

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

**DATE: JANUARY 14, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** was duly called and held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 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 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:**

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President  
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice President  
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary  
Mr. James Moran  
Mr. Michael Pappas – excused absence  
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith  
Mr. Kevin Regan

**ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Tonie McDonald - 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  
Ms. Grace Shin – MacArthur High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- B. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Regan and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following items: contracts and personnel matters.
  
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Regan and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember all those fighting overseas for our freedom.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(None)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

**IV. REPORTS****A. Recognition****a. Art Display: Northside School**

Ms. Marenghi acknowledged the beautiful art display in the large Board room and hallway.

**b. Esta Lachow and Gina Interdonato: Adopt A Family Program**

Ms. Marenghi announced that the recognition of Ms. Lachow and Ms. Interdonato would be postponed until the next Board meeting. She spoke about the Adopt a Family Program stating that it requires a lot of time, energy and effort to make it such a successful event. Ms. Marenghi noted that it is such a wonderful event for all those involved. Dr. McDonald thanked Mr. Hackmack for the lovely article he wrote about the Adopt a Family Program in the Wantagh Seaford Herald.

**B. Superintendent**

Dr. McDonald congratulated Grace Shin, Student Liaison for MacArthur High School, on her early decision acceptance to MIT. She noted that two Division Avenue students made it to the final rounds of the Coca-Cola Scholarships and MacArthur High School has made it to the final round as a School of Opportunity. Additionally, Dr. McDonald reported that students from MacArthur and Division have formed a chorus that will be singing the National Anthem at Citifield.

**1. Comments and Reports****a. School District Calendar 2015-16**

Dr. McDonald discussed the School District Calendar with the Board. She noted that there was another option that could be considered which was having December 23<sup>rd</sup> as a school day, having off on March 28<sup>th</sup> and assuming no snow days, move the contingency day to May 31st. After some discussion, the Board decided that they were in favor of this option.

**b. First Draft of Budget (presentation by Bill Pastore)**

Mr. Pastore gave a budget overview where he spoke about the following: Budget Planning Calendar; Board of Education Goals; Process used to formulate the Budget; Proposed Budget for 2015/2016; Budget Breakdown; and the Preliminary Expenditure and Revenue Budget. He noted that it is still very early in the Budget process with many items still to be decided on such as the Tax Levy Limit, State Aid, BOCES costs, and open contractual negotiations. He shared that two important considerations for next year's budget are the Tax Freeze for Year Two and the "Smart Schools Bond" both of which do not have set rules yet by the State. Mr. Pastore remarked that we have not gotten any direction in terms of how these items work. Mr. Powers asked if any spending was assumed for the Smart School Bond. Mr. Pastore responded that he had not included it in the budget because the process has yet to be determined. Mr. Pastore reported that a proposed Capital Repair Reserve would be included in the budget. The specific uses of the reserve are for repairs to building and equipment that do not occur annually. He noted that in order to establish this Reserve and use it, there must be voter approval. Furthermore, it will be established with the excess fund balance from 2014-2015. Mr. Ward wanted to know the difference between Capital Repair Reserve and Capital Improvements. Mr. Cohen explained that Capital Repair Reserve is for repairs that are not ordinary wear and tear such as repairing big item equipment that breakdown whereas Capital Improvements is for renovations and for improvement of capital facilities. Dr. McDonald pointed-out that a Capital Repair Reserve alleviates what you have to put into the budget each year for those types of contingencies. She noted that it is a way to keep capital repairs at a consistent level in that reserve. Mr. Moran asked if every time you have a major repair of equipment, you would have to have a Special Meeting or vote of the community. Mr. Cohen answered that there is an emergency exception so that if you have a true emergency repair the Board could access the funds which would have to be replaced at a certain time. Mr. Powers inquired whether you then get into a position where you are creating a proposition to be voted on every year that is reasonably broad. Dr. McDonald answered no, that it still is subject to all the other contingencies and rules for spending. Mr. Powers was concerned that we were hamstringing ourselves by creating this. Dr. McDonald disagreed and stated that it is one of the few ways to put money away for the future. Mr. Moran asked if there was a dollar amount of money that was to be put in the Reserve. Dr. McDonald commented possibly in the million dollar range to be used for the future. Mr. Pastore went over the Proposed Budget and Budget Breakdown. Mr. Powers was concerned regarding a large dollar amount of unexplainable increases. Mr. Pastore assured the Board that through the budget process those amounts will be explained.

