

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

DATE: June 12, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 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 Marengi
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – President (excused absence)
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

OTHERS

Mr. Robert Cohen – School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Mr. James Reilly - Division High School Student Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Porrazzo, acting chairman, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:40 PM. On a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Ward and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a disciplinary proceeding against a tenured teacher.
- C.** The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:40 PM in the auditorium at which time Mr. Porrazzo asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for the family of Mr. James Rice's family. He was a retired Salk history teacher in the district who was a long time employee .

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Regan moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of May 14, 2013 (Regular Meeting) and May 21, 2013 (Annual Meeting).”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition:

1. Student Liaisons to the Board of Education:

Mr. James Reilly - Division Avenue High School
Ms. Jennifer Newins – General Douglas MacArthur High School

Mr. Porrizzo thanked the student liaisons for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend Board meetings. He appreciated that they shared their perspective on the many issues involved with the district. Mr. Porrizzo commented that our student liaisons are always wonderful students. Dr. Grossane thanked the students for their dedication. Mr. Reilly was presented with a plaque. Unfortunately, Ms. Newins was not present as she was home studying for a final.

2. Student Academic Presentations:

a. Abbey Lane Elementary School
(*Abbey Lane Peer Mentoring Program*)

Dr. George Maurer, Principal of Abbey Lane, introduced the Peer Mentoring Program which focuses on teaching general education students to serve as peer mentors for children with Autism. The goal of the program is to provide inclusion experiences for children with Autism in addition to creating an environment that offers opportunities for general education students to develop a greater sense of responsibility and accomplishments. Ms. McCarville, School Psychologist, showed a video of the mentors working with the children during the school year at lunch and recess. The Board congratulated these students and presented them with certificates. They shared how proud they were of them.

b. MacArthur High School
(*Community Service Trip –Costa Rica*)

Ms. Valentino, Principal of MacArthur High School, spoke about the community service trip to Costa Rica during spring break. A slide show was presented showing the highlights of the trip. The students had an amazing, rewarding trip where they learned about different cultures and the importance of volunteering.

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3. Builders' Club – Salk Middle School – International Kiwanis Award

Mr. Zampaglione spoke about the Builders' Club which is a service organization for middle school students. It was noted that the Salk Chapter hosted a fundraiser to support the Pennies for Patients Program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Club raised \$3,450.66 by encouraging the entire school to become involved. Ms. Spiteri, commented that this is a great accomplishment. She announced that the Club had placed second internationally in the Builders' Club Single Service Award competition and first-place on the New York State level.

Mr. Regan, pointed out that he was a past president and is now an active member of the Kiwanis, which sponsors the Builders' Club. He commented that this is one of the finest groups and he thanked the students on behalf of Kiwanis.

4. Service Committees:

Citizens Advisory Committee for Budget
PTA Budget Committee
Food Service Committee

Mr. Porrazzo called up the members of these committees to recognize them for their time, commitment and guidance in helping make the Levittown School district a better place. The Board thanked them for their service.

5. Retirees – Instructional and Non-Instructional

Ms. Rhatigan, on behalf of the Board and Administration, recognized and thanked the retirees for their years of dedicated service. Each person's name was announced and they were given plaques.

6. Reception -

A reception was held in the Panther Room to thank the retirees for their years of service.

NOTE: The Regular Meeting was resumed at 8:45 P.M. after the reception

7. Art Display: Division Avenue High School

Dr. Grossane thanked the Division Avenue High School staff and students for the outstanding art work in the Board Room and in the hallway.

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B. Superintendent:

1. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. Grossane responded to a question that was asked at the last Board Meeting regarding the administering of two English Regents at the same time, one Common Core aligned and one standard in 2013/2014. He reported that all students that are entering grade nine prior to the 2013/2014 school year, may meet the requirements for graduation by either enrolling in the Common Core English classes and taking the Common Core Regents or enrolling in English courses aligned with the 2005 learning standards and taking the Regents Comprehensive Exam in English. He noted that since our curriculum will be aligned to the Common Core standards our students will take the Common Core Regents. For June 2014 and Aug 2014, administrations only, students enrolled in Common Core English Classes may, at local discretion, take both Regents. If students take both tests, the higher of the two scores will be used. Dr. Grossane reported that for Algebra, students enrolled in the course in 2013/2014, must take the Common Core Regents. For June 2014 and August 2014, administrations only, students may, at local discretion, take both Regents. If students take both tests, the higher of the two scores will be used.

C. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports

The Board and Dr. Grossane reported on some of the activities they recently attended such as: baseball games, moving up ceremonies, Awards Nights, Art Shows, and breakfast for Valedictorians and Salutatorians. These were all well done and very impressive.

2. Correspondence
(none)

a. Student Liaisons

Mr. Reilly, gave a recap of the activities at Division Avenue, such as the Prom, Senior Awards and Barbeque, the Dragon Cup and the Dance and Guitar Recital. The Board wished Mr. Reilly good luck in his future endeavors.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD
(attached)

NOTE: Ms. Marengi and Mr. Powers left the meeting due to sickness.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan 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 # 12-13-216
Warrants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the May 2013 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2013 and place same on file." RESOLUTION # 12-13-217
Treasurer's Report

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

3. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached list of budget transfers dated May 21, 2013 has been prepared and is recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, RESOLUTION #12-13-218
Budget Transfers

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. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

4. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company, P.C., for the month ending May 31, 2013." RESOLUTION #12-13-219
Claims Audit Report

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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5. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status reports for the period ending April 30, 2013 (final) (and May 31, 2013 (interim)."
- RESOLUTION # 12-13-220
Appropriation and Revenue
Status Reports.

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

6. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby, accept with thanks, the following gifts:
- RESOLUTION # 12-13-221
Gifts to School
- a. a check in the amount of \$100 for a Vernon and Virginia Gridley Award 2013 for an East Broadway graduating fifth grader, given by Virginia Gridley, 116 Ball Park Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801
- b. a check in the amount of \$305.00 for Gardiners Avenue School, given by Box Tops for Education, P.O. Box 2185, Young America, NM 55553-2185."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo thanked all the generous sponsors.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "WHEREAS, by action of the Levittown Board of Education, the Levittown Union Free School District has previously established certain reserves having the following balances as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012;
- RESOLUTION # 12-13-222
Reaffirmation of Reserves

<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/12</i>
Employees' Retirement	\$ 13,988,596
Tax Certiorari	0
Workers' Compensation	4,501,046
Unemployment	2,427,422
Capital Reserve	0
Compensated Absences	10,756,249

Total Reserves	\$ 31,673,313
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WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education wishes to utilize and/or contribute additional funds where appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, hereby, authorizes transfers of 2012-2013 fund balance to any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Transfers Not to Exceed</i>
Employees' Retirement	\$ 4,000,000
Tax Certiorari	2,000,000
Workers' Compensation	500,000
Unemployment	500,000
Capital Reserves	3,000,000

Total Reserves	\$10,000,000."
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Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

8. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following Requests for Proposals:

RESOLUTION # 12-13-223
Request for Proposals

RFP #LPS-13-001 – Special Education Related Educational Services (as per proposals)

RFP #LPS-13-002 – Athletic Training Services to NY Physical Therapy and Wellness
– not to exceed \$50,000."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Mr. Ward asked what was spent last year. Dr. Grossane responded around \$41,000. Mr. Flower reported that it included athletic trainer supplies.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

9. **MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "WHEREAS, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Public School District ('School District') publicly requested proposals for the Districtwide Implementation of Energy Conservation Measures on a Performance Contracting Basis on February 4, 2013 (the 'RFP'); and

RESOLUTION # 12-13-224
Request for Proposals
Energy Service Company (ESCO)

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WHEREAS, the School District received proposals in response to the RFP, which were opened by the School District on April 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the School District administrators reviewed and evaluated the proposals and accompanying energy audits submitted by the energy performance contracting firms in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the proposals and accompanying audits, the School District administrators recommend that the Board of Education appoint Johnson Controls, Inc., as the School District's energy performance contractor for the following reason: John Controls has proposed 23 different energy conservation measures resulting in a projected 31% reduction in energy costs or a projected annual energy savings of \$571,046;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Public School District herewith appoints Jonson Controls, Inc., as the School District's Energy Performance Contractor for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the School District's energy systems, based upon the proposal submitted by Johnson Controls, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to the negotiation of a mutually agreeable formal written agreement to be approved by District counsel."

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Mr. Flower announced that two representatives from Johnson Controls were in attendance to answer any Board questions. He gave a brief overview of the proposal. He mentioned that ECG is the architect that is representing the district for the energy performance contract. He noted that they prepared an RFP of which we had three companies respond. ECG reviewed each company's proposal and with Mr. Flower met and interviewed each firm to get a better understanding of what they were offering. It was decided that Johnson Controls had the most comprehensive presentation which included significant work that was to be done in lighting, a solar system at Division Avenue High School, boiler additions to several schools, steam trap replacements and energy management systems throughout the district.

