

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

DATE: March 14, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 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 local newspapers, the Public Library and posted on the district's website. Further, all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting.

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. James Moran (excused absence)
Ms. Peggy Marengi
Mr. Michael Pappas – President
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President
Mr. Edward Powers
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary (excused absence)
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane – Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Mark Flower –Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen– School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. Ellen Chaleff - Division High School Student Liaison
Ms. Meghan Tracey- Alternate MacArthur High School Student Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Pappas, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Porrazzo, seconded by Mr. Powers and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to personnel.
- C. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:40 PM at which time Mr. Pappas asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting overseas.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Porrazzo moved to "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of February 8, 2012 (Regular Meeting) and February 29, 2012 (Special Meeting)."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

NOTE: Mr. Pappas requested corrections which were reflected in the approved minutes.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0.

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition

1. Art Display – Northside Elementary School

Dr. Grossane remarked on an excellent job on the art work from the students at Northside. He commented that we are always proud to have our students work displayed. It shows their creative side.

B. Superintendent:

1. Follow-up to Public Be Heard Questions

(none)

2. Follow-up to Board Questions

(none)

C. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports

Mr. Pappas reported that two wrestlers from Mac Arthur High School went to the State Tournaments and in track and field, a student from Mac Arthur, was an outstanding Field Event participant.

2. Correspondence

(None)

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3. Student Representatives to Board

Ms. Tracey shared some of the events at Mac Arthur High School. She noted that the Blood Drive had an excellent turnout; the Senior Faculty Challenge was fun to watch with the proceeds going towards funding a new media lab; and the upcoming play is Our Town.

Ms. Chaleff reported on the events at Division Avenue. She commented that their blood drive also had a large turnout; Spirit Week and Night were great with lots of enthusiasm; the Math and Science Honor Society Induction was fantastic and their upcoming play is Beauty and the Beast.

V. **PUBLIC BE HEARD**
(Attached)

VI. **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

NOTE: Mr. Pappas remarked that giving out awards is always a good time to be a Board member. Ms. Valentino, Principal of MacArthur High School, and Mr. Ianni, Principal of Division Avenue High School spoke about their students and all that they have achieved. The Board congratulated all the recipients and acknowledged how proud everyone was of them. Their parents were asked to stand for a round of applause. Pictures were taken.

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "WHEREAS, EVAN ROSATI has earned the distinction of being selected Valedictorian for the 2012, graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

RESOLUTION# 11-12-177
Valedictorian - Division Avenue
High School.

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of the high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend EVAN ROSATI for his election as Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

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- 2. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “WHEREAS, ERIC MACIEL has earned the distinction of being selected Salutatorian for the 2011, graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and
- RESOLUTION# 11-12-178
Salutatorian - Division Avenue High School.

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of the high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend ERIN MACIEL. for his selection as Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Division Avenue High School.”

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

- 3. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “WHEREAS, MELISSA SLYPER has earned the distinction of being selected Valedictorian for the 2012, graduating class of MacArthur High School; and
- RESOLUTION# 11-12-179
Valedictorian -MacArthur High School

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of the high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend MELISSA SLYPER for her selection as Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class of MacArthur High School.”

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

- 4. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “WHEREAS, LAUREN SAUNDERS has earned the distinction of being selected Salutatorian for the 2012, graduating class of MacArthur High School; and
- RESOLUTION# 11-12-180
Salutatorian – MacArthur High School

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of the high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend LAUREN SAUNDERS for her selection as Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class of Division Avenue High School.”

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

5. **MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “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,

RESOLUTION # 11-12-181
Warrants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the February 2012 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted.”

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

6. **MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2012 and place same on file.”

RESOLUTION # 11-12-182
Treasurer’s Report

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrizzo moved, “WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached list of budget transfers dated March 14, 2012 has been prepared and is recommended by the Acting Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance,

RESOLUTION #11-12-183
Budget Transfers

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

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7. Budget Transfers - Continued

1. <u>Code (from)</u>	<u>Code (to)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110.4800-R-Z	A2110.4800-B-O	\$ 32,000
A2270.1200-B-O	A2110.4800-B-O	\$ 104,000
(for the purchase of enVision MATH Program for grades 3 – 5);		
2. <u>Code (from)</u>	<u>Code (to)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5510.2400-A-0	A5510.5700-A-0	\$ 13,593
(mandated radio frequency broadband change of radio system)		

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

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

8. **MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending January 31, 2012.”