Mr. Pastore noted that at each Board meeting a different department would present their budget. Tonight the Facilities and Transportation Departments would review their budgets for the Board. He remarked that the calendar for presentations is posted on the district's website.

**1. Facilities Budget (Chris Milano)**

Mr. Milano presented the budget for facilities and operations. He went over the organizational chart for the Department of Operations and Maintenance and noted that the district has 14 school facilities, 29 non-instructional structures, 192 acres of grounds, 633 classrooms, 1,290,634 square feet of buildings and 10,000 daily attendances. Mr. Milano shared the district's recent renovations such as the cafeterias at MacArthur and Division, new track at MacArthur, the walkway and eight new playgrounds installed district wide. He discussed the budget process used to develop his budget giving a detailed appropriation report by function. Mr. Milano highlighted some of his planned initiatives for 2015-2016 such as the start of the energy performance contract, district wide green cleaning program enhancements, refurbish facilities' vehicles, building condition survey and Capital Reserve Projects. He reported on the budget breakdown for buildings and grounds, maintenance, security and equipment. The Board discussed this budget and complemented Mr. Milano on a comprehensive, organized, easy to follow report.

## **2. Transportation Budget (Dajuana Reeves)**

Ms. Reeves reported on the budget for Transportation. She gave a breakdown of the staff, equipment and the routes serviced on a daily basis throughout the district. Ms. Reeves provided charts which showed detailed information on our bus fleet such as a profile summary, purchase history and spare bus analysis. She noted that the goal was to establish a continuous replenishment plan for our vehicles in order to have a reduction on repair and maintenance costs and maintain the value of the vehicles we own. Mr. Moran asked what kind of warranty we get when we purchase our buses. Ms. Reeves stated five years. A detailed budget was discussed in which Ms. Reeves noted areas where increases were expected for next year. She went on to talk about the proposed bus purchase breakdown for the future. In summary, Ms. Reeves reported on the highlights of the transportation budget. Mr. Powers asked what was driving the increase in contracted buses. Ms. Reeves and Mr. Pastore discussed this item with the Board noting that runs for athletic, homeless students, and field trips are contracted out because of scheduling difficulty with the timing of the ending of school. Mr. Pastore shared that he was using budget transfers into these codes. He noted that this is one of those areas where we take a look at it before the budget is over and we have a better feel for what the total increase will be for this year and make adjustments accordingly. Mr. Powers asked about night differential. Dr. McDonald responded that we pay our drivers for the return trip which is an extra run. She noted that we would rather pay our bus drivers who know our children. Mr. Moran wanted to know why we were having such a difficult time getting bus drivers. There was a discussion on this subject. Mr. Pastore pointed-out that our drivers do a great job and are involved in multitasking and cooperation with other drivers. He stated that it is remarkable how they all work together. Mr. Pastore thanked the drivers and dispatchers for a job well done. The Board thanked Ms. Reeves for a presentation.

### **2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions** (None)

### **3. Follow-up to Board Questions**

Dr. McDonald announced that the discussion on solar panels would be held at the next meeting since Mr. Pappas was absent and he had requested information on this item.

## **C. Board of Education**

### **1. Comments and Reports**

Ms. Quinones-Smith reported on a Policy Workshop she attended with Dr. McDonald. She commented that it was extremely informative, especially for a new Board member. She spoke about the importance of having a Board meeting agenda completed in a timely fashion so that the community has a chance to review it and formulate any questions. Ms. Quinones-Smith praised Dr. McDonald and her team for having policies that are current.

Mr. Regan remarked that for the last six years, he has been attending the events held for the Outstanding Seniors. He stated that he is always awestruck by these amazing students. He reported that he recently attended the MacArthur Breakfast and wanted to congratulate Ms. Valentino and her staff for the impressive number of outstanding seniors this year.

Ms. Marengi shared that she attended the Outstanding Senior Luncheon at Division Avenue. She noted that the way the students speak, present themselves and their aspirations for the future is very refreshing. She thanked Ms. Lorelli and her staff for all they do.

**2. Correspondence**

(none)

**3. Student Liaisons**

Ms. Shin, Student Liaison for MacArthur, reported that recently the Challenger Basketball League for students in Special Education started their practice for the season which begins in February. She noted that this league provides an opportunity for students with special needs to play and participate in activities. Ms. Shin noted that the Science Department is preparing for the Science Olympiad Competition at the end of January. She explained that this competition is like an academic track meet where students come together to compete in different events. Lastly, she shared that the Amnesty International Club had an International Food Party, where it they raised approximately \$500 from all the attendees. This money will go to support Kiva which is a organization that helps people give loans to individuals around the world, mostly in developing countries, to start their own businesses.

**V. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 14-15-167

**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 December 2014 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-168

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the following reports from the Business Office:

- Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014
- Appropriation, Revenue, Trial Balance for the month ending November 30, 2014
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending December 31, 2014.
- Credit card statement for period ending December 31, 2014."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

3. SEQRA Type II- Division Avenue Weight and Locker Rooms

RESOLUTION # 14-15-169

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District desires to embark upon a capital project for refurbishment of the Division Avenue High School Weight Room and Locker Room (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of an existing structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, is 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 Project 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 Project is 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 Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed expenditure for the Project at a total estimated cost of \$1,083,620 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 Project."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

4. SEQRA Type II-Salk Middle School Locker and Wrestling Rooms RESOLUTION # 14-15-170

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District desires to embark upon a capital project for refurbishment of the Jonas E. Salk Middle School Locker Room and Wrestling Room (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of an existing structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, is 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 Project 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 Project is 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 Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed expenditure for the Project at a total estimated cost of \$1,091,417 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 Project."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

5. Special Education Contract with West Islip Public Schools

RESOLUTION # 14-15-171

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with West Islip Public Schools, with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to cover Special Education services for the 2014-15 school year; and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

6. Out of District Contract for Health and Welfare Services  
Hempstead Union Free School District

RESOLUTION # 14-15-172

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the Hempstead Union Free School District to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in Hempstead Union Free School District for the 2014-15 school year;

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



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

7. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 14-15-173

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached tuition contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts for the purpose of Levittown providing specialized educational services at the GC Tech program to children residing in these districts:

- Island Trees School District
- Seaford Union Free School District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education President is, hereby, authorized to execute the contracts."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

8. Contract for Nurse for Greenkill Trip

RESOLUTION # 14-15-174

**MOTION:** RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Carol Nevins, RN, to provide nursing services for students of Levittown Public Schools during their BOCES outdoor education trips to Camp Greenkill for the 2014-15 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

9. Amendment to Lease of the Laurel Lane School by the Elijah School RESOLUTION # 14-15-175

**MOTION:** "Whereas, it is mutually beneficial to the Levittown Public Schools and The Elijah School to amend the lease agreement for the Laurel Lane School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the attached amendment to the three-year lease agreement between the Levittown Public Schools and The Elijah School and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached amended lease agreement. "

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

10. BOCES Contract for Video Cameras - Elementary/Central Office RESOLUTION # 14-15-176

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Technology Program Contracts between the Levittown Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES (Project #6-518989) for the addition of indoor and outdoor video cameras and related equipment which will be installed and connected to the existing networks within the School District's elementary schools and central office."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

11. BOCES Contract for Video Cameras - Secondary Schools/  
Buildings and Grounds RESOLUTION # 14-15-177

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Technology Program Contracts between the Levittown Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES (Project #7-518990) for the addition of indoor and outdoor video cameras and related equipment which will be installed and connected to the existing networks within the School District's secondary schools and buildings and grounds buildings."

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers questioned the BOCES contract for security camera installations and integration into the Genetec system. He felt the numbers did not match in the tables. Dr. Pastore explained how to get the correct numbers.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

12. Bid - Renewal of Bid- Musical Instrument Repairs

RESOLUTION # 14-15-178

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the renewal of following bid:

<u>Bid #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13E No 19	J & B Musical Instruments	Per attached recommendation"

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

13. Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 14-15-179

**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:

<b>School / Building</b>	<b>No of Items</b>	<b>Type of Items</b>	<b>Date of List</b>
Abbey Lane School	2	Printer / Smartboard	12/19/14
LMEC	6	Printers / PCs / Projector	12/19/14

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

14. Obsolete Textbooks

RESOLUTION # 14-15-180

**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>
Lee Road Elementary	326 reading/literacy textbooks	December 8, 2014”

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

**NOTE:** Mr. Ward asked if we could keep the Lee Road Reading Literacy textbooks for reference. Dr. McDonald responded that they have no use for us.

15. GC Tech Tuition Rate - 2015-16

RESOLUTION # 14-15-181

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve no increase to the \$13,694 GC Tech tuition rate for the 2015-16 school year."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

16. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-182

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

- a. check in the amount of \$1,000 donated to Division Avenue High School by Lifetouch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 to be used for two athletic scholarships (one male and one female) for the Division Avenue High School graduating class of 2015;
- b. a check in the amount of \$2,000 donated to MacArthur High School by Lifetouch 515 Smith Street, Farmingdale, to be used for one or more yearbook scholarships for an athlete from the MacArthur High School graduating class of 2015 who has supported yearbook production;

- c. 51 books donated to the Wisdom Lane Library by Scholastic Book Fairs, PO Box 3745, Jefferson City, MO 65102, as proceeds from the Wisdom Lane Book Fair;
- d. a check for \$1,000 donated to MacArthur High School by Dennis and Diane Smith, 51 Duckpond Drive North, Wantagh, NY 11793 to be used for a scholarship in their son Justin's name, Justin D. Smith;
- e. checks donated by General Mills Box Tops for Education, PO Box 200, Young America, MN 55553, as follows:

Abbey Lane School   \$ 230.00  
Gardiners Avenue    1,328.40.”

**NOTE: The Board thanked all the donors for their generous gifts.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

17. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer

RESOLUTION # 14-15-183

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby appoint Debbie Rifkin the position of Assistant Treasurer to replace Mr. Robert Howard at no additional salary, with the amount of bond fixed at \$1,000,000.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

18. Reporting of Appointed Officials for 2014-15

RESOLUTION #14-15-184

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 315.4 of the regulations of the NYCRR (New York Codes, Rules and Regulations), the Levittown Public Schools hereby establishes the following as Standard Work Days for appointed officials and will report the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the daily records of time worked as maintained by the Levittown Public Schools:

Title	Name	SS# - last 4 digits	Registration number	Standard work day	Term begins/ends	Participates in employees time keeping	Days/months (based on record of activities)
District Clerk	Elizabeth Appelbaum	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	6 hours/day	7/1/14 to 6/30/15	Yes	N/A”

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Karen Quinones-Smith  
**SECONDER:** Kevin Regan  
**AYES:** Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi  
**EXCUSED:** Mike Pappas

19. Memorandum of Understanding with CSEA RE: Motor Repair Supervisor RESOLUTION #14-15-185

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Nassau Educational Local #865 of the Civil Service Employees' Association regarding the position of full-time Motor Repair Supervisor;

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

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Frank Ward, Secretary  
**SECONDER:** Ed Powers, Vice President  
**AYES:** Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi  
**EXCUSED:** Mike Pappas

20. School Calendar 2015-16

RESOLUTION # 14-15-186

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, the attached 2015-16 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 2015-16 school year."

**NOTE:** As discussed earlier in the meeting, the Board decided to adopt the amended school calendar.

**AMEND AS FOLLOWS:** On the attached calendar, change December 23<sup>rd</sup> from a day off to a day of school; March 28<sup>th</sup> will become a day off; the contingency day which was previously March 28<sup>th</sup> will be moved to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

21. Parents Bill of Rights Riders

RESOLUTION # 14-15-187

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED that the attached Parents Bill of Rights Riders be approved for signature by the Board of Education President in regard to the following agreements:

- Positive Behavior
- Home Care for Children
- Island Home Care Agency
- Anne Kearney
- Creative Tutoring, Inc.
- Stephen Michael Perret, MD
- Childhood Anxiety Solutions
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- New York Therapy Placement Services
- Harmony Heights
- Home Therapies DBA Horizon Homecare
- Alternative Tutoring, Inc.
- Tutoring Services of Long Island
- Education, Inc.
- Islip Tutoring Service, Inc.
- Metro Therapy
- Top Grade”

**NOTE:** Mr. Powers asked for a clarification on the Parents Bill of Right Riders. Mr. Cohen, explained that it is now a requirement with all 3<sup>rd</sup> party contactors who may have student information, to represent affirmatively that they understand and will comply with the Parents Bill of Rights. Mr. Powers asked if we have any right of audit. Mr. Cohen responded that there is a questionnaire that is part of the Rider where the vendor should explain to us what they are doing to make sure they are complying. He noted that if there is a breach then we would have the right to legal remedies. Mr. Powers was concerned about how these contractors were going to protect the student data even though they state they have HIPA compliant data base systems. Mr. Cohen remarked that the law does not provide for actual auditing. He commented that the State (SED) has the power to go after these vendors punitively. Mr. Powers suggested that we test the systems to make sure these contractors are compliant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

22. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 14-15-188

**MOTION:** “That the Levittown Board of Education approve the following schedules:

1000	2014-G-No. 8	Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel
1001	2014-GG-No. 8	Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel
1002	2014-H-No. 9	Appointments - Certified Personnel
1003	2014-H-No. 9c	Designation - Consultants
1004	2014-H-No. 9g	Designation – Coaches
1005	2014H-No. 9h	Appointments, Extra-Curricular
1006	2014-HH-NO. 9	Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel
1007	2014-HH-No. 9a1	Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel
1008	2014-O-No. 6	Students with Disabilities

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

VIII. AD HOC  
(None)



IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marenghi
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Mike Pappas

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:12 PM.

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Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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

**PUBLIC BE HEARD**

**PLEASE NOTE: COPIES OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED ARE GIVEN TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THEN KEPT WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES IN THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE.**

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read by the Board President.

**Kathleen Vaughan Ware 824 Pineneck Rd, Seaford, NY**

Ms. Vaughan Ware had a few questions for the Board.

She asked if her request for the Board to provide fair and equal opportunity for the girls Lacrosse games to be taped had been decided on. Additionally, she wanted to know if the Board had made a decision on forming an Athletic Advisory Committee. This committee would be comprised of students, parents, Board members and coaches who come together in a safe place where they can suggest and talk about ideas for the future.

Regarding 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents who are setting their children's schedules for next year, she reported that they had no idea that if their child was in regular math they would be mandated to take math and a half which would take away an elective. She felt the district could be doing better with the school to home communication so that parents can talk to their children before these decisions have to be made.

Ms. Vaughan Ward thanked the Board for volunteering their time.

Dr. McDonald stated that the Board did have a discussion about taping of the Lacrosse games. There was a conversation among the Board members as to what had transpired. Dr. McDonald remarked that she would locate the information and report back to the Board.

In regards to the Athletic Advisory Committee, Dr. McDonald stated that there was no discussion with the Board but that Central Office had reviewed the suggestion and felt it could be part of the Wellness Committee. She remarked that she would report back to the Board on this request.

As to communication with the district's parents, Dr. McDonald stated that we can always do better. She noted that the math curriculum would be discussed by Ms. Rifkin at the next Board meeting. Ms. Marengi asked for clarification regarding where the communication is lacking such as on the website or direct communication with parents. Dr. McDonald explained that the changes with the math curriculum were still being reviewed by Central Office and was to be part of the presentation at the next meeting. Ms. Rifkin stated timing is difficult because the scheduling process has to be started so early, typically before these courses are presented to the Board during the budget process. She noted that it is difficult to communicate effectively and efficiently when you want to get all parties involved. Dr. Donald remarked that a decision was made to let the children be scheduled for those courses with a follow up elective in case there was a consensus from the Board to not have that course. Ms. Marengi suggested an informational meeting where the possibilities of the courses for the next year are discussed. Dr. McDonald shared that something could be put on the website regarding this.

