

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

DATE: MAY 4, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 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. James Moran, Vice President
Mr. Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Mr. Michael Pappas
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. Armaninder 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. Ward, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to seek advice from the Board's Attorney.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 PM on a motion by Ms. Adrian seconded by Mr. Ward and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our country abroad and at home.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marengi announced that the Board would move to the auditorium to present the Musical Achievement Awards and listen to the East Broadway Chorus sing.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 15-16-192

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2016 and Special Meeting of April 19, 2016.

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Student Presentation/Recognition

i. East Broadway Musical Presentation

Students from the East Broadway Chorus sang songs for the audience. Dr. McDonald noted that these children perform for many different groups throughout the year.

ii. Musical Achievement Recognitions

Mr. D'Ulisse, Curriculum Associate for Music, thanked the Board of Education and Administration for acknowledging those students who have excelled in all phases of the music programs. These selectees were given certificates of merit for their participation in the Long Island String Festival, All-County, All State and All National Music Awards. The Board of Education congratulated these talented students.

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

B. Presentation/Recognitions

i. Student Academic Presentation: East Broadway

Ms. Wink, Principal of East Broadway, introduced Mr. Meehan a fifth grade science teacher who spoke about the Crayfish dissection program. He noted this activity started about 14 years ago and has been a big hit. Two students described the rules and procedures for dissection.

ii. Skills USA Winners

Mr. Creter, Director of GC Tech and Ms. Fox-Wilson, Chairperson, were introduced. Mr. Creter introduced Ms. Cuomo, Coordinator of SkillsUSA, who spoke about the students achievements. She reported that the SkillsUSA Club garnered 12 medals during the regional competition in the areas of action skills, pin design, automotive service basic, commercial banking, employment application process, job interview, job skill demonstration and restaurant service. Additionally, there were 6 New York State

winners. Ms. Cuomo congratulated all of the prestigious winners. She thanked the faculty for advising and preparing the students for their competitions and the Board and Administration for all their support. The Board stepped up front to congratulate the students from GC Tech on their awards.

iii. Staff Tenure Recognition

Ms. Rifkin shared that it is a special pleasure tonight to present those staff members who are receiving tenure. She commented that we wouldn't be seeing so many accomplished students if we did not have such wonderful teachers, teacher assistants and all our fantastic staff. The Principals of each building were called up to introduce each recipient and give a brief highlight of their career. Dr. McDonald remarked that she had the great pleasure of announcing that two Central Office Administrators were receiving tenure, Debbie Rifkin and William Pastore. She spoke of the wonderful attributes these administrators possessed. The Board congratulated them all.

iv. Eagle Scout Recognition -

Mr. Sanchez, from Troop 189, shared with the Board his Eagle Scout project which was to redesign the Religious Education Hallway for St. Bernards Church. Dr. McDonald stated that scouting is a lot of work and each badge takes hours and hours of work. She congratulated Mr. Sanchez and recognized him as an outstanding member of the community.

v. Student Art Presentation: Salk Middle School

Ms. Marengi asked everyone to view the beautiful artwork by the students from Salk Middle School and thanked them for a lovely display.

NOTE: A short reception was held in the Panther Room. The meeting was reconvened in public at 8:15 PM.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports
(none)
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

Student Liaison for MacArthur, Mr. Thind, reported that the National Honor Society Induction was held where an amazing 99 students were sworn in; a Science Teacher was named Teacher of the Year by the National Honor Society Officers; an employee of the main office was named Community Advocate of the Year; a Spring Concert was held; the Key Club organized a Skate-A-Thon Fundraiser for Autism; a senior assembly was conducted to bring awareness to the dangers of driving and texting; AP Exams are being administered next week; and Prom tickets are being sold.

Mr. Lunetta, Student Liaison for Division, announced that the National Honor Society inducted 49 new members during a candle lighting ceremony, a junior was a regional winner in the VFW Post 9592 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, a senior was the winner of the Best Essay Award for the 11th annual Japan Center Essay Competition sponsored by Canon U.S.A., the Annual Night of Honor was held recently where students were inducted into the Art Honor Society, Business Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Tri-M, Thespian Honor Society and the World Language Society.

V. BUDGET HEARING/PUBLIC BE HEARD

Mr. Pastore explained that as part of the budget process, the District has to hold a Budget Hearing and provide a Budget Statement. The Budget Hearing has to be presented in three parts, Administration, Program and Capital. Mr. Pastore gave a brief overview of each of these portions. Additionally, he spoke about the Budget Statement which includes information on the budget and is available at each school building and the library. He noted that presentations on the budget has been ongoing and information is on our website. If anyone requires additional information, they can contact his office to set up an appointment.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 15-16-233

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 APRIL 2016 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 15-16-234

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

- Appropriation and Revenue reports for the month ending 3/31/16
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending April 2016
- Treasurer's report for the month ending March 2016
- Trial Balance for the month ending 3/31/16

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

3. Reaffirmation of Reserves

RESOLUTION # 15-16-235

MOTION: "WHEREAS, by action of the Levittown Board of Education, the Levittown Union Free School District has previously established certain reserves having the following balances as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

	<i>Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/15</i>
Restricted for Workers' Compensation	\$ 5,035,059
Restricted for Unemployment Insurance	\$ 2,946,811
Restricted for Employee Retirement	\$ 15,493,602
Restricted for Employee Benefits Accrued Liability	\$ 6,021,176
Restricted for Capital Reserve	\$ 8,910,158
Total Reserves	\$ 38,406,806

and WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education wishes to utilize and/or contribute additional funds where appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, hereby, authorizes transfers of 2015-2016 fund balance to any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

