

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

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Vice President
Mr. Dillon Cain
Ms. Christina Lang
Ms. Jennifer Messina – excused absence
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – excused absence

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald – Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bill Pastore– Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent – excused absence
Dr. Donald Sturz- Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Bob Cohen – Legal Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. Erin Cassano – Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Ms. Sonia Inderjit – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the LUT.

B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Cain seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by students from Northside School and requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

i. Division and MacArthur High Schools – AP Capstone

Mr. Winch introduced and welcomed the students, faculty and administrators who are involved in the AP Capstone Program. Ms. Slattery gave an overview of the program. AP Capstone is a College Board program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions. AP Capstone is comprised of two AP courses - AP Seminar and AP Research - and is designed to complement and enhance the discipline-specific study in other AP courses. The AP Capstone program can provide unique research opportunities for current AP students and expands access to AP courses by encouraging students to master the argument-based writing skills that the AP Capstone program develops. Ms. Slattery noted that we are in our second year of implementation of the program. One student from Division and one student from MacArthur spoke about the program and displayed their reports. A short video was shown. Mr. Winch remarked that everyone was very proud of this program and thanked all the teachers and administrators for their commitment.

B. Recognition

i. Student Art Presentation – MacArthur School

Ms. Marengi asked everyone in the room to look at the beautiful art work in the Board Room and hallway from MacArthur High School.

ii. PTA Council and PTA Presidents

Mr. Winch remarked that tonight we are honored to recognize the leaders of our PTA's. He noted that leadership is one of the main ingredients that drives the mission and vision of an organization. It takes countless hours, dedication, endurance and integrity to lead our PTA's so that the organization can truly benefit the thousands of students who attend our schools. He asked that the PTA members come up front to receive a recognition certificate.

iii. Hofstra Spelling Bee Winners

Mr. Winch reported that since 2012 Hofstra has hosted the Long Island Regional Script Spelling Bee. To date over 300 of the area's top spellers have competed with the hopes of making it to the National Scripts Spelling Bee. He stated that tonight we are thrilled to recognize the students from the Levittown School District who represented our schools. Mr. Winch called up each student and asked that they spell a word from the spelling bee. The Board congratulated each student and they received a certificate.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports
(none)

2. 2018-2019 Budget Presentations

A. PTA Advisory Committee on the Budget

Ms. Silberger, a representative from the PTA Advisory Council, gave a brief report on recommendations from the Council. She commented that this report comes from the hard work of volunteers who take time to be part of a process in a meaningful way. She noted that this report was compiled and voted on to be presented to the Board a month ago but the community has changed its focus to security. She thanked the Board for always keeping our families safety in the forefront while striving for success for every student. On behalf of the Levittown Council of PTA's, Ms. Silberger thanked the Board of Education and Dr. McDonald for their hard work and dedication to the families of Levittown. She also wanted to thank Mr. Pastore, Mr. Winch and Mr. Milano for making the budget process transparent and keeping us up to date on the progress that has been made since our last report. Ms. Silberger noted that the Budget Committee is represented by the PTAs from all the buildings. Each unit has submitted questions for instruction, facilities and technology. She commented that Levittown appears to be in good shape and most of the concerns centered on school pride and the safety of our students. There were fairly few questions regarding curriculum and the PTA's appreciate continuation of staffing at the current levels. She mentioned that the 5th and 6th graders are enjoying the foreign language program; the Capstone class at the High School provides research training that is preparing our students for college level work; the refurbished Band Room at Wisdom is beautiful; there is great excitement knowing that the MacArthur Auditorium is coming; everyone is looking forward to seeing the new turf and agree that fences behind the bleachers are in the best interest to keeping everyone safe; and the PTAs are especially appreciative of the thoughtful solution to the issue of the Salk Circle. For the new budget the PTA is requesting consideration of the following: all staff should be encouraged to actively use the EDMODO online learning management system; field development of the Laurel Lane property; continued consideration of our Outdoor Learning Environments at the Elementary Schools; continued work on air conditioning, electricity and energy management; desire for beautification of the outside of the buildings; updated signs at the Elementary schools; shrubbery that looks well thought out and sustainable; a solution to cover the lower level stairways at Northside which are uncovered and open to the elements. Ms. Silberger remarked that her report was limited to those items that are the most pressing and feasible at this time. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to be part of the process. Dr. McDonald thanked all of the PTA volunteers who work so hard to help us in our mission to educate children.

B. Secondary Staffing and Enrollment

Dr. McDonald presented the budget for enrollment and staffing. She reported on the components that make up the Human Resources Department such as staffing, Title IX, negotiations, student discipline, Records Officer, employee relations, and HR functions. She gave a recap of the BOCES Long Range Planning Study which we commissioned. This study reported that the District's enrollment has decreased by 823 students since 2007, however we will have an increase for next year. Dr. McDonald reported on this increase in enrollment by grade level and school. She explained that the Cohort Survival Method was used to determine the demographics. She shared that the student mobility rate in Levittown is very low. In terms of staffing, Dr. McDonald commented that the secondary scheduling process has not yet been completed. She mentioned that the change in enrollment is not great enough for us to think that it will have any effect on staffing. Special Ed staffing is subject to the outcomes of the Annual Reviews. We are maintaining all of our current programs as long as there is the appropriate enrollment. In regards to changes in staffing, she mentioned that additional Security Guards are being hired, along with two additional Social Workers and one additional Psychologist with increased summer opportunities. Dr. McDonald reported that salaries district wide

are going up 1.34% which is remarkably low. She complemented the Board on negotiations and the work they have done over the years to keep salaries in a place that are sustainable for us. She spoke about the planned initiatives which are to continue, the development of preventive and rehabilitative approaches to discipline, increase efficiency of Human Resources office, update of the DASA Policy and the Harassment Policy to educate staff on reporting procedures. Dr. McDonald went over the staffing Appropriation Budget and reported on where most of the money is being spent.

C. Five-Year Projections

Mr. Pastore explained that the Five-Year Projection is required by the State and its purpose is to make sure that we plan ahead. He reported on where we will be in five years. He explained that he uses a conservative approach in his estimates. He commented that we need to see growth in the State Aid portion of revenue because that will sustain us moving forward. Mr. Pastore advised that if we need money to finance our operations, we can slowly deplete our Fund Balance. Dr. McDonald remarked that every year we look for ways to do things better and more efficiently. She noted that this is why we have gotten past this funding cliff. She shared that one thing that Levittown has had for a very long time is that we have had tremendous programs that were far and above what was needed. She stated that now other Districts have to do these things which are costly for them. We just have to maintain the programs we have. Dr. McDonald shared that we are very careful with our use of the Fund Balance and project as best we can how much of the budget we are going to spend. She noted that the Board has taken the necessary steps to manage our finances very well as indicated in the positive Comptroller's Audit. Dr. McDonald pointed out that we have a very healthy Capital Reserve. Mr. Pastore remarked that we are in a very good financial position.

D. Fund Balance Projection

Ms. Pastore presented a spreadsheet of the Preliminary Fund Equity Reconciliation which shows the opening balance from last year. His task is to try to figure out how much money will be left over at the end of the year and use that money for the Fund Balance. He discussed the process he uses to achieve this. He mentioned that the Auditors want this done monthly. Mr. Pastore explained that starting in the Spring, the new requirements for the Property Tax Report Card will require the following information: Reserve Name, Reserve Description, March 31, 2018 Ending Balance and intended use of the reserve in the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. McDonald stated that this is because some Districts have not been transparent in the past. She advised that Levittown will not have a problem with this since we do it publicly all the time.

E. General Budget Discussion

Mr. Pastore presented a brief update on the budget in which he reported that he recently filed our tax cap (1.99%) as required. He stated that we have stayed within the tax cap limit. He commented that we probably have one of the lower tax caps in Nassau County. Mr. Pastore advised that our budget-to-budget increase is \$5,673,000 and that the increases are primarily salary, BOCES and employee benefits. He noted that some adjustments were made to the teacher's retirement. Additionally, security expenses were increased. Mr. Pastore pointed out that we have not heard much about state aid yet. Dr. McDonald complimented the Board regarding their financial acumen. She explained that the Board has been doing projects all along instead of when it is critical. She noted that this allows us to have a consistent tax levy limit with a low debt. Mr. Pastore remarked that we are very close to the end of the budget process.

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

4. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi reported that she recently attended a REFIT breakfast with Mr. Pappas and Dr. McDonald where Legislators were invited to hear school District's concerns. She remarked that it was very frustrating regarding finances.

2. Correspondence
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Erin Cassano, the student representative from MacArthur High School, reported on the events at her school: nineteen students were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society; the Levittown Library hosted their Annual Art Show where several pieces of our talented students' artwork were displayed; the Annual Senior Superlatives Awards Show was recently held along with the Annual Junior Banquet; the Science Olympiad Team Competed at the New York State Science Olympiad Competition and were named top new school in competition; coming up is the ever-popular Battle of the Classes Competition and special congratulations to two students named National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition finalists.

Student Liaison, Sonia Inderjit, shared the events at Division Avenue High School: the Annual Spirit Night was recently held; we earned three state medals at the New York State Science Olympiad Competition; two sophomores were the first Levittown students to ever qualify to compete at the 2018 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving Championships; a senior recently accomplished the feat of earning every available merit badge, medals were won in the DECA States Competition; the show Mary Poppins will be presented at the end of the month; a student-run walkout was held today.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

NOTE: There was a consensus of the Board to have Public Be Heard taken out of order and discussed after Student Presentations. These comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 17-18-216

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the February 7th Regular Meeting and the February 28, 2018 Special Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION #17-18-217

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 2018 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION #17-18-218

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

- Appropriation and Revenue reports for the period 7/1/17 – 1/31/18
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending February 2018
- Treasurer's report for the month ending January 2018
- Trial Balance for the period ending 7/1/17 – 1/31/18
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement dates 2/6/18 – 2/22/18."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

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4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION #17-18-219

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</u>	<u>Code Description</u>	<u>Amount From</u>	<u>Amount To</u>
A1620.4090	Fuel Oil		\$30,000.00
A1620.4550	Custodial Supplies		\$30,000.00
Reason:	To cover custodial supply expenses		
A1620.1666	O&M Custodial OT/Special Project		\$20,000.00
A1620.1665	O&M Custodial OT/Snow		\$20,000.00
Reason:	To re-class budget to the actual incurred amount for snow removal to date		
A5510.5710	Transportation Fuel for Buses	\$55,000.00	
A5581.4900	Transportation BOCES Services		\$55,000.00
Reason:	To adjust budget to cover remaining 2017-18 BOCES Invoices for Transportation Services provided by BOCES		
A2117.2000	Art - Equipment	\$30,000.00	
A2116.2000	Instruction Equipment - Music		\$30,000.00
Reason:	To re-class equipment budget to purchase band uniforms for Division Avenue Marching Band		
A2110.1200	Teachers' Salaries - K through 6	\$18,889.00	
A2110.4700	Tuition - Other Districts	\$12,187.00	
A2110.4730	Payments to Charter Schools		\$31,076.00
Reason:	To move funds to pay for charter school enrollment		

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

5. Annual Meeting Resolution

RESOLUTION #17-18-220

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 15, 2018, at 7:00 A.M. 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. 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, Wantagh Herald Citizen and Seaford Herald 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 15, 2018 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2018-2019 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

LIBRARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Public Library Budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 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 16, 2018. 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: Two (2) members for the term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The two 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. This year all nominating petitions must include 43 signatures.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Library Board of Trustees: One (1) member for the term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023, and one (1) member for the term of three years (3) commencing on July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Library Board of Trustees. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the seat commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will be elected to the seat commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2021. 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. This year all nominating petitions must include 39 signatures.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2018-2019 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 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 2018-2019 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, 2018, 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 10, 2018.

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 12, 2018), 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 12, 2018), 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 15, 2018, 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.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

EXPENDITURE OF THE 2013 and 2017 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District, be hereby authorized to expend the balance of the District's 2013 Capital Reserve Fund and part of the 2017 Capital Reserve, previously established by the voters of the District, in an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to undertake and perform school building improvement project(s) ("Projects") as described in the District's Budget Brochure ("Brochure") on file in the office of the District Clerk; the Projects to commence during the 2018-2019 school year and to consist of capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations to all District Buildings, including but not limited to: **enhancing and improving security by replacing classroom doors and windows, district wide**; 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.

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 2018

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTE: Dr. McDonald advised the Board that a Proposition (#3) was added to the Legal Notice which will allow the District to use three million dollars from the Capitol Reserve for new door District wide which would be more secure for our students.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

6. GC Tech Tuition Rate - 2018-2019

RESOLUTION #17-18-221

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the GC Tech tuition rate of \$13,999 for the 2018-2019 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

7. Energy Performance Financing Amendment for Revised
Completion Date

RESOLUTION #17-18-222

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve this Amendment Number 2 (this "**Amendment**") is made this 9th day of January, 2018 to that certain Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement dated as of July 15, 2015 (together with the Equipment Schedule, the Payment Schedule and all exhibits, schedules, addenda, amendments, modifications, riders, and other documents and instruments thereto, the "**Agreement**"), between Banc of America Public Capital Corp, ("**Lessor**") and Levittown Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, NY, a School District of the State of NY, ("**Lessee**").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee are parties to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee desire to amend certain provisions of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises as hereinafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Acquisition Period of 5 days prior to November 30, 2017 is deleted and replaced with 5 days prior to July 14, 2018
2. It is the intention of Lessor and Lessee that, upon execution, this Amendment shall constitute a part of the Agreement. Except as amended hereby, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and is in all respects hereby ratified and affirmed. To the extent that the provisions of this Amendment conflict with the provisions of the Agreement, the provisions of this Amendment shall control. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed them in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, each by its duly authorized officer or agent, have duly executed and delivered this Amendment, which is intended to take effect as a sealed instrument, as of the day and year first written above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written, and;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

8. National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.

RESOLUTION #17-18-223

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. to provide curricula and course materials for use by Levittown Schools in a summer education enrichment program from July 16 through July 27, 2018 at no cost to the District.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

9. IntraLogic Solutions, Inc

RESOLUTION #17-18-224

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and IntraLogic Solutions, Inc. for elevator monitoring for Division Avenue HS, MacArthur HS, Wisdom Lane MS, Salk MS, Lee Road School and Northside School from March 17, 2018 through March 16, 2019;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

10. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #17-18-225

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 2017 - 18 school year.

- Hicksville UFSD
- South Shore Pediatric PT

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

11. GC Tech Tuition Contract

RESOLUTION #17-18-226

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

- Seaford Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

12. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION #17-18-227

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in these districts for the 2017-18 school year:

- West Islip School District
- Uniondale UFSD
- Massapequa UFSD
- North Merrick UFSD
- South Huntington UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

13. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION #17-18-228

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 2017-18 transportation contracts/extensions:

Contractor's Name	Date of Contract	Cost
Acme Bus Corp	1/30/18	\$12,500

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

14. Contract with Jostens Yearbook 2019-2021

RESOLUTION #17-18-229

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Jostens Yearbook to provide yearbook services including pages color, World Beat Magazine, Marketing Program and shipping for Salk Middle School.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

15. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION #17-18-230

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

16. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION #17-18-231

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 (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

17. Schedules

RESOLUTION #17-18-232

MOTION: That the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following schedules:

- 1001 “Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional”
- 1003 “Appointments, Certified Personnel”
- 1004 “Designation, Coaching”
- 1005 “Designation, Consultants”
- 1006 “Extra -Curricular” Extracurricular
- 1007 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1008 “Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel”
- 1009 “Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1010 “Salary Change, Certified Personnel”
- 1011 “Tenure, Certified Personnel”
- 1012 “Students with Disabilities”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION #17-18-233

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

- Checks in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be donated to the Scholarship Fund for the Class of 2018 and \$3,201.61 to be deposited in the Student Activity Fund for Grades 9 - 12 at MacArthur High School from Lifetouch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be donated to Division Avenue Athletic Scholarship Fund for the Class of 2018 from Lifetouch National School Studios, 11000 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344."

NOTE: The Board thanked all the generous donors.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, , Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies - First Read

Enclosure

Policy No. 5741 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees

Policy No. 6161 - Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement

Policy No. 6470 - Social Media and Online Communications

Policy No. 7222 - Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

Policy No. 7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)

Policy No. 7550 - Dignity for All Students Act

Dr. McDonald noted this was a first read for these policies and if the Board had any changes to please let her know.

VII. UPCOMING DATES

- A. March 28 Budget Planning Session #4 and Special Meeting - Board Adopts Budget

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:50 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. Mr. Cohen, Legal Counsel, reminded everyone that under the Board's Policy on Public Participation, the Board does not permit in public session discussion of individual students, or specific instances or situations that could reasonable identify individual students.

Elizabeth Lyons 55 Green Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Lyons wanted to talk about a particular situation. Ms. Marenghi reminded Ms. Lyons that this was not permitted under the Board's Policy.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: "RESOLVED, That the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM to consult with Legal Counsel.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Dillon Cain,
SECONDER:	Christina Lang
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina and Mike Pappas

The Meeting was reconvened to public session at 8:10 PM.

Ms. Marenghi explained that this meeting is not a public meeting but a Board meeting held in public. She noted that we must adhere to the policies that dictate the District. Ms. Marenghi stated that she is aware that everyone is passionate about things that have happened in the District. She remarked that if you wish to speak further about an incident or student, to please make an appointment with the Superintendent to discuss. Ms. Marenghi commented that general discussions were welcome. Mr. Cohen remarked that the Board was not trying to stifle anyone but that certain topics are not permitted in public session.

Ms. Lyon returned to the microphone. She commented that the District has a zero tolerance policy for harassment, bullying and acts of violence yet threats of violence have been made on multiple occasions with multiple suspensions taking place. She noted that we can discuss building security, but her fear is security not from the outside but the inside. Ms. Lyons feels our children deserve better than empty words and false platitudes of concern for their safety.

Donna Hoesten 223 Duckpond Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Hoesten thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight. She asked if every student, teacher and staff was entitled to a safe and orderly school environment. She noted that our District needs to take a hard stance like neighboring Districts. She wanted to know what kind of precedents were being set. In conclusion, Ms. Hoesten, requested that everyone hug your child tonight and be grateful for every second of everyday you get to spend with them because life is so precious.

Michael Cohen 93 Duckpond Drive North, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Cohen feels that every school threat should be deemed creditable. He is disheartened as a parent in that he has been not been made aware of threats of violence in the District. He noted that he works in law enforcement and runs investigations on social media cases where threats are made to schools. He asked why there was no security on school grounds and why every classroom does not have a device to keep doors shut in an event of an act of violence. Mr. Cohen wants armed security for every building to protect our children. We need better security measures in our schools.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein wanted to know what the District is doing regarding the mental health aspect for our children. She commented that we need to obtain additional funding for this. We must try to pinpoint those children who need help. We have to keep our children safe.

Colleen Napoli 523 Sandhill Rd, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Napoli thanked the staff of Salk and MacArthur for the beautiful job they did with the remembrance for Parkland. She noted that her boys came home with so much to say and felt they had been part of the process and not just be a kid in a classroom. Additionally, she thanked the Board for their years of dedication to the District. Ms. Napoli remarked that education has changed since she started teaching. She stated that more programs in character building in the elementary schools are needed to help children make better decisions. She asked what the District is doing for the students before they become violent or once they do become violent. She wanted to know if we were getting to the root of the student's problem. Another issue for Ms. Napoli is risk recognition for all the staff, along with emotional and social workshops. In closing, Ms. Napoli feels we need to do more and develop the whole child and not just their academics.

Steve Angiuli 3104 N Jerusalem Rd, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Angiuli stated that he had attended the last meeting and was expecting a phone call from the District which he did not receive. He gave a brief scenario of what would happen if there was a shooter in the building. He wanted to know what the cameras being installed would prevent and why we are not checking bags. He commented that children are nervous to go to school and afraid to speak up. Mr. Angiuli feels that students today need reality. He wants the children to have an escape route for every classroom.

Ms. Marengi thanked everyone for their comments. She commented we do not take the issue of school safety lightly. She stated that the District is formulating ideas and programs to address the issues. Ms. Marengi remarked that Dr. McDonald has an open door policy where anyone can speak with her about anything. She urged anyone with a problem to speak with her.