

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

**DATE: MARCH 12, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 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.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney  
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk  
Mr. Nicholas Fuchs - Division Avenue High School Student Liaison  
Mr. Brian Zilli - MacArthur High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Regan, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Marengi and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourns to Executive Session to discuss the following items: legal and personnel matters.
- C. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:30 PM at which time Mr. Regan asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for a former Salk student, Lorenzo Fernandez, who lost his battle with cancer and for the victims of the recent New York City gas explosion.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of February 11, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Porrazzo, Pappas, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

IV. PUBLIC HEARING - VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

Mr. Pastore reported that recently Governor Cuomo signed a bill that would allow school districts to partially exempt the primary residents of certain veterans from school taxes. He noted that veterans can only receive this exemption if the School Board passes a resolution to opt into this exemption. The categories for this exemption are for veterans in a combat zone, non-combat zone or disabled during service. Mr. Pastore went on to discuss the details of this exemption.

<b>Rich Snizek</b>	<b>42 Green Lane, Levittown</b>
<b>John Barry Schou</b>	<b>80 Green Lane, Levittown</b>
<b>Joe Simpson</b>	<b>4 Clay Lane, Levittown</b>
<b>Bruce Piel</b>	<b>246 Twin Lane East, Levittown</b>

The individuals listed above are veterans who spoke about the Veterans' Exemption. They all thanked the Board for considering this initiative as it would affect many veterans. Mr. Snizek remarked it is a great idea that should have happened sooner. Mr. Schou reported that Levittown was the 1<sup>st</sup> town in the United States built for veterans. He shared that the community still has a few older veterans and that many young veterans are moving in. Mr. Simpson mentioned that any help given to thank veterans for their service is greatly appreciated. Mr. Piel stated that this exemption will make the older veterans lives a little easier financially and help the younger veterans to start a life here.

The Board thanked the veterans for their service and for their participation in tonight's hearing.

**At 8:00 PM, Mr. Regan declared the public hearing ended.**

**NOTE: Agenda Item #19 was taken out of order and voted on at the beginning of the meeting.**

19. Alternative Veterans Exemption

RESOLUTION # 13-14-179

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Levittown UFSD does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §458-a; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the maximum exempt amount shall be as follows:

- \$12,000 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for under RPTL §458-a
- \$8,000 for all veterans who served in a “combat zone” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a
- \$40,000 for all veterans who suffered a “service connected” disability as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Levittown UFSD does hereby adopt the expanded definition of the term “qualified owner”, as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a. to include a “Gold Star Parent” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Levittown UFSD does hereby allow a cooperative corporation to be eligible to receive such exemption pursuant to RPTL §458-a(6)(d); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Levittown UFSD does hereby allow a qualified veteran under RPTL §458-a to transfer, on a pro-rated basis, his exemption to another home purchased within the Levittown UFSD."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

V. REPORTS

A. RECOGNITION

1. Joseph Rich, Eagle Scout Award

Ms. Valentino, the MacArthur principal, introduced Mr. Rich. She congratulated Mr. Rich and his parents on an amazing accomplishment. Ms. Valentino pointed out some of Mr. Rich’s

outstanding qualities and noted he is wise beyond his years. She shared that his he turned his passion for gardening into his project for Eagle Scout. Mr. Rich created an enabling garden at the Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility. This garden can be used as a nice peaceful relaxing place by all the residents, family and staff to brighten their day. Mr. Rich remarked that this garden was in honor of his grandmother who always brightened his day. He stated that it was a way to pay it forward which is a motto he lives by.

2. Art Display - MacArthur High School

Dr. Grossane shared that the art work and photography on display in the hallway and meeting room is amazing and hoped everyone would take time out to view.

**NOTE: Agenda items 1- 4 were discussed under Recognition and voted on out of order.**

Valedictorian/Salutatorian (MacArthur and Division Avenue High Schools)

Dr. Grossane asked that the principals of both high schools to introduce these top achieving students. They spoke about the achievements and honors their students had attained in their High School careers. The Board congratulated all the recipients and acknowledged how proud everyone was of them.