Mr. Porrazzo mentioned that the theory behind this energy performance contract is that we are doing approximately ten million dollars worth of work, which will generate a savings of a half million dollars per year for eighteen years. The savings from these energy efficient products will pay for themselves. Mr. Porrazzo asked how long the project will be monitored for verification and how long this is cost free. Mr. Flower said for eighteen years the project is monitored with the first three years included in the contract, after that we are required to pay. The representative stated that this is at SED's urging. Mr. Porrazzo asked how many of the repairs were in the long term projects that needed to be done. Mr. Flower responded that a significant number were scheduled to be repaired.

Mr. Regan asked if this company did the work at Island Trees. The answer was yes.

Mr. Moran inquired if after the first three years of monitoring, a yearly report would be prepared of the savings. The answer was affirmative. He asked what the cost would be after the three years are up. The representative responded approximately \$12,000.

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Mr. Flower stated that with this proposal, we are awarding Johnson Controls to go on to the next step in the process which he went on to explain. He remarked that if this proposal is approved, Johnson Controls will work with ECG on an in depth verification of our energy consumption. When completed, they will come back to the Board and ask for approval to present these plans to SED. Mr. Flower mentioned that currently there is a 22 – 24 week backlog for approval of projects. The goal is to start the projects in the summer of 2014. Mr. Ward asked if some of the work could be done at night. Mr. Flower said absolutely.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 10. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has received and reviewed the 2013-2014 grant application for the Teachers' Center; and

RESOLUTION #12-13-225
Teachers' Center Continuation
Grant Application

WHEREAS, it is understood that neither the autonomy nor the authority of the Teachers' Center, nor the costs associated with the District's support of the Teachers' Center, are altered in any substantive manner from the 2012-2013 program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the 2013-2014 Teachers' Center grant application."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Ms. Rifkin reported that this grant went up \$12,000 from last year. Mr. Ward asked how many teachers use the Center. She responded that it is widely used by many teachers. Also, that the Center is open to teachers who don't work for the district but live in Levittown.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0

- 11. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the library books and textbook series on the following lists obsolete and that they may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

RESOLUTION #12-13-226
Obsolete Books

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>	<u>Date</u>
Salk	43	5/3/13."

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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- 12. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the items on the following lists obsolete and that they may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value: RESOLUTION #12-13-227
Obsolete Equipment

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wisdom (a.v. equipment)	8	5/2/13
Summit (printers)	7	5/13/13
LMEC (printers)	5	5/17/13
LMEC (computers)	22	5/24/13
Wisdom (printer)	1	5/24/13
Abbey (printer)	1	5/24/13."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked if any of the obsolete equipment was usable. It was determined that all were beyond repair. Mr. Ward commented that the document he received did a good job of outlining the equipment being discarded.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 13. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize the submission of the attached Corrective Action Plans pursuant to the District's Internal Audit dated prepared by Cullen Danowski LLP." RESOLUTION #12-13-228
Corrective Action Plans-
Internal Audit

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

- 14. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that in accordance with the necessity of scheduling positions for the 2013-2014 school year, and in accordance with the appropriate section of the New York State law, the 14 teaching positions and the 15 non-instructional positions will not be required." RESOLUTION #12-13-229
Declaration of Excess Positions

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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15. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into an agreement with CentralEd covering textbook procurement and distribution services for the 2013-2014 school year to be provided by Textbook Central." RESOLUTION #12-13-230
Textbook Central Agreement –
2013-2014 School Year

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Mr. Ward asked for an explanation of this resolution. Mr. Flower explained that as a public school, we are responsible for providing textbooks for public, private and parochial school students. Since private and parochial schools determine which textbooks they want to use, we have the option of buying those textbooks ourselves or we can use Textbook Central. Textbook Central purchases books on behalf of private and parochial schools which helps us significantly because of the number and variety of textbooks we would have to purchase would be astronomical.

Mr. Ward inquired if there was a savings involved. Mr. Flower didn't think there was a savings just a much more practical way to buy these books.

Mr. Porrazzo shared that it gives us better buying power. He asked if we provide all the books or just to the state aid limit. Mr. Flower commented that we have to provide all the books. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, said it was a dual enrollment.

