

**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, October 18 2017 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 MEMBERS

Ms. Peggy Marenghi, President
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Vice President
Mr. Dillon Cain
Ms. Christina Lang
Ms. Jennifer Messina
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – arrived at 8 PM

ADMINISTRATION

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

OTHERS

Mr. Bob Cohen – Legal Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. Erin Cassano – Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Ms. Sonia Inderjit – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Ms. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Ms. Adrian, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the confidential employees.

B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0). Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Helen Zhang, a senior from MacArthur High School. Ms. Marenghi also requested a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

i. Musical Performance – MacArthur High School (Beauty and the Beast)

The Board and audience moved to the auditorium to watch the wonderful performance of “Beauty and the Beast.” The members of the play sang three numbers.

B. Recognition

i. Art Display – Abbey Lane School

Ms. Marengi thanked the students from Abbey Lane for the adorable art work in the Board Room and hallway.

ii. Board Recognition

Mr. Winch reported that the New York State School Boards Association recognizes one week in October every year as “School Board Recognition Week.” He commented that this is the time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school Board members. Levittown School District is joining all public School Districts across the State to celebrate this event to honor our Board members for their commitment to the Levittown School District and its children. It takes strong schools to build a strong community and these individuals devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level. They make the difficult decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of school District that our community members expect. Mr. Winch noted that as we do each year, we have several presentations to make to our Board. He presented citations from local politicians for the Board and thanked the members of the three Unions; ALSA, LUT and the CSEA for sponsoring the dinner prior to the meeting. Also in attendance to honor the Board were the PTA Council President and representatives from each school. Ms. Marengi thanked everyone for their gifts. She remarked that it is a lot of work being a Board member but we are so rewarded by what we see out in the community. She thanked the school and community for always making the Board of Education so proud to say we are from Levittown.

Ms. Marengi shared that at the NYSSBA Convention last week, we had a presentation by Mr. McDermott titled “No Child Left Inside.” She commented that everyone was shocked by our Outdoor Classroom and Environmental Center that promotes the lesson of discovery, thinking and application. The Board thanked Mr. McDermott and Ms. Mills for an outstanding job. Ms. Marengi asked everyone to join the Board for refreshments in the Panther Room.

iii. Student Recognition – Pay It Forward

Mr. Winch explained that every Summer there is a reading initiative. It is mandatory for all students to read the book assigned to their grade level as this book will become the anchor text for the fall and will be used for lessons and activities when the students return to school. This Summer at the middle level (grades 6,7,8), students read the book “Pay It Forward.” Mr. Avena, Principal of Wisdom Middle School, called up two students and shared a story about what they did after reading their book assignment.

iv. **College Board Honorees**

Mr. Winch asked the Principals from both high schools, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Coscia to come up front to assist him with this award. He spoke about the National Merit Scholarship Program which is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. He noted that high school students enter the competition by taking the PSAT which serves as an initial screening for approximately 1.6 million students each year. Mr. Winch stated that this year we are proud to announce that we have six students who are being recognized as either a National Merit Commended Scholar or a Semi-finalist. He added that we also have a MacArthur senior who has been named a Semi-finalist in the prestigious 2017 Siemens Competition. Mr. Winch congratulated all of these students, their parents, and teachers.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports
(none)
2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions
(none)
3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi reported that she and the Superintendent attended a R.E.F.I.T. meeting yesterday which had to do with financial equity among Districts. She commented that she will also be attending the NYSSBA Executive Meeting which she is a member of. Additionally, Ms. Marengi shared that some members of the Board went to the New York State School Boards Association Convention in Lake Placid recently. She noted it was a great experience and very informative with a lot of collaboration and networking. Ms. Adrian mentioned that it was a great event with many informational sessions.

2. Correspondence
(none)
3. Student Liaisons

Ms. Cassano, the student representative from MacArthur High School, reported that a lot of exciting things are happening such as: an extremely successful homecoming parade and pre-game festivities; three College Mini Fairs; Annual Back to School Night; Annual Financial Aid Night; Newsday Marching Band Festival; Pink-out football game; DigPink volley ball game; and Mac's Got Talent Competition.

The Student Liaison for Division, Ms. Inderjit, announced that: both juniors and seniors attended the three Annual College Mini-fairs; the Annual Homecoming Festivities were held; the Hall of Fame Inductees were honored; the JV and Varsity volleyball teams had their DigPink game; Varsity football will hold their Pink Out game on Friday; Career Development will hold a Halloween Dance; and LEADD Week is coming up.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 17-18-117

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and October 3, 2017 Special Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 17-18-118

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 SEPTEMBER 2017 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 17-18-119

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

- Appropriation and Revenue Reports

For the period July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017
For the period July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017

- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending September 2017
- Treasurer's report for the month ending July 2017 and August 2017
- Credit card statement from Citibank for period ending 10/17/17"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 17-18-120

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</u>	<u>Code Description</u>	<u>Amount From</u>	<u>Amount To</u>
A2110.4500	Materials & Supplies - Instruction		\$12,000.00
A2113.4500	Materials & Supplies - Science		\$12,000.00

Reason: Elementary STEAM purchases

F2254.4740.	Tuition 10 mon sch age 4201		\$26,106.82
1617-4201	sch yr		
F2254.4750	Tuition 10 mon pre scho 4201		\$1,000.00
1617-4201	sch yr		
F2254.4750.	4201 17-18 preschool 10 month		\$31,000.00
1718-4201			
F2254.4740	4201 17-18 school age 10 month		\$58,106.82
1718-4201			

Reason: Monies are needed due to rate increases and an additional student attending a 4201 school age program

A1620.1630	O & M Custodial Salaries		\$30,000.00
A1620.1650	O & M Groundskeepers Salaries		\$17,898.00
A1620.1670	O & M Summer Custodians/Grounds		\$47,898.00

Reason: To relocate funds to cover summer custodians/grounds positions for 2017/18 summer.

A5510.1600	Transportation - Bus Drivers		\$200,000.00
A5510.1680	Transportation - Bus Drivers OT		\$40,000.00
A5510.5710	Transportation - Fuel for Buses		\$140,000.00
A5540.4000	Transportation - Contracted Buses		\$380,000.00

Reason: To adjust budget to reflect contracted transportation for new non-public school and the use of contracted buses for non-public schools regular and late bus service

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-121

5. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-122

6. Board Goals

MOTION: "WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of setting long term and short term goals for the District.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the attached goals are adopted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-123

7. Memorandum of Agreement with Levittown United Teachers

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratify and approve the Stipulation of Agreement between the Levittown United Teachers (LUT) and the Levittown Union Free School District covering the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2019 revising Article IX as set forth in the attached."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-124

8. Memorandum of Agreement with Levittown United Teachers

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratify and approve the Stipulation of Agreement between the Levittown United Teachers (LUT) and the Levittown Union Free School District covering the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2019 revising Article XIV as set forth in the attached."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

9. Contract with MTI Production

RESOLUTION # 17-18-125

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Music Theater International, with terms as outlined in the attached contract rights, scores and scripts for "Mary Poppins" from March 22, 2018 through March 24, 2018 at MacArthur High School; and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-126

10. Agreement with SourceSuite - Bid Net

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve an agreement with SourceSuite-BidNet for web-based solicitation and bidding services, including maintenance and support services at the rate of service on an as is basis and any customized work at the rate of \$125.00 per hour and a surplus auction fee of 5% commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached agreement.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION # 17-18-127

11. Agreement with Visionary Adventures

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve an agreement with Visionary Adventures Inc. for the moving and rebuilding of all indoor high elements at MacArthur High School in the Auxiliary gym and the removal of the rock wall at the rate of service of \$12,450.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached agreement.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

12. Food Service Committee 2017-18

RESOLUTION # 17-18-128

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint the individuals on the attached list to the Levittown School District Food Service Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

13. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 17-18-129

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached tuition contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts for the purpose of Levittown providing specialized educational services at the GC Tech program to children residing in those districts:

- Wantagh Union Free School District
- Massapequa Union Free School District
- Plainedge Union Free School District

- Bethpage Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION # 17-18-130

14. Inter-municipal Agreements - Fuel

MOTION: "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached Inter-municipal Agreements between the Levittown Union Free School District and the following school districts for the purpose of Levittown providing access to the fueling station;

- Plainedge Public Schools

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION # 17-18-131

15. Contract with Lifetouch Studios - MacArthur HS

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

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-132

16. Transportation Contract BOCES

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 contracts with Nassau BOCES for the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$26,395.00 and \$25,704.00; and,

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-133

17. Transportation Contract

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 2017-18 transportation contracts/extensions:

Contractor's Name	Date of Contract	Cost
WE Transport	9/11/17	\$3,850
We Transport	10/10/17	\$34,650
Educational Bus	10/10/17	\$0

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION # 17-18-134

18. Special Education Contracts

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 2017 - 18 school year.

- The Center for Developmental Disabilities
- Dr. Kimberly Williams
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Advantage Care
- Bethpage UFSD – Summer School
- Bethpage UFSD - Tuition
- Apex Therapeutic Services LLC

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

19. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 17-18-135

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 [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

20. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION #17-18-136

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

Policy No. 5660 - School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)

Policy No. 5720 - Transportation of Students

Policy No. 5640 - Smoking/Tobacco Use

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION #17-18-137

21. Schedules

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

- 1001 “Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional”
- 1003 “Appointments, Certified Personnel
- 1004 “Designation, Coaching”
- 1005 “Designation, Consultants”
- 1006 “Extra -Curricular” Clubs
- 1007 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1008 “Appointments, Permanent Status”
- 1009 “Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel”
- 1010 “Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional”
- 1011 “Students with Disabilities”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina

RESOLUTION # 17-18-138

22. Termination of Employee

MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with Civil Service Law § 71, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Employee #2327, a Bus Driver, effective October 18, 2017.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 17-18-139

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

- A check in the amount of \$100.00 to be deposited in the East Broadway Student Activity Fund for the James Woolwhich Award from Kerry Couture, 160 Poplar Street, Garden City, NY 11530
- A check in the amount of \$6.78 to be deposited in the Division Avenue SGOF Extra-Curricular Fund from The Kula Foundation, 6600 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, 600 Embassy Row, Suite 255, Atlanta, GA 30328
- A check in the amount of \$118.71 to be deposited in Abbey Lane Student Activity Fund from eScrip, 1810 Gateway Drive, Suite 115, San Mateo, CA 94404
- A 2001 Volkswagen Jetta (VIN No. 3VWSK69M41M189825) to be donated to the GC Tech Automotive Program from Mr. Thomas Williams, 72 Martin Road North, Bethpage, NY 11714
- A check in the amount of \$7.64 to be deposited in the Northside School Student Activity Fund from The Kula Foundation, 6600 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, 600 Embassy Row, Suite 255, Atlanta, GA 30382
- Two checks in the amount of \$10.00 each to be deposited in the Northside School Student Activity Fund from Neiman Marcus Group Associate Giving Program, 2508 Highlander Way, Suite 210, Carrollton, TX 75006
- Cables, hardware and baseball netting for a canopy for the MacArthur High School varsity baseball field from the Levittown Senior League, Richard D. Danetti, 1168 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 .”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies

Policy #5220 - District Investments - Second Read

Policy #6551 - Family and Medical Leave Act

NOTE: There were no questions asked regarding these policies.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianna Adrian
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:15 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.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein thanked the Board of Education and Administration for always being proactive in terms of awareness for drugs and alcohol. She spoke about her involvement with the Levittown Takes Action Coalition. She noted that on Thursday, the Coalition will be having their first meeting at LMEC. Ms. Finkelstein asked if a Connect Ed message could go out to the community so that we could get as many people as possible to this event.

Dr. McDonald responded that a Connect Ed message would go out.