RESOLUTION # 11-12-184
Appropriation and Revenue
Status Reports

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

9. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into a Cross Contract with Western Suffolk BOCES for a comprehensive long range planning study: Demographic, Enrollment and Facilities Analysis for the Levittown School District during the 2011/2012 school year as per the attached proposal.”

RESOLUTION # 11-12-185
Demographic, Enrollment
and Facilities Analysis

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that this study was for an enrollment analysis of the district where they will analyze the live birth rates and home sales, so they can project out for five years our kindergarten enrollment. Additionally, they will look at our facilities and catchment areas. In this way they can give us their opinions and recommendations on what to do, especially if they see declining enrollment. Dr. Grossane commented he anticipated a report in early June.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

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- 10. MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the recertification of the District’s 2012 Biennial Review of the Plan for School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making.”

RESOLUTION # 11-12-186
Biennial Review - School
Based Planning & Shared
Decision Making

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Dr. Grossane remarked that this plan is submitted every second year to the State Education Department stating our overall district plan for shared decision making teams in each building. A survey was given to the bargaining units and PTA which came back with no changes and was then resubmitted to the state as required.

The Board had questions on this topic such as when and where the committee meets, who is on the committee and what is discussed.

Ms. Rifkin described the procedure to fulfill the requirement from the state. She explained that shared decision making committees at each school, meet on a regular basis and submit minutes to Central Office. The district has to do a biennial review, so every two years a survey form is submitted to the state. This survey is a simple form that is given to the heads of the bargaining units and PTA. They in turn give us feedback as to whether they feel from their perspective that we have a shared decision making process that is working. Ms. Rifkin went over the categories on the survey that are reviewed. She commented that the document has not changed in many years. Ms. Rifkin noted that SED no longer wants a copy of the survey but requires the district to post the shared decision making plan on their website.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

- 11.** Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve and award Bid 12E – No. 14 - Vending Machine Services to the lowest, responsible bidder – My Healthy Thing.”

PULLED
Approval of Bid - Vending
Machine Services

- 12. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approves the attached agreement between Energy Services Program of the New York Power Authority and the Levittown U.F.S.D. for the purpose of proceeding with the next step of the Energy Services Program, which is the preparation of the Feasibility Report; and

RESOLUTION # 11-12-187
New York Power Authority
Feasibility Report

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

Seconded: Mr. Ward

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NOTE: Mr. Flower explained that the New York Power Authority has come back with their initial investigation to see whether proceeding further in a study would be worthwhile. Their initial analysis looked at MacArthur High School and Salk Middle School and identified approximately \$300,000 worth of improvements that could be made in the district. This would meet the criteria for an energy Performance Contract. Mr. Flower noted this recommendation is to authorize the NY Power Authority to take the next step and look at a district wide study.

Mr. Porrazzo asked if they provide the contractors to do the labor. Mr. Flower responded yes. Mr. Porrazzo then asked how we would know if we are being charged competitive rates. Mr. Flower answered that our Clerk of the Works should be on site to ensure the contract work is being done in accordance to what is authorized. We should have a Bill of Materials as part of the final proposal which the Board would have an opportunity to review. Mr. Flower pointed out that as part of the bid specifications, the Power Authority has to provide certified payroll on any capital project which certifies that the payroll is done to prevailing wage which is typically the union rate that is established. Mr. Porrazzo wanted to know if we were paying for the installation by the hour or a firm price. Mr. Flower replied it is not by the hour but is included in the overall cost of the bid. Mr. Porrazzo felt in this way we may not be getting the best price.

Dr. Grossane commented that the way an Energy Performance Contract works is that when you work with that company you get the rebate through the savings. Mr. Porrazzo remarked that the savings is not from labor but from using less energy. Mr. Flower clarified that you are looking at the total cost of the project which has to be able to be paid back, including labor, over an 18 year period. He noted that there is a guarantee as part of the Energy Performance Contract, that if those savings are not realized then the money has to be given back.

Mr. Porrazzo stressed he did not want to see us being robbed on labor. Mr. Flower responded that we will be able to review the bid spec and have the opportunity to be able to award the bid. Mr. Porrazzo asked if they go out for a competitive bid when they hire the labor. Mr. Flower remarked that they do.

Mr. Powers asked if the approval of this document commits us in any way to continuing beyond the next step. His concern is with the 14 year payback which when faced with a tap cap and laying out incremental costs to do capital projects expends a lot of cash. He questioned whether we can execute this. Mr. Flower replied there is no financial commitment at this point in time, it is just authorizing that we are willing to take the next step. At any time we can stop. He noted the we will get building aid on the project and any increase in capital is one of the excludable items in the tax cap calculations. Mr. Flower remarked it would not have a negative impact to the tax cap numbers for the district.

Mr. Ward inquired if this work is something that our current staff can do. Mr. Flower responded that as the scope of the work grows we need to determine how much our team can do and how much has to be outsourced. He mentioned that there are opportunities through rebates and state grant funding to be able to install solar panels. Mr. Powers questioned whether we can do solar panels within the structural requirements needed. Mr. Flower remarked these restrictions will be taken into consideration. Mr. Porrazzo explained there was a problem with anchoring the panels down to the existing roof. The structure could not support it because of the wind. Mr. Flower remarked that cinder blocks have been used to hold the solar panels in place.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

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- 13. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that the annual School District election of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, shall be held in the various election districts of said school district on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 7:00 A.M., prevailing time, for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice of meeting, the form of which is hereby approved, and that the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time, in each election district; and it is further

RESOLUTION # 11-12-188
Annual Meeting Resolution

RESOLVED, that the following notice be published once a week in four (4) of the seven (7) weeks preceding the date of the meeting in The Levittown Tribune and the Wantagh-Seaford Citizen newspapers having general circulation in the district; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Inspectors of Election be appointed in accordance with previous procedure.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND PERSONAL REGISTRATION, LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the School District, the School District budget and election voting on candidates for the School Board of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, will be held in the several election districts of the School District on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the voting places designated below between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., to vote by ballot on voting machines on the proposition or propositions set forth below, as well as any other propositions which may properly come before the electorate, and to elect members of the Board of Education.

Shall the following resolution be adopted: **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2012-2013 proposed by the Board of Education and filed with the District Clerk in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2012. Forms of petition may be obtained from the Clerk of the District.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Two (2) members for the term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2015.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2012-2013 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center and copies will be made available at each schoolhouse in the district in which school is maintained during the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) calendar days immediately preceding the election together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and only those persons whose names appear on the register of the said school district, or who are registered pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said meeting and election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all qualified voters who have previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and have voted at any annual or special election held or conducted at any time within four (4) calendar years prior to this year, 2012, are not required to register with the Board of Registration for this meeting.

All other persons who wish to vote must register. A voter may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Levittown UFSD between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on school days provided that such registration is effected no later than May 10, 2012.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said register will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12 noon on Saturday (May 12, 2012) in the office of the Clerk of the District and at each voting place on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots for those eligible pursuant to the provision of Section 2018a of the Education Law are available, and that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on each of the five (5) calendar days prior to the day of election except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 12 noon on Saturday (May 12, 2012), in the office of the Clerk of the District. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) calendar days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that during the voting hours on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the various election districts, the Board of Registration will meet to receive registrations for subsequent elections. During the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on voting days, the District Clerk shall be in her office at the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

ELECTION DISTRICT #1 - GARDINERS AVENUE SCHOOL

Beginning at Wantagh Parkway and Chase Lane; east on Chase Lane to Center Lane, thence south to Prairie Lane; thence east to Gardiners Avenue; thence south to Slate Lane; then east and north to Swan Lane; then east and north to Grey Lane; continuing east to Wantagh Avenue; thence south on Wantagh Avenue to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Oakfield Avenue; continuing north to Old Jerusalem Road; thence east on Old Jerusalem Road to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to the point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #2 – EAST BROADWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Southern State Parkway and east side of Wantagh Avenue; north on Wantagh to Miller Place; thence east to Exit Lane; thence south to Elm Drive; thence west to Elbow Lane; thence southwest to End Lane; south to End Lane and Elm Drive East to Pope Street; thence east to District Line; thence south to Regent Lane; thence east to Red Maple Drive; thence north, east, and south to Regal Lane; east on Regal Lane and Cordwood Lane to Arlington Drive; thence southeast to Town Line; thence south to Southern State Parkway; west along Parkway to point of beginning. Beginning at south side of Southern State Parkway and west side of Town Line; south on Town Line to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Wantagh Avenue; thence north to Southern State Parkway; thence east to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #3 - LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginning at east side of Wantagh Parkway and south side of Hempstead Turnpike; east on Hempstead Turnpike to Silver Lane; thence south to Forge Lane; thence east to Cotton Lane; thence southeasterly to Wantagh Avenue; then south to Grey Lane; thence west to Swan Lane; then southwesterly to Slate Lane; then south to Gardiners Avenue, thence north to Prairie Lane; thence west to Center Lane; thence north to Chase Lane; thence west to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #4 - DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Hempstead Turnpike and west side of Jerusalem Avenue; west on Hempstead Turnpike to District Boundary Line at Wantagh State Parkway; thence northeast to northerly border of School District; east on Boundary Line (Flamingo Rd., Magpie Lane, Blacksmith Rd) to Jerusalem Avenue; thence south to point of beginning.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

By _____
District Clerk, Levittown Union Free School District.”

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Mr. Pappas pointed out this legal notice is for the school election and includes the boundaries for the four new polling sites. Dr. Grossane noted that this information will be part of the Budget Newsletter, posted on our website and placed in the Patch. Additionally, a post card will be sent home to all registered voters with their polling site and the new voting hours.

Mr. Porrazzo asked about the voting machines. Ms. Appelbaum, District Clerk, responded that school districts are still allowed to use the old lever machines. Mr. Porrazzo then asked if we could petition the Board of Elections to reduce the number of polling sites they use for General Elections. Dr. Grossane remarked that for General Elections it is up to the Board of Elections.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Change Election District #2 to read : **EAST BROADWAY SCHOOL**

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0.

- 14. MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, nominate Susan Bergtraum, Martin R. Kaye and Michael Weinick as candidates for election to the Nassau BOCES Board.”

RESOLUTION #11-12-189
Nomination to Nassau
BOCES Board

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

- 15. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize students at Division Avenue and MacArthur high schools to participate in a foreign field trip to England, France and Spain from February 13, 2013 to February 23, 2013.”

RESOLUTION #11-12-190
Authorization of Foreign Field
Trip – England, France and Spain

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo questioned whether this trip was open to only foreign language students. Ms. Rifkin shared that we are extending it for next year. It will be open to students taking the Advanced Foreign Language classes, in addition to AP European History students. Mr. Porrazzo asked if the resolution should state that. Dr. Grossane noted that it is included in the field trip permission slip. There was a discussion and it was decided to keep the wording as is since it allows flexibility.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

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16. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approves the participation in the Nassau County Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Association (NCSBGA) Purchasing Consortium with forty other Nassau County School Districts for the 2012/2013 school year for preparation and use of bids related to buildings and grounds purchases.”

RESOLUTION #11-12-191
Nassau County Superintendent
of Buildings & Grounds Assoc.
(NCSBGA) Purchasing Consortium
2012/2013 School Year

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

17. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “WHEREAS, it is the plan of the Garden City UFSD (as lead agency), 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 and Island Park UFSD, Floral Park-Bellerose School District, Plainedge School District in Nassau County, New York to bid jointly for Materials and Supplies (Bus and Auto Parts), and

RESOLUTION #11-12-192
Cooperative Bid – Garden City
School District, Lead Agency
Material and Supplies (Bus,
Van & Auto Parts)

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 Garden City 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 Garden City School District hereby appoints David C. Murphy, Jr., for 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

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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)."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

- 18. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby, accept with thanks, the following gifts:

RESOLUTION # 11-12-193
Gifts to School

- a. a tree for Gardiners Avenue Elementary School in memory of former student Ryan Steubing, given by the Gardiners Avenue Community Services Committee, 610 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756;
- b. iPad 2 for ABA teacher Colleen Schmidt at Abbey Lane, given by Nassau-Suffolk Autism Society of America, P.O. Box 7472, Wantagh, NY 11793;
- c. two \$500 academic scholarships for MacArthur High School, given by the Mercury Club c/o Cheryl Clifford, 50 Club Lane, Levittown, NY 11756;
- d. sixty hurdles for the MacArthur track and field team, given by the Mercury Club c/o Cheryl Clifford, 50 Club Lane, Levittown, NY 11756;
- e. t.v./vcr combo for the library at East Broadway Elementary School, given by Valerie Wilkinson, 43 Skylark Lane, Levittown, NY 11756;
- f. four ball toss games for recess time at East Broadway Elementary School, given by Marie Pustorino, 823 Harriad Drive W., Seaford, NY 11783;
- g. t.v./dvd combo for the ABA program at East Broadway Elementary School, given by Victoria Danay, 843 Oakfield Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793;
- h. books from the Scholastic book fair for all grade levels at East Broadway Elementary School, given by the East Broadway PTA, 751 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford, NY 11783

- TABLE** i. two \$1,000 checks, one for the video club at Division Avenue High School and the other for the broadcast club at MacArthur High School, given by MSG Varsity, c/o Cablevision, 1101 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714."

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NOTE: Mr. Pappas questioned Item i regarding the two \$1000 checks. Ms. Rifkin stated her understanding was that the \$1000 checks were to be used to pay toward the stipends for the advisors of the clubs. These clubs have to submit videos to MSG Varsity. She commented that this year the structure of the scholarships were changed. Mr. Porrazzo suggested not using the scholarship money to pay stipends.

Mr. Pappas remarked that the reason we accepted contracts from these companies was so that we could give our students scholarships, not pay stipends. One of these companies, NETBLAST, has not been heard from in a long time. Mr. Ward suggested getting in touch with them.

Dr. Grossane's recommendation was to Table i to clarify the wording and bring it back at the next meeting. Ms. Rifkin advised that she would check to make sure this money could be allocated toward scholarships. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, will review the wording of the contract.

Mr. Porrazzo asked when scholarships are given out. Ms. Rifkin reported that the Principals are starting to canvas the staff and reading the students essays.

On item b, Ms. Rhatigan suggested changing the wording to reflect that the iPad is going to a program.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: TABLE Item i for clarification until the next meeting.

Item b should read: iPad 2 for AVA Program at Abbey Lane School to be used by teacher Colleen Schmidt, given by Nassau-Suffolk Autism Society of America, P.O. Box 7472, Wantagh, NY 11793;

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0.

- 19. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, declare the following items obsolete and that they may be discarded and/or donated as possible:

RESOLUTION # 11-12-194
Obsolete Equipment

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>	<u>Date</u>
Division (fax)	1	1/30/12
LMEC (computers)	25	1/10/12
Salk (fax)	1	1/31/12
MacArthur (printer)	1	1/30/12
Gardiners (monitor)	1	2/02/12
Division (computer)	10	12/8/11
Division (computer)	8	1/27/12
LMEC (computer)	1	2/8/12
LMEC (computer)	2	2/10/12
LMEC (computers)	3	2/15/12
Salk (printer)	1	2/17/12
LMEC (computers)	75	2/17/12
Wisdom (ScanJet)	1	2/16/12
PULLED MacArthur (kiln)	1	1/6/12
Teachers' Center (Xerox)	1	2/28/12."

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Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Ward questioned the 75 laptops that were being discarded. He wanted the names of those individuals who will be receiving the new laptops. Ms. Rhatigan explained that the laptops are not given to any one person. They are on carts and used by different classroom teachers and students all day long. Mr. Ward requested a list of locations where the computers were last used.

Ms. Rhatigan reported that she was in the process of getting prices from vendor on the switches that Mr. Ward had questioned. Mr. Ward mentioned the forms used for obsolete equipment were supposed to be modified so that more information as to why items are being excessed.

Mr. Ward was concerned about the broken smartboard at Memorial. Ms. Rhatigan commented that we have no in house capability of fixing it. She noted that it is one of the original ones and just passed the warranty date. Ms. Marengi remarked that she hoped the new smartboards were not the same model as the one that just broke. Ms. Rhatigan noted that the older machines went through a lot of wear and tear since they traveled around a lot. These are new models are now being mounted.

