

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

DATE: October 24, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, October 24, 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

Ms. Peggy Marenghi
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – President
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President
Mr. Edward Powers
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Pappas, President, called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Porrazzo, seconded by Mr. Powers approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet to discuss items on the Agenda related to schedules and litigation.
- C.** The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:35 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 and for the two Nassau County police officers who were killed in the line of duty.

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II. PUBLIC BE HEARD
(none)

III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS.

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Levittown Union Free School District upon the recommendation of the district Architect/Engineer Lucchesi Engineering P.C., declares the following projects "Emergency Repairs" in order to protect the district against further damage to its facilities and school buildings: Roof replacements at: Levittown Memorial Education Center, Lee Road Elementary School, East Broadway Elementary School, Wisdom Lane Middle School, Division Avenue High School; and masonry restoration at: Levittown Memorial Education Center, Jonas Salk Middle School, Summit Lane Elementary School and Northside Elementary School (the "Projects"); and WHEREAS, said Projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
- RESOLUTION #12-13-94
SEQRA–Roof Replacements
and Masonry Restorations

Projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, in kind, on the same sites, are classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, in kind, on the same sites, are classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Projects and has determined, based upon the recommendation from its Architect/Engineer Lucchesi Engineering P.C., in connection with its review and examination of the Project, that the Projects are properly classified as a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

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III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS (continued)

1. SEQRA – Roof Replacements and Masonry Restorations - Continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed expenditure for the Project at a total estimated cost of Seven million, seventy-four thousand, three hundred eighty-nine (\$7,074,389) Dollars, inclusive of all construction costs, furnishings and architectural fees pursuant to the attached Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate, and authorizes Lucchesi Engineering, P.C. to submit its plans and specifications for the Project to the Facilities Planning Department of the New York State Education Department for review and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transmission of an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department in connection with the District’s application for approval of the Projects.”

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo had a question on the allocation of money for the Salk project. He felt it was very low compared to the scope of the project. Mr. Powers remarked that during the building walk through, it was assumed the project would cost at lot more. Mr. Hahn, Director of School Facilities & Operations, commented that the damages are extensive and it could require more money.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

APPROVED 7 -0.

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, “WHEREAS, in compliance with New York, State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfer has been prepared and is recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance,

RESOLUTION #12-13-95
Budget Transfer – Roof and
Masonry Replacement and
Repairs

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

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Mr. Flower explained that based upon the estimates of the architect, the cost for both the roof and masonry work, is about seven million. He reported that we have the money available in the Unappropriated Fund Balance. This budget transfer takes the money from the Unappropriated Fund Balance and transfers into the Capital Fund. Mr. Flower noted that we do get building aid on these projects of about a 64% return. Mr. Pappas asked if that was over a ten year period. Mr. Flower responded eighteen years. Mr. Powers inquired if the seven million was gross or net. Mr. Flower answered gross.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

APPROVED 7 -0.

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III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS (continued)

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "To approve the following Schedules.

RESOLUTION #12-13-96
Schedules

Schedule 12-HH-a
(Appointments – Non-Instructional)."

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Seconded: Ms. Marengi

NOTE: Ms. Rhatigan was happy to announce that a new Director of Computer & Media Services – Information Technology Manager was being appointed this evening. She commented that she has worked with Mr. Connell for over eight years. Mr. Pappas remarked that this appointment shows the depth of caliber of our employees in the district that we were able to lose a director and replace him with someone already in the district with the same competence. The Board welcomed Mr. Connell.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

IV. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Porrazzo moved, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn the public meeting at 8:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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