1.Valedictorian - Division Avenue High School

RESOLUTION # 13-14-161

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, Savvas Papadopoulos has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2014 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of 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 Savvas Papadopoulos for his selection as Valedictorian of the 2014 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

2.Salutatorian Division Avenue High School

RESOLUTION # 13-14-162

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, Lyndsey Petrofsky has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2014 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of 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 Lyndsey Petrofsky for her selection as Salutatorian of the 2014 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

### 3.Valedictorian MacArthur High School

RESOLUTION # 13-14-163

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, Belinda Grunfeld has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2014 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of 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 Belinda Grunfeld for her selection as Valedictorian of the 2014 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

### 4.Salutatorian MacArthur High School

RESOLUTION # 13-14-164

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, Mira Sobhy has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2014 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of 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 Mira Sobhy for her selection as Salutatorian of the 2014 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

**NOTE: Agenda item #21 was voted on out of order.**

21.Schedules

RESOLUTION # 13-14

“That the Levittown Board of Ed approve the following schedules:”

1001	2013-G-No. 10	Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel
1002	2013-GG-No. 10	Resignation/Terminations, Non-Instructional
1003	2013-H-No 11	Appointments, Certified Personnel
1004	2013-N-No.11c	Designation, Consultants
1005	2013-N-No.11g	Designation, Coaching
1006	2013-HH-No.11	Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel
1007	2013-I-No. 1	Use of Facilities/Fields
1008	2013-J-No. 7	Tenure, Certified Personnel
1009	2013-JJ-No. 7	Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel
1010	2013-K-No. 8	LOA, Certified Personnel
1011	2013-KK-No.8	LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel
1012	2013-O-No. 9	Students w/Disabilities

**NOTE: Dr. Grossane was happy to announce that the Board was granting tenure to Mr. Mortillaro, principal of Northside Elementary School. He stated that Mr. Mortillaro is an eager Administrator who has taken on his job with great enthusiasm. Dr. Grossane remarked that his staff and community have quickly followed his lead, and Northside is well on its way to becoming all it can possibly be. The Board congratulated Mr. Mortillaro and wished him continued success.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Porrazzo, Pappas, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

**B. Superintendent**

1. NYSED Common Core Implementation Changes

Ms. Rifkin went over the highlights of the recent updates from the New York State Education Department with regards to Common Core implementation. She reported that there were 19 options to improve the implementation of the Common Core and the Board of Regents approved 18 of those. She stated that these options were divided into 6 categories which speak about the Common Core Standards, Professional Development, State and Local Assessments,

Teacher and Principal Evaluation and Curriculum. Ms. Rifkin discussed each of these recommendations in detail. She pointed out that these are proposed amendments and that we have to wait for regulations and guidance from the State Education Department to support the implementation of all this policy. The Board asked questions relating to this topic and thanked Ms. Rifkin for keeping them abreast of what has been transpiring.

## 2. Fund Balance Projection

Mr. Pastore reported that the auditors had advised him to report to the Board his projection of what the Fund Balance would be at the end of the year. He stated that he is using a proper form given to him by auditors to compile these figures. Mr. Pastore went on to explain the spread sheet he handed out.

Mr. Porrizzo remarked that he felt it was early to be projecting the Fund Balance. Mr. Pastore agreed but was complying with the auditor's request. He noted that if we report these figures every month, we will then have a trend.

Mr. Powers asked about the amount of reserves. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware that this figure needs to be reduced by items allocated for specific purposes in which case the net balance would be much less. Mr. Pastore pointed out that certain monies were restricted and could only be used for certain purposes. Mr. Pappas agreed that the community needs to understand what monies are actually available. Mr. Cohen (legal counsel) reported that his firm would be giving a written opinion on a change in the law that might affect the reserves. The Board discussed this issue.

## 3. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. Grossane responded to questions that were asked at the last regular meeting.

- To the parents who had concerns regarding food allergies and procedures within the buildings, Dr. Grossane reported that Administration is presently reviewing our policies on food allergies. He shared that at the beginning of every school year at Superintendent's Conference Day, the school nurses train the staff on food allergies including the use of an Epi Pen. He is making sure that all the protocols are similar within each building. Dr. Grossane stated that through the Health & Safety Committee, he is looking at some of the ways to continue to educate staff and students in terms of the appropriate action to take should they see an allergic reaction. He remarked that we are open to suggestions and everyone takes this very seriously. Mr. Pappas stated that education is the key but so is prevention. Mr. Ward agreed that education is important. The Board wanted the community to know that they are behind making the schools as safe as possible for everyone.
- In response to Ms. Sanchez's many concerns, Dr. Grossane remarked that the questions that were specific to her child should be addressed to the principal or teacher not in an open forum. Regarding the hours spent for physical education, music and art, Dr. Grossane noted that there are no specific time frames for music or art. Once each week, students are given a 40 minute period of music and art and two periods of physical education for a total of 80 minutes. The only state requirement is the 120 minutes for physical education. Dr. Grossane researched what other districts are doing to meet these guidelines. He reported

that most districts are doing what we do. However, some districts are making up the additional 40 minutes, using a formalized program for 8 minutes a day that the classroom teacher instructs. Dr. Grossane commented that he would review this program for our district.

- Dr. Grossane felt that Ms. Adrian questions were more philosophical and that he had answered them.
- Regarding Mr. Felman's questions, Dr. Grossane wanted to assure the community that when student athletes are selected for our cheering teams that it is from an unbiased open tryout with a panel of coaches from both our high schools, from other districts and local universities. They are based on the student's abilities.

#### 4. Follow-up to Board Questions

(None)

### C. Board of Education

#### 1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Regan shared that the Board has been working very hard and spending many hours working on a acceptable budget to ease the burden on the Levittown residents who support the school district.

Mr. Pappas thanked the PTA's from Division Avenue, East Broadway, Abbey Lane and Gardiners Avenue for inviting the Board to all their wonderful fundraisers. He remarked that a lot of hard work goes into these events but they are for a good cause. He mentioned they are always a great time with a lot of fun.

#### 2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

#### 3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Fuchs congratulated the DECA team which ranked among the top 10 during the state competition, and the Wrestling Team which placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 42 teams in the Nassau County Wrestling Tournament. He reported that the Science Olympiads, of which he is a member, will be competing on Saturday in the state tournament and that everyone is very excited about competing. Mr. Fuchs wanted to recognize the success of his peers, Mr. Papadopoulos and Ms. Petrofsky, whom inspire him. He stated that Division Avenue is proud of all their success and look forward to a bright future.

Mr. Zilli reported that MacArthur's Drama Club was putting on a production of Almost Maine, which he was looking forward to seeing. He mentioned that there was a new wave of college acceptance letters arriving and it was exciting to see all the great schools the seniors will be attending. Mr. Zilli congratulated the Valedictorian and Salutatorian who exemplify the high academic standard that this district promulgates through all of its students.

Mr. Pappas noted that Chris Reilly, a Division Avenue bowler, had the top number of total pins at the New York State Tournament and more importantly, he won the Sportsmanship Award for the entire State Tournament.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. School Calendar 2014-15

RESOLUTION #13-14-160

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, the attached 2014-15 school calendar has been reviewed by all appropriate parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, adopt the attached calendar as the official dates for the operation of schools during the 2014-15 school year."

**NOTE:** Dr. Grossane asked that the Board delay this vote due to additional changes he was suggesting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

VII. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

5. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 13-14-165

**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 February, 2014 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

6.Appropriation, Revenue and Trial Balance Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-166

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation, Revenue and Trial Balance Reports for the period ending January 31, 2014."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

7.Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 13-14-167

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached reports and placed same on file:

Summary of Treasurer's Reports for the month ending January 31, 2014"

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

8.Claims Auditor Reports

RESOLUTION # 13-14-168

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending February 28, 2014."

**NOTE:** Mr. Pastore reviewed the report with the Board. Mr. Porrazzo wanted to know why we spend before we encumber it. Mr. Pastore explained that one of the reasons why we see so many confirming purchase orders is because it is the same purchase order month after month but not necessarily a new encumbrance. He further explained that this issue coincides with the over 90 day purchase orders. Mr. Pappas wanted to know the percentage of over 90 and confirming purchase orders that fit into this category. Mr. Pastore stated that he will get this information to him. Mr. Porrazzo asked why the problem did not clear up by now and that we seem to be committing the same errors. Mr. Pastore agreed and advised that most of these purchase orders should be done during the months of July and August. He shared that an effort has been made this last month to make sure that all the payments are made so that we don't continue to move this forward. Mr. Pappas hoped that the next report would be better but advised that he was not in favor of approving this report. Mr. Cohen pointed out that these resolutions would have to be approved at a future date.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION FAILED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Regan, Marengi
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

9. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 13-14-169

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

- a. Two dumpsters, donated to the District by the Levittown Public Library, One Bluegrass Lane, Levittown, NY 11756;
- b. Three checks for \$500 each (one for Division Avenue, one for MacArthur and one for GC Tech) donated by the Levittown Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 207, Levittown, NY 11756, to be used as scholarships for one student at each school studying business;
- c. Check for \$1,005.40 from Box Tops for Education, PO Box 200, Young America, MN 55553-0300, donated to Gardiners Avenue School."

**NOTE:** Since Mr. Regan had left the room, Ms. Marengi thanked everyone for their generous donations to the district.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marengi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

10. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-170

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Abbey Lane	1 upright piano	1/31/14
Division Avenue	1 film loop player	2/5/14
	2 film strip slide projectors	2/5/14
	2 fume hoods	2/5/14
	1 laser disc player	2/5/14
Wisdom Lane	Whirlpool stackable washer/dryer	2/12/14
	Kenmore stackable washer/dryer	2/12/14"

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marengi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

11.Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 13-14-171

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the computer equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

<u>School / Building</u>	<u>Number and Type of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Abbey Lane	5 Printers	1/14/14
Lee Road	1 Printer	1/10/14
Abbey Lane	1 Printer	2/28/14
Gardiners Ave	1 Printer	2/28/14
LMEC	5 Projector/Printers	1/27/14
LMEC	11 Projectors/Printers	3/3/14
LMEC	3 Printers	3/3/14"

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marengi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

12.Obsolete Textbooks

RESOLUTION # 13-14-172

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the books on the attached lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or donated as possible or sold at the highest salvage value:

<u>School</u>	<u>Quantity/type of book</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Division Avenue	21 copies of Sportsmanlike Driving	2/6/14"

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Marengi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

**NOTE: Mr. Regan returned to the room.**

13.Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 13-14-173

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfers have been prepared and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance,

<u>Code from</u>	<u>Code to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A55104210 Insurance	A55104680 Bus Repairs	\$15,000
A90608000 Emp. Benefits Health Ins.	A21104690 Drivers Ed Contractual	\$12,480

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

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas asked for clarification on the budget transfers. Mr. Pastore explained that money was being transferred from insurance to bus repairs because the buses needed a lot of repairs and the money in that code had run out. Mr. Pappas wanted a breakdown of the ten highest dollar amount in repairs on the buses. Mr. Ward asked for what was budgeted for in the repair code. Mr. Pastore stated he would provide those figures for them.

Ms. Rifkin explained the budget transfer to the Drivers Ed code by stating that there were more students than anticipated that signed up for drivers ed. Therefore, we contracted with East Meadow Driving School and needed more money in the code. Ms. Rifkin commented that this is more than offset by the additional revenues that come into the district. Mr. Porrazzo pointed out that since drivers ed is a self sustaining program, why didn't you just increase the budget. Mr. Pastore commented that it could have been done either way. He noted that it would be done that way in the future if that is what that Board is recommending. Mr. Pappas questioned the hiring of six teachers for East Meadow Driving School on the schedule. Ms. Rifkin shared that there was some money budgeted in the code but that no new teachers were hired or new cars bought. She stated that we have maxed out what we can do in district and the overflow has been outsourced to East Meadow. She further explained that no students were turned down unless there was a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Pappas had a question relating to Driver's Ed but not the budget transfer. He reported that the classroom period of Driver's Ed begins at 6:00 PM which conflicts with students attending extracurricular activities. Ms. Marengi remarked that it has always been a problem. Dr. Grossane suggested that the class begin at 6 AM. Mr. Pappas stated that we provided this course as a cost savings measure and it would be a shame if our students couldn't take advantage of it. Ms. Rifkin advised that she would look into different options.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peter Porrazzo, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

14. Renewal of Bid - Printing Services - District Newsletters and Calendars RESOLUTION#13-14- 174

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the renewal of the following bid #12E - No. 12 - A&B - Printing Services, District Newsletters and District Calendars with Tobay Printing, Copiague, New York, at a cost not to exceed \$14,422."

**NOTE:** Mr. Ward asked if this was a rebid. Dr. Grossane explained that it was a renewal. Mr. Pappas inquired as to why it could not be done in house. Dr. Grossane remarked that it cost much more to do in district.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

15. Federal Single Audit Report

RESOLUTION # 13-14-175

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the Federal Single Audit Report for the Levittown Public Schools as prepared by the firm of R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, for the period ending June 30, 2013."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

16. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 13-14-176

**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 2013-14 transportation contract(s):

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Eastern Suffolk BOCES	January 7, 2014	\$17,034.59

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

17. Modification of Employment Agreement - Assistant  
Superintendent for Business and Finance

RESOLUTION # 13-14-177

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Modification to the Employment Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and William Pastore, as per the terms of the attached Modification of Employment Agreement.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

18. Annual Meeting Resolution

RESOLUTION # 13-14-178

Recommended Motion: “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 20, 2014, 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

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 vote on the School District budget and election of candidates for the School Board of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and the vote on the Public Library budget and election of a candidate for the Board of Trustees for the Levittown Public Library, will be held in the several election districts of the School District at the voting places designated below on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, 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 and to elect a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Shall the following resolutions be adopted:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2014-2015 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.

**PROPOSITION NO. 2****EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District ("District"), be hereby authorized to expend from the District's Capital Reserve Fund, previously established by the voters of the District, an amount not to exceed Four Million dollars (\$4,000,000) to undertake and perform a school building improvement project ("Project") as described in the District's Budget Brochure ("Brochure") on file in the office of the District Clerk, said Project to commence during the 2014-2015 school year and to consist of capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations to all District Buildings, including but not limited to: Masonry Phase 2 (repointing /replacement/chimneys, Environmental Testing, Architect and Contingency), Playground at Abbey Lane, Division Avenue Weight and Locker Rooms, Salk Locker and Wrestling Rooms, Cooling Stations District Wide; including necessary equipment and related work, as well as preliminary and incidental costs; and that the specified Project costs as set forth in the Brochure may be reallocated among the Project's components within the scope of this authorization.

**PROPOSITION NO. 3****LIBRARY BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the Public Library Budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015 proposed by the Library Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library heretofore filed pursuant to 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 and for the office of member of the Library Board of Trustees must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM but no later than 5:00 PM on April 21, 2014. Forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Three (3) members for the term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2017.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The three 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.

The following vacancy is to be filled on the Library Board of Trustees: One (1) member for the term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019, to succeed Steven V. Dalton last incumbent.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Library Board of Trustees. 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 for members of the Library Board of Trustees, 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2014-2015 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2014, at 7:30 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center and copies of such statement, as well as the statement of the amount of money required for the 2014-2015 fiscal year of the Public Library, will be made available on the District's website and at each schoolhouse and library in the District during the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM 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, 2014, 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 AM. and 1:00 PM on school days provided that such registration is effected no later than May 15, 2014.

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 AM and 4:00 PM, on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 17, 2014), 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 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 17, 2014), 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 PM on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that during the voting hours on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, in the various election districts, the Board of Registration will meet to receive registrations for subsequent elections. During the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on voting days, the District Clerk shall be in her office at the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

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.

**SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS:**

The boundaries of the school election districts and the place of each election district for voting and registration shall be as follows:

**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 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 northeast, 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.

Dated: Levittown, New York  
March 12, 2014

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

Elizabeth Appelbaum”

**NOTE:** Dr. Grossane explained that Proposition #2, asks the public for approval to expand funds from the Capital Reserve that was established last year. Mr. Pappas noted that this is at no affect to the budget.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

20. Medical Evaluation of Employee

RESOLUTION # 13-14-180

**MOTION:** “BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 913, that the employee discussed in executive session on March 12, 2014, be and, hereby, is directed to report for a medical and/or psychological examination before a medical/psychological inspector of the school district for this purpose, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the employee is fit to perform the duties and responsibilities of said employee’s position, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employee be and, hereby, is directed to produce at said examination any and all medical records to this employee’s physical/mental health status during the last three (3) years.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

IX. AD HOC

Discussion Only; No Action Taken

Telephone System

Mr. Pastore stated that he wanted to update the Board on the replacement telephone system. He remarked that our current system is outdated, and we can no longer get parts or vendors for service. He noted that we have money available in the 2013/14 budget to set up a new system. Mr. Pastore reported that we contacted BOCES for options. He advised that they developed a plan for us and put out an RFP. He noted that two other vendors have submitted RFP’s. If we went with BOCES, we would use a fiber optic line and receive an estimated 61% aid, could choose whether we want to finance over a three or five year period and receive level one support at no cost. Mr. Pastore reported that we could use our existing phone lines to distribute the phone calls so that it would not require rewiring the buildings.

Mr. Powers asked Ms. Rhatigan technical questions such as are we hauling this over our data network, bringing it to a central location and handling the back hall from all the satellite building. Ms. Rhatigan responded affirmatively. She reported that we are looking to bring this into our fiber and eliminating our T-1's.

Mr. Pastore pointed out the we are preparing to have redundant locations so that if anything happened at one location, it would switch to another. Mr. Powers asked where the plan was to set up the central location. The answer was at Memorial is the primary location with the server off-site.

Mr. Pastore further explained there are directories on the phone, caller ID, an enhanced 911 and other security capabilities. Mr. Ward asked if the classroom could dial 911. Mr. Pastore answered that we now will have the opportunity to have this feature. Mr. Pastore went on to discuss more of the systems features.

Mr. Howard, Business Manager, advised that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the system which is phone only. The next phase could be PA integration.

Mr. Powers inquired as to how we derived at this solution. He wanted to know if we asked anyone to design a system for us or did we tell a vendor what we needed and price that out. He wondered if we should bring in a consultant to decide how best to handle our situation. It was decided this was a good idea.

#### X. DATES

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 Budget Planning Session #4

Wednesday, March 26, 2014, Budget Planning Session #5

MOTION: "That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:50 PM. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Moran

**NOTE: The Board returned to Public Session at 10:20 and adjourned the meeting.**

#### XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mr. Porrazzo, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mr. Ward, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Ward, Powers, Pappas, Porrazzo, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	James Moran

Elizabeth Appelbaum

District Clerk

**NOTE: Tapes of the meeting are available for review at the Levittown Library**

**PUBLIC BE HEARD****Victoria Sanchez****70 Anchor Lane, Levittown**

Ms. Sanchez thanked Dr. Grossane for researching the physical education requirements. She explained that she feels it is important with childhood obesity on the rise and that children are facing many pressures from school at a younger age. She feels that students should have an outlet in a more formal manner every day. Ms. Sanchez's question tonight was on testing. She wanted to know what the district's position is in regards to testing and how much actual classroom testing is considered educationally appropriate, especially on the elementary level. Ms. Sanchez mentioned that her work is having an event called Global Month of Service, whose focus is on children. She noted that volunteers will be collecting school supplies for children in need and if the district knows of any families in need to contact her.

**Jane Finkelstein****848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh**

Ms. Finkelstein had many questions on testing. She wanted to know the district's official policy on refusing to take tests and if the policy is per school or district wide. She asked if there would be separate areas in each school for those students whose parents refused to have their children take the tests; how much money was spent on unfunded mandates; how much was spent in the implementation of Common Core and testing and has it been within the projected amount; what amount are we looking at for next year and how does PARCC fit into all of this for the future.

**RESPONSES**

Dr. Grossane noted that some questions he would have to research but he could respond to the question on testing policies. He reported that Administration and the building principals are meeting tomorrow to go over procedures and that the policy will be similar to last year's. He stated that the issue of relocation will be reviewed but he noted that the district is required to put an exam in front of every student. Dr. Grossane remarked that he will respect the students and their parents and not put any child in an awkward situation. He pointed out that there must be a confirmation from the parent if a student is not taking the test. He hoped to have this information available in writing shortly.

Regarding the status of the PARCC question, Ms. Rifkin announced that the testing has been delayed until 2015/2016.

Mr. Porrazzo asked what kind of effort has to be expended by Central Office to gather the number of dollars spent on testing. Dr. Grossane remarked that the number is quite large and many hours go into that. He mentioned that Special Education is an unfunded mandate and there is quite a bit of research that goes into that. Mr. Porrazzo asked when a request becomes a FOIL. Dr. Grossane said he would confer with legal counsel to determine this.

