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

DATE: JUNE 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

#### **MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** was duly called and held on Wednesday, June 8, 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 Marenghi, President

Mr. James Moran, Vice-President

Ms. Karen Ouinones-Smith

Ms. Marianne Adrian

Mr. Michael Pappas

Mr. Frank Ward – excused absence

## 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

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. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to seek advice from the Board's Attorney.
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:40 PM on a motion by Ms. Adrian seconded by Mr. Moran and approved (5-0). Ms. Marenghi 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 at home and abroad.

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## II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marenghi announced that the board would move to the auditorium to present the Spring Athletic Achievements, Art Achievements and Science Standouts.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of May 4, 2016 (Regular Meeting) and May 17, 2016 (Annual Meeting).

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**SECONDER:** Marianne Adrian

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

#### IV. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations/Recognition

## i. Spring Athletic Achievements

Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health Services, spoke about the exceptional season the sports teams had this year. He complemented the coaches on doing an outstanding job and thanked them for their hard work and devotion. The names of the athletics from All Conference, All County, Academic All County, All County Honorable Mention, County, Unsung Hero, and Scholar Athlete were announced for badminton, baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, softball, boys tennis and spring track. Mr. Synder asked everyone to give the parents a round of applause for all their support. The Board recognized these students with certificates.

#### ii. Art Achievements

Mr. Creter, Director of Art/Technology/FACS, acknowledged all the amazing art teachers who mentor these young artists. He announced the names of the students from each school who were recognized by the Art Supervisors Association for their art work. The Board congratulated these students, and they were given certificates.

#### iii. Science Standouts

Mr. McDermott, Director of Science, recognized the students from the two high schools and middle schools for their achievements in science. He spoke about the awards they received about their exceptional teachers. The Board applauded these students and certificates were handed out.

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## B. Presentations/Recognition

#### i. Student Academic Presentation – Gardiners Avenue

Dr. Vanderbeck, Principal of Gardiners Avenue, spoke about the Computer Science & Technology Program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at his school. He thanked the co-advisors to the Computer Science Club for all their help and they in turn explained the program. Three 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were introduced and led the presentation. These students shared that they enjoyed using technology to explore the different games on the program. Dr. Vanderbeck thanked the Board, Superintendent, and Central Office for all their support.

#### ii. Student Art - Year at a Glance

Dr. McDonald shared that last year she began a contest for the artwork that was displayed monthly by a different school in the hallway and Large Board Room. Each month a vote is taken for the one most liked. The pieces chosen are framed and exhibited in the hallway outside Dr. Mc Donald's office for the whole year. Additionally, a picture is taken of the artwork to be posted in the District's calendar. Dr. McDonald called up these students to receive their pieces. The Board congratulated these young artists for their amazing talent.

#### iii. Retirees

Ms. Rifkin remarked that it is with mixed emotions that we honor some of our very valued employees tonight. She commented that each one of them has made valuable contributions to the district, and they will be missed. She stated that each one of them has left a legacy behind that will help us remember all of the contributions that they made. The Principals were called up to introduce the honorees and give a brief highlight of the retiree's careers. Dr. McDonald fondly spoke about Ms. Lorelli and Ms. Rhatigan and thanked them for the wonderful job they have done throughout their years at Levittown.

#### iv. Student Art Presentation – Division Avenue High School

Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to view the beautiful artwork by the students of Division Avenue. She thanked them for allowing us to observe their exceptional work.

NOTE: Dr. McDonald thanked the Culinary Department for all the hard work the students did all year long for all the receptions that were held. A reception was held in the Panther Room to recognize all the retirees. The Board reconvened in public at 9:20 PM.

#### C. Superintendent

## 1. Comments and Reports

#### A. GC Tech Update

Mr. Pastore gave a brief update on the GC Tech program. He handed out charts with the financial and trend information for the program. He noted that the revenue is starting to dip a bit therefore we will be under budget. Although everyone feels it is a great program, Mr. Pastore recommended keeping a careful eye on the program because slight variations in enrollment could cause concern. There was a discussion from the Board on State Aid, the Perkins Grant, and the cost of the program, BOCES programs, and previous analysis models. The Board agreed that they didn't want to lose this program, and Dr. McDonald pointed out that she was looking into offering different classes to attract more students. She pointed out that the staff and Administration has worked very hard with the students.

#### B. Cell Phone Policy

Dr. McDonald reported that each year we are required to present this policy to the Board for approval at the Organizational Meeting in July. She asked if any Board members wished to discuss this now. Mr. Pappas felt that the district should not have to reimburse Administrators \$75 a month for personal cell phones. Ms. Marenghi commented that she does not have a problem with this and likes the luxury of knowing she can reach them at any time since we are paying for their phone. Ms. Adrian noted that where she works the Administrators have a separate cell phone only used for work that is paid for by the courts. There was a discussion on this subject and a consensus was reached to keep this policy.

#### C. CM Fund

Mr. Pastore reviewed the CM Fund which a miscellaneous revenue fund which is made up of programs which we used to have and there are still balances in the fund. He noted that the Auditors wanted us to reclassify this find since it is not active. He wanted to remind the Board of how much money was still in the fund. Mr. Pastore, with the Boards approval, recommended moving the money into the Trust and Agency Fund. He noted that the money would not be spent but held in trust until the Board decides the disposition of the funds. Dr. McDonald stated that it is a very unusual fund that not many school districts have it and by closing it we will simplify our fund accounting. Mr. Pappas remarked that the Board had spoken many times on using the money from this fund to redo the cafeterias. Dr. McDonald noted that the money from the Latchkey Program could be put into the Capital Fund earmarked for cafeteria renovations. The Board agreed.

## D. AP Spanish Class Size

Ms. Rifkin noted that the AP Spanish Class has seven students enrolled. She wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board since this is lower than we would typically run a class. The Board agreed that the class should be run.

## E. Adult Education Update

Ms. Rifkin gave an update on the district's Adult Education Program. She reported that the enrollment has significantly dropped since 2009 probably due to so many on-line classes being offered. However, enrollment has increased since last year which may be attributed to having no summer classes and more advertising. Ms. Rifkin reviewed the revenue and expense summary. She noted that the program is operating at a slight loss. Mr. Pappas asked if districts are mandated to run an Adult Ed Program. Dr. McDonald responded that it is not a requirement to run this program. Ms. Rifkin stated that it is more common for districts to not run an Adult Ed Program. Dr. McDonald personal opinion is that the money involved is not a large amount to spend for senior citizens who want to take advantage of the classes offered. She commented that she would look into how some districts run successful programs. Ms. Rifkin noted that a survey was conducted on-line but the response was small. She stated that Syntax would include promotion for the program in our newsletters and try to expand on the exercise classes which tend to draw in more people. Ms. Marenghi felt that we should continue the program because the senior citizens always support our schools. Mr. Pappas asked if we could combine our program with another school. Dr. McDonald remarked she would explore this possibility especially with BOCES. Mr. Cohen asked if the library had similar programs. Dr. McDonald noted she would look into this. The Board agreed to continue the program.

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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

Ms. Marenghi shared that recently she had met with the Auditors to discuss what the Controller's Office was requiring for their audit. She stated that she had asked that they review the School Activity Fund and the EBALR. Ms. Marenghi was happy to share that the preliminary findings reported very few things that needed to be tweaked.

2. Correspondence (none)

## 3. Student Liaisons

Student Liaison for MacArthur, Mr. Thind, reported that 87 Spring Orchestra and Chorus students participated in the Music in the Park Competition and took home awards; the Annual Art Show was held in the lobby of MacArthur where everyone could admire the artistic talents of the students; the Senior Variety Show was a huge success especially the Peer Leader Dance number; the Kam Jam Tournament fundraiser was held for cancer research and raised \$1200; the Spring Concert II was conducted; the Science Research Symposium was held; 160 scholarships were distributed at the Senior Academic Awards Ceremony; the Girls Varsity Softball won the title of Long Island Champions. Other upcoming events are Athletic Awards Ceremony, Senior Prom and Graduation. Mr. Thind remarked that his time together with the Board and Central Office was precious. He noted that he learned a lot and will help him in his future endeavors.

Mr. Lunetta reported on events at Division Avenue which were: the Jewish War Veterans East Meadow Post #709 recognized several students at its annual awards presentation; the Friends of Long Island wrestling awarded a senior a \$1,000 scholarship at their Hall of Fame Induction Banquet; the Business Ownership and Marketing class had a "Shark Tank" Competition through the Junior Achievement of New York Association; the Varsity Baseball team won the Conference All Championship; Senior Events were held such as BBQ/Yearbook distribution, Senior Awards and Graduation rehearsal. Mr. Lunetta thanked the Board and Central Administration for allowing him the opportunity to serve as Board Liaison which permitted him to see the time, effort and dedication that goes into running the district. Additionally, it helped him to see all the amazing things that happen in Levittown schools every day.

Dr. McDonald wished the boy well in college and offered them their name plates as a remembrance of their time on the Board. Ms. Marenghi, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Student Liaisons for their service. She remarked that they were both well spoken representatives of their schools.

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## V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants 15-16-234

**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 2016 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 2. Business Office Reports

15-16-235

**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 4/30/16
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending May 2016
- Treasurer's report for the month ending April 2016
- Trial Balance for the month ending 4/30/16
- Credit card statement from Citibank for period ending 4/22/16 and 5/22/16
- Fund Balance Projection for June 30, 2016."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas had questions on the Claims Audit Report. He was concerned about the incorrect amount of remittance addresses for the fiscal year. Dr. McDonald noted that she spoke with the Purchasing Agent in regards to this matter. She explained that often companies change their address without notifying us and we could send multiple checks to the old address. When we are notified, we change the vendor file but it comes up as an error. Mr. Pastore added that sometimes companies have different processes where you order from one address but the accounts receivable office is another. Dr. McDonald stated that the Business Office will try to keep better track of this.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

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3. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

15-16-236

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

4. Bid Approval - Dumpsters

15-16-237

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS16-003 for roll-off dumpsters as per attached specifications for the 2016-2017 school year."

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

5. Bid Approval - Printing

15-16-238

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS16-002 for printing of district newsletters, calendar and district budget notice postcard to ToBay Printing Co. For the 2016-2017 school year."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

6. Bid Approval - Athletic Trainers

15-16-239

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS 16-005 for Athletic Trainer Services to Winthrop for the 2016-2017 school year."

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 7. Bid Approval - Tutorial, Special Education and Health Related Services

15-16-240

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the District extend the 2015-2016 contracts to the 2016-2017 school year for the firms on the attached spreadsheet awarded contracts for special education services pursuant to the extension provisions in RFP #15-005 LPS- - Tutorial, Special Education and Health Related Educational Services, and:

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 8. Bid Approval - General Construction

**PULLED** 

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS16-008 for general construction (single prime) site improvements as per attached specifications for the 2016-2017 school year."

## 9. Request for Proposals - Architect

15-16-241

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, John A. Grillo, Architect, PC be appointed District Architect for the 2016-17 school year to render such services as described in BOCES RFP No. 2311.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

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#### 10. BOCES Letter of Intent 2016-17

15-16-242

**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 2016-2017 school year."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 11. Contract with East Meadow Driving School

15-16-243

**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."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas noted that the fee had not changed and that the contract stated that the cars should not be over four years old. He asked how many cars we have. Ms. Rifkin responded that we have two cars that we use regularly, a 2005 Taurus and a 2010 Impala. We also have a backup car, a 2002 Stratus, and a last resort car, a 1991 Acclaim. Ms. Rifkin remarked a few years ago, she was directed not to replace these cars. She remarked that the cars are costing a lot of money to repair and we now need to make a decision as where to go from here with the program. Mr. Pappas asked if leasing is an option. Dr. McDonald stated that she was not sure about leasing cars with dual brakes and steering. She advised that she would bring more information to the Board at the next meeting so a decision can be made to either buy more cars, outsource the program or eliminate drivers education.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

#### 12. School Lunch Price Increase

15-16-244

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve an increase in school lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Grades Current Price Proposed Price

Elementary (Grades K-5) \$2.45 \$2.55 Secondary (Grades 6-12) \$2.70 \$2.80"

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NOTE: There was a discussion from the Board on the pricing of the school lunches. Mr. Pastore advised we must increase our prices by ten cents but we can go up as high as seventeen cents. Mr. Pappas was questioning this amount. Ms. Adrian asked if there was a range to increase. Mr. Moran asked if we just go with the mandated increase will we be in the hole. Mr. Pastore explained the process used to come up with this amount. Dr. McDonald commented that you have to keep raising the price until you have reached the level the Federal Government wants. They do not want school to get back a reimbursement higher than they are charging. Mr. Pappas wanted to know if we were in compliance with the National School Lunch Program. Mr. Pastore responded that we are in compliance in terms of the food that we serve. The consensus of the Board was to keep the increase to ten cents and revisit it next year.

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [4-1-0] MOVER: James Moran, Vice President

**SECONDER:** Mike Pappas

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marenghi

NAYS: Mike Pappas ABSENT: Frank Ward

## 13. Special Education Contracts

15-16-245

**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:

- West Hempstead UFSD Tuition Contract 2016-2017
- Island Park Schools- Tuition Contract 2016-2017
- School for Language and Communication Tuition Contract 2016-2017
- United Cerebral Palsy Tuition Contract 2016-2017
- iTUTOR.com Tuition Contract 2016-2017
- Plainedge Public Schools Tuition Summer 2016
- Syosset Central School District - Tuition Contract 2016-2017

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:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

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#### 14. Contract for Prom Venue

15-16-246

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Verdi's of Westbury as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Junior Prom.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

#### 15. Contract with Jostens Yearbook

15-16-247

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Jostens Yearbook to provide yearbook services including pages color, World Beat Magazine, Marketing Program and shipping for Salk Middle School and Wisdom Lane Middle School.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

16. Modification and Extension of Employment Agreement - Dr. Tonie McDonald 15-16-248

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Modification and Extension of the Employment Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and Dr. Tonie McDonald, as per the terms of the attached agreement;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Modification and Extension of Employment Agreement."

NOTE: The Board wished Dr. McDonald many years in the Levittown School District.

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** James Moran, Vice President

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 17. Memorandum of Understanding

15-16-249

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Levittown Union Free School District and confidential employees: Randi D'Ambrosio, Jill Steiger, Cathy Dinda, Susan Garibaldi, Debby Sloan, and Charlene Drewes, as per the terms of the attached Memorandums of Understanding;

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

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

18. Memorandums of Understanding with CSEA Employee Benefit Retiree Vision Plan 15-16-250

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Memorandums of Agreements with the Civil Service Employees' Association Employee Benefit Fund regarding the addition of retiree vision plans under the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund. There is no change to the current District obligation to the Benefit Fund.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

## 19. Authorization for Foreign Field Trip

15-16-251

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize students from Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur High Schools to participate in a foreign field trip to Spain, France and Italy from February 15 to February 24, 2017."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 20. Bid - Joint Municipal Bidding Program

15-16-252

**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 Union Free School District, 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 <u>Newsday</u>, 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."

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

## 21. 2016 Summer Transportation Contract Extensions

15-16-253

**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 2016 Summer transportation contracts/extensions:

Contract #	Bid Date	Contractor	Amount
413272	5/13/13	Acme/Baumann Bus Corp Contract Extension	\$0
413626	5/15/14	Acme/Baumann Bus Corp Contract Extension	\$0
414602	5/12/15	Acme/Baumann Bus Corp Contract Extension	\$0
414704	6/23/15	Acme/Baumann Bus Corp Contract Extension	\$0
413627	5/15/14	Educational Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
414605	5/12/15	Educational Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
414706	6/23/15	Educational Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
260762	4/17/08	Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
413629	5/15/14	Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
414603	5/12/15	Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
413273	5/13/13	We Transport, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
414604	5/12/15	We Transport, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
414705	6/23/15	We Transport, Inc Contract Extension	\$0
	5/16/16	Acme/Baumann Bus Corp - Contract	\$0
	5/16/16	Educational Bus Transportation	\$0
	5/16/16	First Student, Inc.	\$0
	5/16/16	We Transport, Inc.	\$0

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

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

#### 22. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services.

15-16-254

**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:

• Half Hollow Hills

New Hyde Park Garden City Park 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:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

#### 23. Obsolete Equipment

15-16-255

**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: Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

ABSENT: Frank Ward

#### 24. Obsolete Library Books

15-16-256

**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.

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

25. Gifts to School 15-16-257

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

- A check in the amount of \$241.50 to be donated to Summit Lane School Student Activity Fund from Box Tops for Education, 13700 Oakland Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203
- A check in the amount of \$56.30 to be donated to Wisdom Lane Middle School GO Fund from Bais Yaskov Fax Settlement Fund, c/o GCG; PO Box 10226, Dublin, OH 43-17-5726
- A check in the amount of \$789.80 to be donated to Wisdom Lane Middle GO Fund from Box Tops for Education, 13700 Oakland Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203
- A check in the amount of \$416.20 to be donated Abbey Lane School Student Activity Fund from Box Tops Education, 13700 Oakland Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203
- A check in the amount of \$400.00 and equipment to be donated to Lee Road School's new STEAM room from Harris Corporation, PO Box 13606, Rochester, NY 14613-0606
- A check in the amount of \$1268.00 to be donated to Abbey Lane School's Autism Program to be used for supplies from Execusearch Group, 675 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017
- A check in the amount of \$200.00 to be donated to Abbey Lane Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- Checks in the amount of \$400.00 and \$320.44 to be donated to Northside School to purchase T-shirts for new kindergarten students from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459-0214
- A check in the amount of \$300.00 to be donated to Summit Lane Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- Checks in the amount of \$1200.00 and \$667.74 to be donated to MacArthur High School Grades 9
   12 from Target Take Charge of Education, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- A check in the amount of \$600.00 to be donated to East Broadway Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$100.00 to be donated to Wisdom Lane GO fund to be used for all grades from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- A check in the amount of \$200.00 to be donated to Salk Middle School Student Activities Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- A check in the amount of \$500.00 to be donated to Gardiners Avenue for materials for student use during recess and for indoor board games from Target Take Charge of Education, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 55459
- A check in the amount of \$500.00 to be donated to Lee Road School's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459

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• A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be donated to Division Avenue's Student Government Organizational Fund from ICF International, 530 Gaither Road, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20850

- A check in the amount of \$300.00 to be donated to Division Avenue's Student Government Organizational Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$124.88 to be donated to Abbey Lane's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$116.61 to be donated to Salk Middle School Student Activities Fun from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be donated to Division Avenue's Competitive Marching Band to be used for a new podium from Mr. George Muench and family, 54 Hickory Lane, Levittown, NY 11756.
- A check in the amount of \$288.93 to be donated to Lee Road's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$175.72 to be donated to Summit Lane's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$54.45 to be donated to Wisdom Lane's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$293.65 to be donated to Gardiners Avenue School for materials for students to use during recess and for indoor games from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$365.00 to be donated to East Broadway's Student Activity Fund from Target Take Charge of Education, Mail Stop 5CF, PO Box 59214, Minneapolis, MN 59459
- A check in the amount of \$13,695.00 for the purchase of a steel vault box, a steel vault box cover, a steeplechase package and a steeplechase cover from The Mercury Club c/o Lisa Dugan, President, 3579 Hunt Road, Wantagh, NY 11793"

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary SECONDER: James Moran, Vice-President

**AYES:** Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

26. Schedules 15-16-259

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

2015-G-No. 14	Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel
2015-GG-No. 14	Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel
2015-H-No. 15	Appointments, Certified Personnel
2015-H-No. 15a	Appointments, Administrators
2015-H-No. 15C	Appointments, Consultants
	2015-GG-No. 14 2015-H-No. 15 2015-H-No. 15a

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1006	2015-H-No. 15fl	Appointments, Summer School
1007	2015-H-No. 15g	Designation, Coaching
1008	2015-H-No. 15h	Appointments, Extra Curricular
1009	2015-HH-No.15	Appointments, Non-Instructional
1010	2015-HH-No.15al	Salary Change, Non-Instructional
1011	2015-JJ-No.10	Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel
1012	2015-K-No. 10	Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel
1013	2015-KK-No. 10	Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel
1014	2015-0-No.11	Students w/Disabilities

## SEPARATE VOTE ON Schedule 1004, 2015-H-No. 15a

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

NOTE: Ms. Marenghi noted that this schedule is for the new Principal of Division Avenue High School. On behalf of the Board, she expressed her confidence that Mr. Coscia would do an outstanding job.

## **VOTE ON ALL OTHER SCHEDULES:**

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Marianne Adrian

**SECONDER:** Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

NOTE: Mr. Moran informed the Board that he had a family member on one of the schedules.

VII. AD HOC (NONE)

MOTION: That the Board go into Executive Session at **EXECUTIVE SESSION** 

10:35 PM to seek advice of legal counsel.

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Mike Pappas SECONDER: Marianne Adrian

AYES: Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Pappas, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** Frank Ward

# IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Marianne Adrian

**AYES:** Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi

**ABSENT:** 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

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## **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.

Jane Finkelstein

848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein wished the Students Liaisons the best in their future endeavors. She noted that the students have already taken the Common Core Algebra II Regents and now will be taking the Algebra II/Trigonometry Regents. She wanted to know how the students were doing and what the percentages of students are in jeopardy of failing. Is there talk of changing the 10% for grade weighting of the Regents?

Additionally, Ms. Finkelstein reported that she recently read an article on Salk Middle School and the National Character Award. She feels the Board should honor them for this award since it was about character traits.

#### Tom Kohlman

## 806 Brent Drive, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Kohlman had two informational items: The MacArthur Track Team had a great Hall of Fame Dinner and the Levittown Community Council sponsored their Annual Junior Volunteer Award which recognizes outstanding youths enrolled in the Levittown and Island Trees Middle Schools. He thanked all those who attended

On another note, Mr. Kohlman reported that at lot of parents had been discussing the payment method in the cafeteria. He mentioned that they have to input their ID# even if they are paying cash. He thought this had been worked out so that you no longer had to do this with a cash transaction. He would appreciate if someone would look into this issue.