

**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, October 17, 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
Mr. James Moran – excused absence
Mr. Michael Pappas

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald – Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Chris Dillon – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Bob Cohen – Legal Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Mr. David Marcano – Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Ms. Emily Fuchs – 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 Ms. Adrian, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (6-0) 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 7:35 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 which was led by the College Board Honorees. Ms. Marengi also requested a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. District Presentation

i. State of the District - Elementary and Middle School

Mr. Winch reported on the performance of the elementary level grades. He noted that because of the low participation rates on New York State ELA and Mathematics assessments do not allow us to use the results of these tests for district planning or evaluations. Therefore, the District has started to transition from NWEA to iReady. Mr. Winch explained that iReady provides easy-to-use instructional reports for teachers as well as a personalized learning platform for students to enhance instruction. He went on to discuss the different measures used and the Opt Out percentages. Mr. Winch reviewed the results from ELA and Math, with comparisons with the surrounding Districts. Moving forward, Mr. Winch reported that there will be an expansion of iReady to ELA, grades K-8, elimination of EdVista ELA Assessments, completely restructured data meeting process, continued work on a unified data dashboard for administrators and teachers to use to inform instruction as well as a digital IST process and introduction of Professional Learning Community concepts. He noted that all schools in the Levittown School District will be "In Good Standing" for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board had a discussion on this report.

B. Student Presentations

i. Student Presentation - Wisdom Lane/Salk - Summer Robotics Program

Mr. Winch asked the Principals of Salk and Wisdom Lane Middle School, Mr. Zampaglione and Mr. Avena, to come forward to review the program. They shared that the Robotics Camp is a summer enrichment program that focuses on the skills needed to build and program robots. Participants were taught by certified technology teachers from the Levittown Schools as they worked to create multiple robots over the two week period. Registration was open to all Levittown students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Students from the camp went on to explain the hands-on activities they engaged in as they worked cooperatively to problem solve. A short film was shown. Mr. Winch thanked everyone for their help putting this program together.

C. Recognition

i. Art Display - Abbey Lane School

Ms. Marengi asked everyone to view the beautiful artwork from the students at Abbey Lane School.

ii. Board Recognition Night

Mr. Winch asked Town Councilman Dennis Dunne to come up front to share a few words about the Board. Councilman Dunne shared that he was impressed by the incredible programs offered by the school. He commented that the District has tremendous leadership from the Superintendent and Board. He remarked that he was here tonight to recognize the Board for the outstanding work they do in the arts, music, athletics and academics. Councilman Dunn reported that he was proud of having graduated from Division Avenue. He presented the Board with certificates. County Legislator John Ferretti noted it gave him great pleasure to recognize the Board tonight as he too is a graduate of Division Avenue. He thanked the School Board and Superintendent for all the hard work they do. Mr. Winch noted that as we do each year, we have several presentations to make to our Board. He presented citations from local politicians for the Board and thanked the members of the three Unions; ALSA, LUT and the CSEA for sponsoring the dinner prior to the meeting. Also in attendance to

honor the Board were the PTA Council President and representatives from each school. Mr. Winch thanked the Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Assistant Directors, Administration, Teachers and staff for everything they did to make tonight possible. Additionally, he thanked GC Tech for the wonderful refreshments in the Panther Room.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Marengi, thanked everyone for their gifts and their support. She commented that it is truly a pleasure to be on the Board of Education in Levittown. She noted that we see how far our schools grow on a daily bases; and we can see consistently how often our goals are being met.

iii. College Board Honorees

Mr. Winch reported that the mission of National Merit Scholarship Corporation is to recognize and honor the academically talented students of the United States. National Merit accomplishes its mission by conducting nationwide academic scholarship programs. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which serves as an initial screening of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. Mr. Winch noted that the students we are honoring tonight finished in the top 50,000, with one student finishing in the top 16,000. He remarked that this is a major accomplishment. He asked the Principals from both high schools, Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Coscia, to come up front to announce the Honorees. The Board of Education congratulated all of these students, their parents, and teachers.

D. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

Dr. McDonald shared that the District will be conducting an evaluation regarding school start times. She mentioned that this will be taking place over the course of the year. She asked if any Board members would be interested in participating in the Committee. Ms. Marengi noted that the Board would discuss this further.

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

3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

E. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi reported that as a member of the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association Executive Committee, she attended a recent meeting where school security was discussed. She commented that many school districts on Long Island have plans to increase security whereas Levittown already has security in place. She thanked Dr. McDonald and the staff for all their hard work in accomplishing this. Ms. Marengi noted that another major topic discussed at the meeting was polling places in schools.

2. Correspondence
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Student Liaison, David Marcano, shared the events at MacArthur High School: at Back-to-School night an informative eight minute presentation was shown about the teaching staff; a prideful Pep Rally was held with a successful Home Coming Parade; French students had an amazing time on their trip to Montreal, Canada; the Pink Out Game for Breast Cancer awareness was a huge success; the Marching Band will be participating in the Newsday Marching Band Festival; a senior was recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program for his exceptional score on the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and a senior who was recognized as a National Merit Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program, was also a recipient of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Emily Fuchs, the student representative from Division Avenue High School, reported on the notable events during the first week of school: this year Division Avenue has 64 AP Scholars, 17 AP Scholars with Honors, 23 AP Scholars with Distinction and 2 National AP Scholars in addition three students received the AP Seminar and Research Certificate and three students received the AP Capstone Diploma; a long time High School science teacher was recently selected as a recipient of the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award; two seniors attended a three-day Congress for the National Leadership Academy; a Nassau County Police Officer visited U.S. History classes to discuss the Nassau County Law Enforcement Exploring Program for young adults; a successful Pep Rally and Homecoming was recently held; upperclassmen attended two College Fairs where they met representatives from various colleges and universities; Breast Cancer Awareness events were held to raise money for research and the Marching Band currently placed fourth in the State.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-19-122

