BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEVITTOWN, NY

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, September 21, 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. James Moran, President
Ms. Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
Ms. Marianne Adrian - excused absence
Ms. Christina Lang
Mr. Michael Pappas – arrived at 8:00pm
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith
Mr. Frank Ward (in memorium)

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Donald Sturz – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch - Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Ms. Arianna Wynn, Student Liaison for MacArthur High School
Mr. Steven Reilly, Student Liaison for Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mr. Moran, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Ms. Marenghi, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (4-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to seek legal advice from the Board's Attorney.

B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Ms. Lang second by Ms. Quinones-Smith and approved (4-0). Mr. Moran asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops overseas and in the states to be safe.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Moran asked everyone to remain standing to view a video of the chorus from both high schools recently singing the National Anthem at Citifield. Dr. McDonald reported that this is the third time the chorus has sung at the Met game.

III. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

1. Student Academic Presentation - East Broadway School

Ms. Wink, Principal of East Broadway, gave some background information on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Club. She introduced the two teachers from the STEAM Club who in turn introduced their students. The teachers reported that the East Broadway School has embraced the STEAM movement. They gave a brief description of some of the projects and activities the students participated in. These activities incorporate hands-on learning. They stated that the enthusiasm of STEAM Club members makes it clear that we should continue to provide opportunities for students to participate in STEAM activities and encourage their creative minds inside and outside of the classroom.

B. Recognition

1. Student Art Display - East Broadway School

Dr. McDonald thanked the young artists for their beautiful artwork.

2. 9/11 Quilt Reveal - GC Tech

The GC Tech Key Club and advisor, Ms. Creedon, unveiled a memorial quilt commemorating the 15th anniversary of 9/11. This two-year project was constructed with squares depicting the heartfelt and personalized sentiments of contributors including GC Tech students, faculty and community members. The quilt will hang outside of the Superintendent's office until it is gifted to the Levittown Public Library next summer.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

A. State of the District Commencement Level

Mr. Winch completed his report from last week with a presentation on Commencement Level Assessments including Regents Exams, Advanced Placement Exams, SAT and ACT Exams, diploma types and college credit courses. He highlighted key points, trends, and results on the Regents Exams for subjects in Mathematics, Science and ELA. Additionally, Mr. Winch discussed what plans for improvement are in place so that we can provide the students with the best possible education they can receive. Dr. McDonald commented that the results on the Regents are wonderful and she wanted to thank all the Directors, Principals and teachers who have negotiated a difficult landscape of the past few years. Regarding, Advanced Placements Tests, Mr. Winch reported that there is a tremendous increase in exams taken as we expose students to more challenging course work. He noted that we have many students who receive

college credit by taking one of the many college credit courses we offer. He commented that this is another wonderful way to expose students to higher level course work and also provide them with an incentive for financial savings. Mr. Winch shared that we have Articulation Agreements with colleges and postsecondary technical schools through GC Tech which allow students to obtain credits. He stated that this is an indicator of the strength of the GC Tech program. McDonald stated that Levittown was one of the pioneers of college level credit courses. Mr. Winch went on to discuss the trends in the SAT and ACT exams along with the different diploma types. He shared the many notable colleges where our students have been accepted. He pointed out that we are very proud that Division Avenue was designated as a "Reward School" for the 2015-2016 school year and MacArthur is designated for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Winch acknowledged that the great results are the work of an entire community made up of students, parents, teachers, administrators, directors, support staff and the Board. Mr. Pappas thanked everyone involved especially those who helped with the chemistry results. Mr. Pappas asked if the AP results and exams taken are similar for both high schools. Mr. Winch responded yes.

B. Board Goals

Dr. McDonald asked the Board if they had any ideas on what to focus on next year. The consensus of the Board was to discuss this topic at the October Board meeting.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. McDonald read a letter that was sent to Ms. Finkelstein regarding the questions she asked at the last Board meeting on substitute teachers and permanent subs.

