

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

DATE: MAY 17, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 17, 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
Ms. 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. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:00 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.
- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 8:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Pappas and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our abroad and protecting us at home.

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II. REPORTS

Recognitions

i. PTA Food Service Committee

Mr. Garcia introduced the members of Food Service Committee and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication. Additionally, he thanked the student members of the committee who he stated are the voices of their peers. Their input was the most valuable tool. He remarked that every decision made by the Committee had the students' best interest in mind. Mr. Garcia acknowledged the invaluable knowledge and experience brought to the Committee by Ms. Volpe. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Committee.

ii. Student Liaisons

Dr. McDonald shared that our two student liaisons, Mr. James Lunetta from Division Avenue High School and Mr. Armaninder Thind from MacArthur High School student are an amazing representation of our high schools. He stated that it has been an absolute pleasure to see these students at each Board meeting. Dr. McDonald remarked she will miss them. They were presented with plaques by the Board.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

(None)

IV. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. APPR Plan

RESOLUTION # 15-16-232

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached APPR Plan 2016-17 school year."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas noted that it was very nice that all representatives worked together on this plan. Dr. McDonald stated that unlike other districts our groups works together extremely well. She thanked Ms. Rifkin for her leadership.

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

NOTE: Dr. McDonald announced some events coming up such as the Memorial Day Parade, the Field of Honor at Gardiners Avenue School and announced the sports scores.

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2. Certification of Vote

RESOLUTION # 15-16-233

MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, certify the results of Proposition No. 1 (school district budget vote), Proposition No. 2 (capital projects) and Proposition No. 3 (library budget vote) and Board member elections for the school district and library which took place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the following results:

PROPOSITION NO. 1: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2016-2017 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law and on file with the District Clerk shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefor on the taxable real property of the district.

Results:	Yes	No
	1961	719

PROPOSITION NO. 2: EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District (“District”), be hereby authorized to expend from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund, previously established by the voters of the District, an amount not to exceed Four Million dollars (\$4,000,000) to undertake and perform a school building improvement project(s) (“Projects”) as described in the District’s Budget Brochure (“Brochure”) on file in the office of the District Clerk; the Projects to commence during the 2016-2017 school year and to consist of capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations to all District Buildings, including but not limited to: electrical upgrades district wide; including necessary equipment and related work, as well as preliminary and incidental costs; and that the specified Project costs as set forth in the Brochure may be reallocated among the Project’s components within the scope of this authorization.

Results:	Yes	No
	1924	696

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

Name	# of votes
Christina Lang	1470
Peggy Marenghi	1522
Thomas Lonergan	770
James Moran	1430
Maria Marciano-Xenios	570
Ed Powers	956

PROPOSITION NO. 3: “RESOLVED, that the Library budget for the year 2016-2017 proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library, and a levy of a tax therefor in accordance with Section of 259 of the Education law be approved.

Results:	Yes	No
	2042	609

LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

Name	# of votes
Richard Santer	1728“

NOTE: Dr. McDonald congratulated the newly elected candidates and thanked Ms. Appelbaum, District Clerk, for all her hard work. Mr. Ward left the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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

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IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their help in passing the budget.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk