

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

DATE: April 3, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Tuesday, April 3, 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
Ms. Peggy Marengi
Mr. Michael Pappas – President
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President
Mr. Kevin Regan - Secretary
Mr. Edward Powers
Mr. James Ward

ADMINISTRATION

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Pappas called the Special Board Meeting to order at 8:22 PM for the purpose of adopting the budget. He asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting overseas.

II. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS

- 1. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education's does hereby, suspend the twenty-four (24) hour policy rule to call a special meeting.

RESOLUTION # 11-12-176
Suspension of Twenty-Four
(24) Hour Policy Rule

Seconded: Mr. Regan

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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- 2. MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt a school district budget authorizing a total expenditure of \$ 189,996,581 and an associated tax levy of \$ 127,366,353, for the 2012-2013 school year, said budget to be presented to the voters of the District on May 15, 2012; and

RESOLUTION #11-12-177
Adoption of 2012-2013
Budget for May 15, 2012
Annual Vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at least fourteen days before the 15th day of May, 2012, copies of the aforesaid mentioned budget shall be prepared and made available, upon request, at the office of the Superintendent, and at offices of the Principals in all the schools of the District."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Pappas commented that tax levy percentage is not mentioned in the motion but it is 1.85%.

Mr. Flower noted that it will be in the property tax report card that is mailed out six day prior to the budget vote.

Dr. Grossane reported that it will also be in the district newsletter on the budget.

Mr. Moran remarked that he has been on the Board for 12 years and wanted to commend Central Office and the Board of Education for putting together such as great budget this year. He stated this is one of the best budgets, he has ever been involved in.

Mr. Pappas thanked the Board, Central Office and especially Dr. Grossane for coming up with a budget that reduces expenditures, provides an extremely low tax increase, but at the same time not only maintains programs but improves many aspects of our students education.

Mr. Ward asked if it was possible to state what would be the average tax increase per household in the Newsletter. Dr. Grossane responded yes it would be included and that it would even explain how to calculate the cap.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

III. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Moran to adjourn the public meeting 8:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE LEVITTOWN LIBRARY.

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