bay Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11803;
- A check in the amount of \$1811.38 to be deposited in the Division Avenue General Student Fund from Lifetouch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344;
- A check in the amount of \$2000.00 to be deposited in the Division Avenue Scholarships Fund for the Class of 2016 from Lifetouch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344;
- A picnic table to be used outside the cafeteria recess area at Salk Middle School from Chris Civil, 1362 Estelle Court, Seaford, NY 11783."

NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their generous donations.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

15. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 14-15-145

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

16. Obsolete Textbooks

RESOLUTION # 14-15-146

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

17. Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 15-16-147

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

18. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION # 15-16-148

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

- Policy No. 5512 - Reserve Funds Policy
- Policy No. 5580 - Fund Balance
- Policy No. 7513 - Administration of Medicine
- Policy No. 7521 - Students with Life Threatening Allergies
- Policy No. 7552 - Students Gender Identity

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

19. Memorandum of Understanding - William Pastore

RESOLUTION # 15-16-149

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Levittown Union Free School District and William Pastore, as per the terms of the attached Memorandum of Understanding;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding.”

NOTE: The Board thanked Mr. Pastore for all his hard work.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

20. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 15-16-150

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

- 1001 2015-G-No. 8 Resignation/Termination, Certified Personnel
- 1002 2015-GG-No. 8 Resignation/Termination, Non-Instructional Personnel (**Pull #2**)
- 1003 2015-H-No. 8 Appointments, Certified Personnel
- 1004 2015-H-No. 8a Appointments, Administrators
- 1005 2015-H-No.8c Designation, Consultants
- 1006 2015-HH-No. 8g Designation, Coaching
- 1007 2015-H-No. 8h Appointments, Extra Curricular
- 1008 2015-HH-No. 8 Appointments, Non-Instructional
- 1009 2015-K-No. 5 Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel
- 1010 2015-KK-No. 5 Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional
- 1011 2015-O-No. 6 Students with Disabilities

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: PULL SCHEDULE 1002 2015-GG-No. 8, #2

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

VII. AD HOC**1. First Read****Policy No. 3420 - Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District**

Ms. Rhatigan noted some of the changes to the our current policy such as the definition of harassment and modifying the number of individuals serving as Civil Rights Compliance Officers from two to one.

Policy No. 5675 - Student Grading Information Systems

Dr. McDonald explained this is a new required policy from Erie I BOCES that addresses the Comptroller's specific areas of concern: tracking and monitoring user activity, audit log functionality, and reasons for and documentation supporting grade changes. She noted changes were made to the policy to tailor it to our district. Ms. Rhatigan further explained that this policy helps districts maintain student data integrity by limiting access to only authorized users. Districts will further protect the data by making users' system permissions compatible with their roles and job duties.

Policy No. 6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity

Ms. Rhatigan noted that the procedures for Investigation of Complaints and Grievances was added to the policy as well as modifying the number of individuals serving as Civil Rights Compliance Officers from two to one.

Policy No. 6121 - Sexual Harassment of District Personnel

Ms. Rhatigan remarked that this policy talks specifically about the definition of sexual harassment and outlines prohibited conduct which was not in our previous policies. Additionally, it modifies the number of individuals serving as Civil Rights Compliance Officers from two to one.

2. Second Read**Policy No. 3110 - Media/Municipal Governments/Senior Citizens**

Dr. McDonald reported that while redoing the Facilities Policies (#3280) a piece on Senior Citizens was discovered. It was deleted from that policy and included in Policy #3110. She remarked no changes were made from the first read.

Policy No. 3280 - Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment

Dr. McDonald noted the changes discussed regarding the rates were included in this read.

Policy No. 7131 - Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Dr. Sturz reported that the State Education Department had requested that districts address the 50-mile limit on transportation of homeless children. They recommended inserting a sentence to that effect to the policy.

District Wellness Policy

Dr. McDonald stated that there had been significant changes from the original policy but only minor ones from the last discussion specifically on the section about physical education. She noted that the policy had been reworked for clarification.

VIII. DATES

January 13 - Regular Meeting

January 20 - Budget Planning Session #1

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Moran, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Marengi, Adrian
EXCUSED:	Michael Pappas

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:50 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.

Matty Buchys 1297 Shaw Place, Seaford, NY

Mr. Buchys requested a moment of silence for Pearl Harbor Day which was earlier in the week. Additionally, he asked that there be quiet during test times. Lastly, he had comments regarding the Two Year Plan.

Dr. McDonald suggested that Mr. Buchys bring his concerns to Dr. Sturz.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein asked that she not be interrupted while she is speaking. She was addressing the Board tonight on a subject she has spoken about several times, the injustices being done to the 11th graders taking the Common Core Algebra II Regents. Ms. Finkelstein remarked that she recently spoke with Regent Roger Tilles who claimed he is not aware of the situation where parents and administrators are concerned with the curriculum. He advised that the district e-mail their concerns regarding graduation requirements. Ms. Finkelstein was requesting that the Board please send this e-mail to the various Regents. Mr. Finkelstein noted that we as a community need to collectively do something so things will get done. Additionally, she mentioned that she attended a Forum where a Superintendent implored the audience to keep the love of learning alive in their children and their students.

Ed Powers 55 Parkside Drive, Levittown, NY

Mr. Powers had several questions for the Board:

- He wanted to know about an individual on a Board Schedule for appointment on August 12, 2015 who he believed had not been interviewed for the position. He noted that he had previously asked this question and did not get a reply.
- He inquired about what happened to a suggestion about placing an audio copy of the Board meeting on our website.
- He asked about a Drug Prevention program that had been delivered to students during sixth grade work study. Mr. Powers questioned the value of this program which runs over 12 sessions.
- He asked about a Bullying Prevention program which ran for 6 sessions for which students were pulled from their Science and Social Studies classes. Mr. Powers questioned why the students were pulled only from those classes.
- He had concerns regarding the Gender Identity Policy that appeared on the Agenda.
- He wanted to make sure that the obsolete computer equipment mentioned on the Agenda had all the information wiped out.

Ms. Marengi noted that Dr. McDonald would follow up to Mr. Powers questions.