3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports
(none)

2. Correspondence
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Both students were unavailable for tonight's meeting.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Budget Transfer RESOLUTION # 16-17-135

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,

Code	Code Description	$ From	$ To	Reason
A1989 4000	Planned General Fund Balance	30,000.00		To adjust 2016-2017 salaries to actual amounts
A1240 1500	Superintendent Salary		30,000.00	
A1325 1600	Treasurer Salary	73,000.00		
A2020 1500	Principal's Salary	84,000.00		
A1310 1500	BO Instructional Salary		169,749.00	
A1989 4000	Planned General Fund Balance	12,749.00		
A1989 4000	Planned General Fund Balance	65,880.00		
A1430 1500	Personnel Superintendent Salary		65,880.00	
A2250 1250	Special Ed. Teachers' Salary 6-8	25,642.00		
A2250 1255	Special Ed. Teacher Assistant 6-8		25,642.00	
A2810 1600	Guidance Non-Instructional Salary	24,000.00		
A2810 1500	Guidance Salaries		24,000.00	
	Total	315,271.00	315,271.00	

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas was concerned about taking money out of the General Fund Balance to pay bills.

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

2. Waive Second Read of Policy RESOLUTION # 16-17-136

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy #1410, the Board of Education hereby waives the second reading for proposed revision of Board Policy #5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance."

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

3. Approval of Revised Board of Education Policy RESOLUTION # 16-17-137

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

Policy #	Policy Name
5630	Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance"

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

4. Contract with Lifetouch Studios - Division Avenue HS RESOLUTION # 16-17-138

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts with Lifetouch National School Studios/Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch to serve as school photographer for Division Avenue High School.

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

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [4-0-1]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSTAIN:	Mike Pappas
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

5. Transportation Contract RESOLUTION # 16-17-139

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 2016-17 transportation contracts/extensions:

Contractor's Name	Date of Contract	Cost
Nassau BOCES	8/31/16	$29,463.00

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

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

6. Transportation Contract BOCES RESOLUTION # 16-17-140

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached transportation contract with Nassau BOCES for the 2016-17 school year outdoor trips at a cost of $17,699.80; and,

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

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

7. Schedules RESOLUTION #16-17-141

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

1001 Resignations/Terminations, Instructional Personnel

1002 Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel

1003 Appointments, Certified Personnel

1004 Appointments, Consultants

1005 Appointments, Extra-Curricular

1006 Salary Change, Instructional

1007 Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel

1008 Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel

1009 Leave of Absence, Instructional Personnel

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Establish Scholarship RESOLUTION # 16-17-142

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the Bryan C. Pleines Scholarship for Division Avenue High School for a varsity athlete in the amount of $500.00 according to the attached criteria."

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

2. Establish Scholarship RESOLUTION # 16-17-143

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the DAHS Dragon Senior Pioneer Scholarship for two students (one male and one female) in the amount of $10,000 per student according to the attached criteria."

NOTE: Dr. McDonald commented that this donation was made by a former graduate from Division Avenue whose parents still live in the community. He felt his success is due to his education from the Levittown School District.

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Christina Lang
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

3. Gift to School RESOLUTION # 16-17-144

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

- EPSON Stylus Pro 7900 (24 inch plot) at an approximate value of $5,472 to be donated to MacArthur High School (room C4) from Mr. Benjamin Garcia, A&E Network, 235 45th Street, New York, NY 10017."

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

VII. DATES

October 19, 2016 - Regular Meeting

November 2, 2016 - Regular Meeting

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	**MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]**
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Marenghi, Lang, Quinones-Smith
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:45 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.

Laura Brown 84 Harvest Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Brown was not speaking on behalf of PTA but as a long time parent in the District. She had questions on the photography contract with Lifetouch Photography. She was pleased that the Business Office and the Board were reviewing the contract but was confused as to why the contract was being signed now for services that have already taken place. Ms. Brown would like the Board to pursue other companies' proposals for services. She went over details of the contract in regards to the profit and pricing structure, packages offered and scholarships awarded. Ms. Brown feels that a stronger contract for photography could be negotiated.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein thanked Mr. Winch for an excellent graphic presentation which was easy to read. Additionally, she thanked everyone for all their help in dealing with the regents and curriculum last year. Ms. Finkelstein remarked that she felt we should be doing a better job of marketing the college credits that can be obtained rather than taking AP courses. She reported that her son finished school with fifteen college credits.