

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

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 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. James Moran, Vice President
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Mr. Michael Pappas
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Donald Strurz- Assistant to the Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Mr. Amaninder Thind – MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. James Lunetta – Division Avenue 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. Pappas and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to seek the advice of legal counsel.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember all of our men and women serving overseas and to remember Dennis Carroll who was the head of security. Mr. Carroll gave so much of his time and energy to our community and to the Wantagh Fire Department. Our condolences go out to his family.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(None)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2015 (Regular Meeting)."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

IV. REPORTS**A. Student Presentations**

Student Art Presentation - Northside School

Ms. Marengi pointed out that she truly admired the art display. Dr. McDonald noted she especially liked the cardinals.

B. Recognition

Eagle Scout Recognitions

Dr. McDonald reported that there are two Eagle Scouts, Matthew Furlong and Vincent Mauro, receiving recognition this evening. She noted that it is tremendous honor to be an Eagle Scout and with that comes a tremendous amount of work. The students explained their projects and were honored by the Board for their accomplishments. Dr. McDonald thanked the scouts for their service to the community.

Long Island Duck's Essay Contest Winner

Mr. Zampaglione, Principal of Salk Middle School, introduced the winner of the Long Island Duck Essay Contest, Sean Napoli. He noted that Mr. Napoli was one of four recipients in all of Long Island who won the Duck's Contest. Mr. Napoli's essay featured his grandfather who served in the Navy. Mr. Zampaglione thanked the teachers who were responsible for putting this together. Mr. Napoli read his essay.

MacArthur Varsity Football Nassau County Champions

Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health introduced the coaches from the team who called up the students to receive their certificates. Mr. Snyder thanked the Board, Central Office and parents for coming to the games to watch the team play. He was very appreciative of their support. Dr. McDonald commented that not only did the team win the championship but they also received the 2015 Community Service Award from the Nassau County High School Football Coaches Association. She noted that this was for all their good work off the field.

C. Superintendent

1. **Comments and Reports****A. Regents Data – Presentation by Debbie Rifkin**

Dr. McDonald stated that we had previously presented Regents results on our school. The Board requested comparison data on similar schools and Nassau County. She asked Ms. Rifkin to report on this comparative data. Ms. Rifkin noted that in almost every single Regents, Levittown exceed the County as well as our surrounding districts. She commented that we are very proud of this accomplishment. Additionally, in areas where we have had challenges in the past couple of years, our teachers have risen to the occasion and we have made great gains. Dr. McDonald shared that she is proud of the work that the entire staff has done. Ms. Rifkin next spoke about the Mastery Level (score of 85 or above on a Regents exam) which is a mixed bag. She reported that in some areas we exceed the County and surrounding areas and in some we are just below. She pointed out that we are continuing to work on these areas. Ms. Rifkin explained that as a district we are very inclusive. This means we allow students to opt-into a honors or accelerated class. Because of this, test scores may not be as high, but the students have an opportunity to take a higher level course.

Ms. Rifkin shared that there has been a lot of discussion on Algebra II vs. Algebra II Trigonometry. She noted that we have been teaching the Algebra II Common Core Curriculum as per our direction from New York State Education Department (NYSED). She reported that up until very recently, the students were not given the opportunity to take both the Common Core and Integrated Algebra Regents and pick the higher of the two scores. She remarked that in late December a memo was received from NYSED that stated we can now give both the Integrated Algebra Regents and Common Core Regents and pick the higher of the two scores. She noted that when it was Integrated Algebra and Geometry it was an easy situation because the curriculum was similar and students could be successful on both exams. This is not the case with Algebra II vs. Algebra II Trigonometry. She remarked that these could not be taught together because there aren't enough school days to cover the curriculum. Ms. Rifkin met with the math teachers and Math Director to discuss this issue and a decision was made. Students will have to take both Regents. She advised that the students will not be well prepared for the Common Core Regents and we should not expect good results on the that test but we do expect good results on the Algebra II Trigonometry Regents. She pointed out that the higher score will prevail for the students. Dr. McDonald stated that what disturbs her is the students taking the Common Core Regents will not be prepared. She will make sure that the students understand they are just to do the best they can on the test since there will be topics that that have not covered. Dr. McDonald advised that we had no choice since the students are not eligible to take the 2015 Regents exam unless they sit for the Common Core exam. She commented that much discussion went into this decision. Ms. Rifkin remarked that the district will continue to offer extra help sessions. Ms. Quinones-Smith asked what will happen going forward. Dr. McDonald responded that we are allowed to give the 2015 Regents again in January and in August. She mentioned that we do not know what the curriculum will look like going forward.

B. 2016-2017 Budget**i. Draft of 2016-17 Rollover Budget – Presentation by Bill Pastore**

Mr. Pastore reported that for the last month he has been working with the Administrators, Principals, Directors and Curriculum Associates on their budgets. He wanted to thank them all of them for their time and effort. He went over the process used to formulate the first draft budget and the topics on the budget planning calendar. Mr. Pastore commented that the budget was put together with the objective of maintaining and supporting the current programs while

incorporating the 2015-2016 goals of improving academic success and developing a budget that represents a collaborative effort among all stakeholders and staying within the tax levy limit. He remarked that his office will continue to: work on refining projections on staffing and benefits; review BOCES program costs; compare and contrast from last year's budget; and utilize the New York Smart Schools Bond money. Mr. Pastore went on to give an overview of some budget issues.

Mr. Pastore noted that at each Board meeting a different department would present their budget. Tonight the Computer Technology Budget and Library Budget will be presented.

ii. Instructional Technology Budget – Presentation by Todd Connell

Mr. Connell, Director of Computer and Media Services/IT Manager, presented the Instructional Technology and Library codes for the budget. He explained that in developing the budget there were key items that had to be considered such as equipment refresh cycles, maintenance and repair of all equipment, renewal of district software licenses, increased demand for some subscription software, state mandates, and more access to computer resources and Smart Schools Bond funding. Mr. Connell shared some highlights of what his department has completed over the past year such as: rolling out tablets in the 9th grade at both high schools'; upgrading computers, hardware and software in the music labs at both high schools', implemented a point-of-sale i-Pad system at the GC Tech Culinary Arts Program; and implementing a Robotics Glove at an elementary school. He explained that the New York Smart Schools Bond Act is a statewide bond approved by the voters last November whose purpose is to improve technology and infrastructure. He commented that Levittown was allocated 4.9 million dollars for this of which the money does not have to be spent all in one year and there is no expiration date. Mr. Connell went into detail describing how the money for this bond could be used and the money in his codes for Computer Instruction and the Library were to be used. The Board discussed this budget and Ms. Marengi complemented Mr. Connell on a very easy to follow format of his presentation.

iii. Five Year Budget

Mr. Pastore gave a brief presentation on our multi-year budget projections which is recommended by the auditors. He remarked that he was working on assumptions for the tax levy, state aid, local revenues, budget expenditures, applied fund balance and reserves. He noted that the numbers will be refined at a later date. Mr. Pastore remarked that this exercise is used to determine how to plan for five years in advance. He explained that since state aid is very tight, the budget is revenue driven. There was discussion from the Board on revenue, the GAP elimination and Teachers Retirement System rate. Dr. McDonald stated the we do the best we can with the information that we have. Ms. Marengi commented that this is a great introduction to planning our budget.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions
(none)
3. Follow-up to Board Questions

Mr. Pastore gave an update on his research into a solar energy plan for the district. He noted that no districts have signed on with Sun Edison, the company that gave the presentation to the Board. He commented that there still is a lot of questions on the product, the contract structure and lack of state aid. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, remarked that Sun Edison is a new company and as such there are concerns as to how long they will be in business and will they have performance or maintenance bonds. He commented that there are negative aspects to the kind of project that

they were proposing. Mr. Cohen suggested that we have an analysis done to give us the facts as to which way would be the most beneficial for the district. Mr. Pastore noted that an analysis was done which he then reported on. Mr. Milano, Director of Facilities, remarked that he felt that this project is limited in scope. Dr. McDonald stated that this is not the year to take this one on since this year we are facing a very small tax increase. She noted that we will keep the Board updated as we get more information.

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Cohen reported that the Board had asked for clarification on a policy regarding the Agenda. He noted that the policy states that the Agenda for Board meetings is prepared by the Superintendent and is then reviewed in a meeting by the three Board Officers. He shared that this is proper because you did not have a quorum so it isn't an official meeting. He remarked that a question was raised as to whether or not the Open Meetings Law would apply to a meeting of less than a quorum of the Board. Mr. Cohen commented that he did some research and found that when the Open Meetings Law was passed in the 70's, the courts initially looked at it in the way that a public body was defined and said that you had to have at least a quorum of the Board. He stated that changes were made over the years and Bob Freedman, Director of the New York State Committee on Open Government, issued an opinion in which he concluded that if you have a meeting that functions as a committee with two or more Board members attending, the Open Meetings Law applies. Mr. Cohen recommended that the Superintendent prepare the Agenda and meet with the Board President or one of the other Officers, designated by the President in her absence, to review the Agenda. There was much discussion from the Board and a consensus was taken. It was decided that the Board would follow the recommendation of legal counsel.

Ms. Adrian reported that she attended the play, Oklahoma, at Wisdom Lane. She shared that the students were phenomenal with amazing talent. She thanked everyone for a great job.

Ms. Marenghi shared that she attended the East Broadway Talent Show. She remarked that it was charming with lots of interaction and cheering from everyone. She thoroughly enjoyed the show and gave kudos to the staff and students.

2. Correspondence (none)

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Thind, Student Liaison for MacArthur, reported on the events at his school: the Guitar Ensemble Group and members of the chorus performed holiday songs at the Little Village School; the Winter Wind Ensemble performed at the Broadway Mall in Hicksville, the Generals Breakfast was held to honor fifty-one senior students who achieved a grade point average of ninety five over the course of their academic career; the Varsity Cheerleading Team took first place in the Section Eight Cheerleading Competition; a few of the varsity sports teams were named New York State Scholar Athletic Teams; a tenth grade student was selected as a representative for the HOBE Leadership Seminar at Adelphi University; and two members of the County Championship Football Team were named to Newsday's All Long Island Football Team.

Mr. Lunetta, Division Student Liaison, reported on some of the achievements from the students at Division Avenue: a sophomore was selected as the 2015/16 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award; a senior was selected as a national semifinalist in the annual Coca-Cola Scholars Program; The Business Honor Society sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign in conjunction with the US Marine Corps; the Girls Varsity Team had a T-shirt fundraiser and all money raised was donated to the American Cancer Society; the high school wrestlers came home from a Massapequa Tournament with three Champions; the Guidance and Counseling Center conducted its onsite admissions program for this year's senior class; the Science Olympiad teams competed at the Battle of Valley Forge Invitational Competition and won many awards; and DECA competed in the Nassau County Regional Competition with a record of twenty-five students competing.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read. Dr. McDonald and/or board members will respond to questions, after the last speaker is heard.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 15-16-151

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 2015 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas had questions on check #137617, 137648, 137649, 137698, 137711 and 137722. Mr. Pastor stated he would look into these checks and get back to Mr. Pappas.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 15-16-152

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

- Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the months ending November 30, 2015
- Claims Auditors Report- Prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending December 31, 2015
- Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2015
- Trial Balance for the month ending November 2015
- Credit card statement for period ending December 22, 2015."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked about a credit card statement from the Albany Quality Inn. Dr. McDonald stated that this charge was for a competition but that Mr. Pastore would provide more details and report back. Mr. Pappas complimented Mr. Pastore on a good job in regards to the Claims Audit Report. He noted that he would still like to see the report that addresses the individuals responsible for the these errors. Dr. McDonald commented that the report was sent home under separate cover.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

3. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 15-16-153

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

<u>Code from</u>	<u>Code to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A19894000 Planned Fund Balance		\$269,894.58
A22501200 Sp Ed Teachers Sal K-6		\$330,105.42
A22504000 Sp Ed Related Services		\$75,000.00
	A22504700 Special Ed - Handicapped Tuition	\$675,000.00

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas expressed his displeasure at this money coming out of the fund balance. He wanted to know how this transfer will affect the money going into the future. Mr. Pastore remarked that it affects us in the future if it reduces the money we have left to contribute to the planned fund balance at the end of this year. He noted that we manage this but reviewing these estimated costs very carefully. He commented that due to the nature of the expense, we had to provide a budget transfer. Dr. McDonald advised that it is too early in the process for us to make changes to other lines. Dr. Sturz explained the need for this transfer. Mr. Pappas shared other concerns he had with some codes. Dr. McDonald noted that it is a balancing act and codes will be realigned.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

4. Contract for Keynote Speaker on Superintendent's Conference Day

RESOLUTION # 15-16-154

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with The Flippen Group for Mr. Flip Flippen, as keynote speaker on Superintendent’s Conference Day, September 6, 2016.

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

NOTE: Some Board members felt this amount was a lot of money for a speaker. Ms. Rifkin explained that this motivational speaker was highly recommended. She noted that the district has not had a keynote speaker for several years and this individual was known to boost morale. Ms. Marengi commented that a good keynote speaker goes a long way because they can motivate the teachers to get excited for the new school year.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas

5. Response to Intervention Plan

RESOLUTION # 15-16-155

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that in compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached RtI Plan, Response to Intervention Plan 2015-16."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas

6. Medical Evaluation of an Employee

RESOLUTION # 15-16-156

MOTION: "WHEREAS, Section 913 of the Education Law provides the Board of Education with the ability to require employees to undergo an examination in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of students; and, WHEREAS the performance of an employee brings these issues into question;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law of the State of New York, that said employee is, hereby, directed to undergo an examination by a physician or physicians to be determined."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas

7. Reporting of Appointed Officials for 2015-16

RESOLUTION # 15-16-157

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	Terms begins/ends	Participates in employees time keeping	Days/Months (based on record of activities)
District Clerk	Elizabeth Appelbaum	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	6 hours/day	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	Yes	N/A
Treasurer	Rafael Garcia	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	8 hours/day	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	Yes	N/A”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER: Frank Ward
AYES: Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

RESOLUTION # 15-16-158

8. School Calendar 2016-17

MOTION: "WHEREAS, the attached 2016-17 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 2016-17 school year."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER: Frank Ward
AYES: Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

9. Establish Scholarship

RESOLUTION # 15-16-159

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the Bianca Velayo Scholarship for a General Douglas MacArthur High Schools student interested in pursuing a healthcare career and accept a donation from Ms. Velayo in the amount of \$500."

NOTE: Dr. McDonald shared that Ms. Velayo graduated with her son. She advised that she is a lovely young women who we are very proud of.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Frank Ward
SECONDER: Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES: Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

10. Contract for Nurse for Greenkill Trip

RESOLUTION # 15-16-160

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 2015-16 school year;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

11. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-161

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following vendors to provide special education services for the 2015-16 school year.

- United Cerebral Palsy Assoc of Nassau - Parents Bill of Rights
- School for Language and Communication - Parents Bill of Rights
- Wyandanch School District
- Glen Cove School District
- Henry Viscardi School
- Mineola School District
- Hempstead School District
- West Islip School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

12. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-162

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 those districts:

- Island Trees School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

13. CSEA Employee Benefit Fund

RESOLUTION # 15-16-163

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the agreements retroactive to July 1, 2012 with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

14. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 15-16-164

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the attached list obsolete and that the item may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

15. Obsolete Uniforms

RESOLUTION # 15-16-165

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education hereby declares the band and athletic uniforms on the attached list to be obsolete, and that the items, once approved, will be turned over to the Wisdom Lane student government to be sold and/or discarded at the highest possible salvage value with the proceeds deposited in the student government fund account."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

16. Obsolete Library Books

RESOLUTION # 15-16-166

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.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Vice President
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

17. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 15-16-167

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

- A \$200 gift card to Joann Fabric to be used for purchase of costumes for the Summit Lane Musical Production, “The Lion King” from Navdeep Kaur, 221 Division Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756
- A check in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for Grade 12 scholarships at MacArthur High School from Life Touch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 44344
- A check in the amount of \$2,316.23 to be used for the student activity fund for grades 9-12 at MacArthur High School from Life Touch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 44344
- A check in the amount of \$531.30 to be used for the student activity fund for grades K-5 at Summit Lane School from Box Tops for Education, PO Box 200, Young America, MN 55553
- A check in the amount of \$10.00 to be used for the student activity fund at Abbey Lane School from Just Give Capella University, PO Box 300, San Francisco, CA 94104.”

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

18. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION # 15-16-168

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following revised policies:

Policy No. 3110 - Media/Municipal Governments/Senior Citizens

Policy No. 3280 - Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment

Policy No. 7131 - Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Policy No. 5661 - District Wellness Policy

NOTE: The Board discussed Policy # 3110 and decided to make changes.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: On Policy # 3110 - Media/Municipal Governments/Senior Citizens, delete the last sentence in the second paragraph which reads: *the Board accepts the funding obligation for the necessary staff and production costs).*

Additionally, under Fees for Admission it should read:

- a. **Senior citizens who possess a valid Nassau County Senior Citizen Leisure Pass or other such documentation which verifies an age of 60 years or older shall be admitted without charge to athletic events, plays, concerts and other school activities sponsored by the School District.**
- b. **Senior citizens who possess a valid Nassau County Senior Citizen Leisure Pass or other such documentation which verifies an age of 60 years or older shall be permitted to enroll for School district Educational Programs upon payment of one half of the fee regularly charged.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran, Vice President
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

19. Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLUTION # 15-16-169

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board ratifies a January 5, 2016 Memorandum of Agreement between the District and a certain teacher."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marengi, Pappas

20. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 15-16-170

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

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| 1001 | 2015-G-No. 9 | Resignation/Termination, Certified Personnel |
| 1002 | 2015-GG-No. 9 | Resignation/Termination, Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1003 | 2015-H-No. 9 | Appointments - Certified Personnel |
| 1003a | 2015-H-No. 9a | Appointments - Salary Change, Instructional Personnel |
| 1004 | 2015-Hh-No.9 | Appointments - Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1005 | 2015-J-No. 5 | Tenure, Certified Personnel |
| 1006 | 2015-K-No. 5 | Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel |
| 1007 | 2015-O-No. 7 | Students with Disabilities |
| 1008 | 2015-T-No. 1 | Textbooks |

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas

VII. AD HOC

1. **Vending Machines**

Mr. Moran asked for a discussion on this topic. He noted that he had heard there were issues with reimbursement and broken machines not fixed in a timely manner. He reported that in his research he found a neighboring district with the same issues with this company. Mr. Moran stated that although this topic was discussed before; and it was decided to wait until the Spring to go out to bid for a new vendor, he would like to start the process now. Dr. McDonald remarked that she has not seen significant problems with the vending machines. She stated that if the Board would like to now go to a vendor on State contract, she will have our attorney review our present contract with My Healthy Thing, and move forward with a State contract through BOCES. Ms. Adrian suggested starting a log or spreadsheet to keep a record of the machines to see these issues as a whole and have accountability. Dr. McDonald reported that we have a system in place for accountability. The Board further discussed this issue and took a consensus. It was decided to wait until May to rebid.

2. **Board Policies - First Read**

Policy No. 6110 - Code of Ethics

Dr. McDonald explained this policy was changed to comply with new laws that exist.

3. Board Policies - Second Read

Policy No. 3420 - Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District

Policy No. 5675 - Student Grading Information Systems

Policy No. 6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy No. 6121 - Sexual Harassment of District Personnel

Dr. McDonald reported that there were no changes to these policies from the first read.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Adrian

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 10:35 PM.

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.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein thanked Dr. McDonald for listening to her concerns with regards to the Algebra II classes. She wanted to know what happens now with what the students learned in the past and what affect that has on how they move forward with the remaining days left. She asked what wasn't covered in the curriculum and if the teachers are aware of what is happening. She was concerned about the transition and that the old Regents might be more difficult. She welcomed continuing the conversation regarding the Regents as changes continue.

Ms. Rifkin commented that she is posting her presentation on the web and would be happy to share this information again with Ms. Finkelstein. She reported that each student will be given a letter to bring home about this transition. Dr. McDonald noted that this decision was not taken lightly. She remarked that a discussion regarding the Regents will be held in the future and Ms. Finkelstein should send in any questions she has. Ms. Marengi agreed that the situation is a travesty but that the control is out of our hands and we are doing the best we can.

Barbara Stern 3880 Peter Street, Seaford, NY
Dr. David Stern 3880 Peter Street, Seaford, NY
Maureen Sawula 433 Ann Drive, Seaford, NY

These parents shared their children's experiences with the Long Island High School for the Arts (LISA). They thanked the Board for thinking outside the traditional education box and giving their children the opportunity to attend this amazing school. They went on to point out the wonderful programs and learning experiences the school has to offer. Additionally, they invited the Board to attend LISA's Doshi STEM Institute Winter Open House to see student performances and presentations about the program in the hopes that the district will open up more opportunities to send additional students.

Thomas Lonergan 167 Haven Lane, Levittown

Mr. Longan was concerned with the amount of surplus money the district has. He noted that he has three children in the district. After viewing Mr. Pastore's presentation of our Five Year Budget Projections he is worried that the district will go bankrupt in three years.

Dr. McDonald stated that most of his concern relates to the Tax Cap which prohibits us from raising enough taxes to meet our budgetary needs. She remarked that each year we continue to make changes and efficiencies as we go along to meet our needs. Dr. McDonald commented that we strive to eliminate a structural deficient which is to make our expenditures meet our revenues. As long as we meet that goal, the district will be in business.