Mr. Pappas asked how the Teachers' Center was paying for the Xerox machine. Mr. Flower explained that the Teachers' Center was using part of grant money and leasing a new copier.

Mr. Powers remarked that the form used for discarding the kiln, has no original purchase date and doesn't say if it is broken or that it doesn't work. He wanted to know why it was being excessed, if it was broken, what the cost would be to repair it and if its outdated, what the cost is to replace it. Mr. Powers requested more information, therefore it was pulled.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull the kiln at MacArthur.

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved "That the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 9:15 PM to discuss personnel issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

NOTE: The Board reconvened in public at 9:17 PM to vote on Agenda item #20 – Schedules.

NOTE: Dr. Grossane announced that one of the schedules was for the retirement of Ms. Wallace, the Principal of Abbey Lane. He remarked that she had served the district for the past 10 years as an outstanding educator. He commented that she always kept me on my toes. Dr. Grossane wished her many happy years in retirement.

Another important announcement was the appointment of our new Special Education Director, Ms. VonEschen, who is our current Assistant Director. Dr. Grossane congratulated Ms. VonEschen.

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| 20. MOTION: Mr. Porrazzo moved, "To approve the following Schedules: | RESOLUTION# 11-12-195
<u>Schedules</u> |
| Schedule 11-G-10
(Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)." | 1001 |
| Schedule 11-H-13
(Appointments – Certified Personnel)." | 1002 |
| Schedule 11-H-13a
(Appoints - Administrators)." | 1003 |
| Schedule 11-H-13al
(Salary Change – Certified Personnel) | 1004 |
| Schedule 11-H-13c
(Designation – Consultants)." | 1005 |
| Schedule 11-H-13g
(Designation – Coaches)." | 1006 |
| Schedule 11-HH-13
(Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1007 |
| Schedule 11-I-4
(Use of School Fields)." | 1008 |
| Schedule 11-K-9
(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)." | 1009 |
| Schedule 11-K-9
(Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1010 |
| Schedule 11-N-3
(Health Services) | 1011 |
| Schedule 11-O-9
(Students with Disabilities)." | 1012 |
| Schedule 11-P-2
(Tuition – Out-of-District Placements)." | 1013 |
| Schedule 11-T-1
(Textbooks)." | 1014 |

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

**21. Ad Hoc –
(none)**

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MOTION: Mr. Powers moved "That the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Five members present voting yes.

APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reconvened in public at 10:25 PM.

VIII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Porrazzo moved, seconded by Mr. Powers to adjourn the public meeting 10:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

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The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read. Dr. Grossane and/or Board members will respond to questions, after the last speaker is heard.

Andrew Zimny 1081 McDonald Avenue, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Zimny, a MacArthur parent, related how his daughter has a passion for the performing arts and would love to attend the Long Island High School of the Arts (LIHSA). He noted that until recently, the district provided an opportunity for students to audition for and attend LIHSA as part of the BOCES program. Mr. Zimny became aware that this year that there was a change in policy and the program was no longer an option. The reasoning explained to Mr. Zimny was budgetary. Many of the classes offered under BOCES were similarly offered at the district by our vocational program (GC TECH). Mr. Zimny commented that there is no other program in the district which offers anything close to the breadth and quality of the programs available to students at LIHSA. He feels that it is essential to his daughter's social, academic and career development that she be permitted to attend LIHSA. Mr. Zimny noted that he has great respect for the difficult job the Board has and does not make this request lightly or with rancor. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Rachel Zimny 1081 McDonald Avenue, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Zimny spoke to the Board about her desire to attend the LIHSA program. She remarked that this program would allow her to grow and mature. The students are treated as adults and you can develop personal relationships. Ms. Zimny has always wanted to act and would thoroughly enjoy this program.

RESPONSE:

In response to the Zimny's request:

Dr. Grossane remarked that it was a pleasure meeting the Zimny family. He commented that they are following the proper channels for a request. After conferring with the Board, he will inform them of how to proceed. Dr. Grossane remarked how eloquently they spoke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,
District Clerk