Reserves Transfers Not To Exceed	
Restricted for Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,000,000
Restricted for Employee Retirement	\$ 5,000,000
Restricted for Capital Reserve	\$ 7,500,000
Total Reserves	\$ 13,500,000"

NOTE: Mr. Pastore explained that every year we ask permission to put money in the reserves because we need Board approval to do this. He stated that he would like to change the date to July instead of May because he would then have more leeway. Mr. Pappas asked if we were looking good in the first three funds. Mr. Pastore responded that we are well funded. Mr. Pappas wanted to know if the district had more Workers Compensation claims. Mr. Pastore remarked that it is trending up a bit and we are having a study done to keep our eyes on it.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marenghi

4. 2016-2017 Garden City Bid for Bus Parts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-236

2016-2017
COOPERATIVE BID - MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
(Bus, Van & Auto Parts & Transmission)

GARDEN CITY UFSD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
56 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

WHEREAS, It is the plan of the Boards of Education of Garden City UFSD, Herricks UFSD, Mineola UFSD, Great Neck UFSD, Levittown UFSD, North Shore Central School District, Port Washington UFSD, East Rockaway School District, Roslyn UFSD, Long Beach UFSD, Island Park UFSD, Floral Park-Bellerose School District, Plainedge School District, Jericho School District, and East Williston UFSD County of Nassau, New York to bid jointly for Materials & Supplies (Bus & Auto Parts & Transmission) and

WHEREAS, The Levittown School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Nassau County in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and

WHEREAS, The Levittown School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Levittown School District hereby appoints David C. Murphy, Jr., of the Garden City School District to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Levittown School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Levittown School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Levittown School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards: (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee: (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s)

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

5. Contract with LIPA for EPC Solar Array

RESOLUTION # 15-16-237

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Union Free School District and Long Island Electric Utility Servco ("T&D Manager") as agent and acting on behalf of Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA for interconnection of new distributed resource equipment (solar panels as part of the energy performance contract) with capacity of 2 MW or less connected in parallel with the LIPA distribution systems."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

6. Election Workers

RESOLUTION # 15-16-238

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the individuals on the attached list as the Election Registrars for the 2016 budget and trustee vote.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

7. Dance Program Tuition

RESOLUTION # 15-16-239

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following increase to the Dance Program tuition commencing July 1, 2016:

Dance classes: \$170 per class/per year
Gymnastics classes \$190 per class/per year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

8. Universal Pre-K Sites

RESOLUTION # 15-16-240

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Tender Garden located at 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756, and Kiddie Junction located at 3 North Village Green, Levittown, NY 11756, as the two sites for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2016-17 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

9. Contract with Seneca Consulting

RESOLUTION # 15-16-241

MOTION: " RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Seneca Consulting Group to cover services related to the Affordable Care Act for the 2016-17 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:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

10. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-242

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 and 2016 - 17 school year.

- Copiague School District
- Cleary School for the Deaf
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- Brookville Center for Children's Services
- Woods Services
- Seaford UFSD
- Eden II/Genesis
- Hillside Children's Center
- Islip UFSD
- Springbrook
- The Center for Developmental Disabilities
- The Devereux Foundation
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Wantagh UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

11. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION #15-16-243

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school district to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in these districts for the 2015-16 school year:

- Westbury Union Free School District
- Mineola Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

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

RESOLUTION # 15-16-244

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 non-public schools during the 2016-2017 school year.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

13. Teachers' Center Continuation Grant

RESOLUTION #15-16-245

MOTION: “WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has received and reviewed the 2016-2017 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 2015-2016 program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the 2016-2017 Teachers’ Center grant application.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

14. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 15-16-246

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

- Six raised garden beds from The ELIJA School, Debora Thivierge, 11 Laurel Lane, Levittown, NY 11756 for The ELIJA School's agriculture growing program
- Six wood picnic benches from The ELIJA School, Mark A. Reyes, 11 Laurel Lane, Levittown, NY 11756 for The ELIJA School's front year
- A check in the amount of \$100 to be donated to Broadway School for the James Woolwich Award, awarded to one boy and one girl from East Broadway School fifth grade by Mrs. Kerry Couture, 160 Poplar Street, Garden City, NY 11530
- A 1999 Pontiac 4-door automobile - VIN No. 1G2NE52EOXC544623 for GC Tech Mr. Luna's Auto Shop class for 11th and 12th graders from Joe Trizzino, 3606 Carlisle Road, Wantagh, NY 11793."

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

15. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 15-16-247

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the 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:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

16. Obsolete Library Books

RESOLUTION # 15-16-248

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.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

17. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION # 15-16-249

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

Policy No. 7120 Age of Entrance

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi

18. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 15-16-250

MOTION: "That the Levittown Board of Education approve Schedules:

- 1001 2015-G-No. 13 Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel
- 1002 2015-GG-No. 13 Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1003 2015-H-No. 14 Appointments, Certified Personnel
- 1004 2015-H-No. 14a Appointments, Administrators
- 1005 2015-H-No. 14c Designation, Consultants
- 1006 2015-H-No. 14h Appointments, Extra Curricular
- 1007 2015-HH-No. 14 Appointments, Non-Instructional
- 1008 2015-I-No.1 Use of Fields
- 1009 2015-J-No.9 Tenure, Certified Personnel
- 1011 2015-JJ-No. 9 Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1012 2015-O-No.11 Students w/Disabilities

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Ward
ABSENT:	Peggy Marengi and Mike Pappas

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:55 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