Mr. Moran wanted to know if the books were delivered here or to the individual schools. Mr. Flower responded that the books are sent to the schools and they are distributed there.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

16. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law §3012-c and the Commissioner's Regulations, George Maurer be added to the list of certified Teacher Lead Evaluators as approved by the Board of Education on June 13, 2012." RESOLUTION #12-13-231
Annual Professional Performance
Review – Lead Evaluators

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that all principals in the district have to be certified and be on this list. Since Dr. Maurer was not employed by the district last year, he went through the training program this year. Dr. Grossane stated I can now recommend him to be certified.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

17. **MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, "WHEREAS, the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs was recently created in response to the recognized need to strengthen and standardize the safety net for vulnerable persons who receive care from New York State's human service agencies; and RESOLUTION #12-13-232
OSAS SEL and CBS - Designation
of Authorized Person

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WHEREAS, such service providers must request a check of the Vulnerable Persons Central Register Staff Exclusion List (SEL) and appoint an authorized designee to make such requests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Personnel be, hereby, appointed as the Authorized Person from the Levittown Public Schools to request such checks of the SEL and Criminal Background Check (CBC) system.”

Seconded: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Ms. Rhatigan commented that our high schools utilize this program to support our students with drug addiction, problem intervention and education. She noted that when we receive this grant, we appoint a social worker to this program. The grant is now requiring that that individual be cleared through finger printing and background checks.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

- 18. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached 2013 Summer Transportation Contract/Extension:

RESOLUTION #12-13-233
2013 Summer Transportation
Contract/Extension

<u>Contractor’s Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Suburban Bus Transportation	April 17, 2008 (extension)	\$ 9,290.”

Seconded: Mr. Regan

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 19. MOTION:** Mr. Regan moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following bids:

RESOLUTION #12-13-234
Approval of Cooperative Bids

13E No. 12 – Lumber and Masonry Supplies – Feldman Lumber,
Steven Supply and Barbato Nursery

13E No. 13 – Emergency Generator Repair/Service – Alternate Power.”

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

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- 20. MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Michael Lazan as Impartial Hearing Officer in a matter regarding student I.D. #1527002." RESOLUTION #12-13-235
Appointment of Impartial
Hearing Officer

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Mr. Regan asked who this individual was. Mr. Cohen answered that he was the next person in alphabetical order on the approved list of hearing officers.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

NOTE: Item #21 taken out of order and voted on at the beginning of the meeting.

- 21. MOTION:** Mr. Moran moved, "To approve the following Schedules: RESOLUTION# 12-13
Schedules
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| Schedule 12-G-13
(Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)." | 1001 |
| Schedule 12-GG-13
(Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1002 |
| Schedule 12-H-15
(Appointments – Certified Personnel)." | 1003 PULLED |
| Schedule 12-H-15a
(Appointments – Administrators)." | 1004 |
| Schedule 12-H-15c
(Designation - Consultants)." | 1005 |
| Schedule 12-H-15F-1
(Appointments – Sumer School)." | 1006 PULL #14 |
| Schedule 12-H-15g
(Designation –Coaches) | 1007 PULL #37 |
| Schedule 12-HH-15h
(Appointments – Certified Personnel, Extra-Curricular)." | 1008 |
| Schedule 11-HH-15
(Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1009 |
| Schedule 12-K-12
(Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)." | 1010 |
| Schedule 12-KK-12
(Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel)." | 1011 |
| Schedule 12-N-4
(Health Services) | 1012 |
| Schedule 12-O-10
(Students with Disabilities)." | 1013 |

Seconded: Mr. Powers

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SEPARATE VOTE on Schedule 12-H-15:

MOTION FAILED. Three members voting yes.
(Ms. Marengi, Mr. Regan and Mr. Ward)
Three members voting no.
(Mr. Porrazzo, Mr. Powers and Mr. Moran)

NOT APPROVED 3-3-0.

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedule 12-H-15F-1:

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull #14
MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0.

SEPARATE VOTE on Schedule 12-H-15g:

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull #37
MOTION CARRIED. Five members voting yes.
One member voting no. (Mr. Ward)

APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-1-0.

VOTE ON ALL OTHER SCHEDULES:

MOTION CARRIED. Six members voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

NOTE: Dr. Grossane congratulated Ms. Lorelli on being appointed as Principal of Division Avenue High School. He remarked that she would do a wonderful job.

22. MOTION: Mr. Regan moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve a Change Order to the existing electrical contract with Luccesi Engineering PC, to incorporate the resultant upgrades into the cafeteria project.

RESOLUTION #12-13-235
Change Order – Upgrade to
Electrical Service at Division
Avenue H.S.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached change order."

Seconded: Mr. Ward

NOTE: Mr. Flower reported that JP Daily, the electrician involved in the Division Avenue cafeteria renovation, has come to the conclusion that the electrical panels at Division Avenue are fully maxed out. They have put monitors on the electrical feeds coming into the building and made the determination that they are fully loaded. The concern is that in the future, any electrical increases will not be able to be handled by the building. Mr. Flower explained that this change order brings in power from a new transformer, into a new electrical panel in the basement and cleans up a lot of the wiring. He noted that since the bids came in so low, in comparison to the original projected budgeted prices of the cafeteria renovation, we are still within the scope of the original project.

Mr. Porrazzo asked if the transformer would be buried in a vault or above ground. Mr. Flower shared that the transformer would not be buried in a vault but be outside the building.

Mr. Ward pointed out that if Luccesi is our engineer, why didn't they know that there wasn't going to be enough power in the building. Why do we have to incur this cost when they should have picked this up.

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Mr. Porrizzo noted that the district would still have been responsible for the cost. He reported that several years ago when there was a fire at Division Avenue and they to run wiring out to the press box, the electrician at the time , commented that the wiring was a mess because they kept piggybacking off the original service panel and adding more circuits. He mentioned that years ago when schools were designed they did not anticipate all the electrical needs of today such as computers and smart boards. Mr. Porrizzo commented that this was part of the architect's book of things that needed to be done.

Mr. Regan said that the general contractor was someone who mentions that the wiring has to be replaced. He noted that the electrical contractor works for the engineer and architect works for the district

Mr. Flower said that the stadium lights for the fields are being run out of Summit. As a result of this, Summit's power is being tapped out. This would allow us to bring the lights for the football stadium back to Division and free up power for Summit. Mr. Flower pointed out that this is an improvement all around.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

23. **Ad Hoc –**

a. TimePiece (Finance Manager)

Mr. Flower mentioned that the Board had requested some additional information regarding time and attendance software. He had representatives from Finance Manger present to show a slide presentation on a product that integrates directly in with our Finance Manager system. It was noted that currently our process for collecting payroll data for timesheets is a paper based process which has a lot of possibilities for error. This new system is an electronic based system that allows you to collect time cards as well as attendance events that will integrate with payroll. The representative reported that the Affordable Care Act has a new requirement that you have to monitor your hourly part time employees who work 30 hours a week average or 180 hours a month. This system will reduce the manual entry of time sheets since it only requires a push of a button to a time sheet utility. It also helps you get a handle on overtime.

Mr. Regan inquired as to the manner of access on the machine. It was explained that you enter your employee ID number, put your finger on the finger template and punch in.

Mr. Porrizzo asked what the plan was for rollout. Mr. Flower recommended that we start with Transportation and then look at Building and Grounds and Maintenance.

The Board asked additional questions such as if the device is weather proof, how much time is added to the check in, check out process, the cost of the unit, installation, how many units we would need and how long the device lasts.

Mr. Flower pointed out that this software is BOCES aidable.

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b. Chemistry

It was determined that this item would be discussed when the full board was in attendance.

VIII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn the public meeting at 9:55 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.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein shared with the Board that she had attended a rally in Albany. She thanked the Plainedge School District for allowing her to ride there on their bus. She remarked that it was an amazing experience and she learned a lot. She heard many comments that parents need to be a voice among the one voice united. Ms. Finkelstein asked the Board and Administration be more transparent in informing parents of the tests that their children are taking and whether they are connected to a teachers performance.

Risa Bartkus 106 Ranch Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Bartkus addressed the Board about moving the 12:1:1 class from Northside to Summit Lane. She, along with other parents, is very unhappy about this move. She would like to know the reason for this decision and if there is anything that could be done to change it. Ms. Bartkus reported that her son does not do well with change.

RESPONSE:

In response to Ms. Finkelstein's concerns:

Dr. Grossane remarked that he would respond to her questions at the next meeting.

In response to Ms. Bartkus concerns:

Dr. Grossane stated that he would look into the matter and get back to her with some answers. He noted that he cannot talk specifically about her child in this forum. Ms. Rhatigan commented that she had set up an appointment internally to discuss Ms. Bartkus concerns. Mr. Porrazzo asked that the Board receive the answer in writing as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,

District Clerk