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 18-19-123

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 SEPTEMBER 2018 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 18-19-124

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 July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018
For the period July 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018
- Claims Auditors Report for the month ending September 2018
- Treasurer's report for the month ending July 2018 and August 2018
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement date September 6 and 22, 2018"

NOTE: Mr. Pappas remarked that when he started on the Board, confirming purchase orders were high but he was pleased to see that the numbers have come down. Dr. McDonald thanked the Business office especially the Purchasing Agent for her attention to detail.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 18-19-125

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</u>	<u>Code Description</u>	<u>Amount From</u>	<u>Amount To</u>
F2254475018194201	4201 Tuit St Supp Blind & Deaf 10 mo PK	\$40,000.00	
F2253472018194408	4408 Jul/Aug 18/19 Tuit All		\$40,000.00

Reason: To pay tuition costs for placements as decided by the committee on special education.

A22504000	Spec Ed Related Services/in district	\$350,000.00	
A22504700	Spec Ed Pvt School Tuition		\$200,000.00
A22504008	Residential Maintenance		\$150,000.00

Reason: To pay tuition costs for placements as decided by the committee on special education.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Mike Pappas
AYES: Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT: James Moran

RESOLUTION #18-19-126

5. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Mike Pappas
AYES: Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT: James Moran

5. District Wide Safety Plan

RESOLUTION # 18-19-127

MOTION: “WHEREAS, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as more fully discussed in executive session, the Board of Education hereby accepts and adopts the District’s District-wide Safety Plan and the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for each of its buildings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to file the same with the State Education Department and appropriate law enforcement officials, as required by 8 NYCRR §155.17.”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Mike Pappas
AYES: Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT: James Moran

6. Board Goals

MOTION: “WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of setting long term and short term goals for the District.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the attached goals are adopted.”

NOTE: The Board added an additional goal to the list. (#4 As social/emotional learning is an integral part of the development of the whole child, the Levittown Board of Education makes as its goal the district-wide practice of mindfulness. Our goal is for all administrators, faculty, staff and students to implement and model a practice of mindfulness which produces calming, restorative benefits. The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop a district-wide mindfulness program to be implemented by the start of the 2019-2020 school year.)

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

7. Contract for Greenkill Trip

RESOLUTION #18-19-129

MOTION: “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts with New York YMCA Camp - Greenkill Outdoor Education Center for trips on April 10, 11, and 12, 2019; May 15, 16 and 17, 2019; and June 5, 6, and 7, 2019 for students of Levittown Public Schools for the 2018 - 2019 school year;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

8. Contract for Nursing Services for Greenkill Trips

RESOLUTION 318-19-130

MOTION: RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Health Source Group, to provide nursing services for students of Levittown Public Schools during their BOCES outdoor education trips to Camp Greenkill for the 2018-2019 school year;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

9. Food Service Committee 2017-18

RESOLUTION # 18-19-131

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint the individuals on the attached list to the Levittown School District Food Service Committee for the 2017-2018 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

10. CSEA Employee Benefit Fund

RESOLUTION #18-19-132

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the agreements 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 [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

11. IMA - Emergency Transportation

RESOLUTION #18-19-133

MOTION: "WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is RESOLVED, that the IMA to provide emergency transportation dated as of July 9, 2018 between the Levittown School District and the Plainedge, Seaford, Wantagh and Island Trees School Districts is hereby approved and the Board President is authorized to sign it on behalf of Levittown."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

12. Inter-municipal Agreements - Transportation

RESOLUTION #18-19-134

MOTION: "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached inter-municipal agreements between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts for the purpose of Levittown providing transportation services to students in those school districts;

- Bethpage UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

13. Resolution Agreement

RESOLUTION #18-19-135

MOTION: "WHEREAS, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Resolution Agreement for the 2018/2019 school year for a certain student is approved and the Board President is authorized to sign on the District's behalf."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

14. Agreement with Hilltop Beacon, Inc.

RESOLUTION #18-19-136

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached location agreement with Hilltop Beacon, Inc. commencing on or about Thursday, September 27 and ending on or about Thursday, October 11, 2018.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSNET:	James Moran

RESOLUTION #18-19-137

15. Approval of Board Policies

MOTION: “WHEREAS, pursuant to a new State law employers are required to adopt sexual harassment policies effective October 9, 2018 that meet certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State did not issue its final model policy and guidance until October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, due to the State’s late issuance of these documents, there is not sufficient time for the District to follow its usual procedure for policy review and adoption as set forth in Board Policy 1410.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby waives the second reading requirement for amendment of Policies 3420 and 6121; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board Policies 3420 and 6121 are hereby approved, effective and retroactive to October 9, 2018.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

16. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 18-19-138

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:

- Plainedge Union Free School District
- East Meadow Union Free School District
- Wantagh Union Free School District
- Hewlett-Woodmere 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 [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSNET:	James Moran

18. Special Education Contracts

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 period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.

- Dr. Scott Krakower, LIJ/Zucker Hillside Hospital
- Plainedge UFSD
- Plainedge UFSD - Summer School
- Dr. Kimberly Williams
- Dr. Andrew Kent
- Anderson Center for Autism
- United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

RESOLUTION #18-19-140

18. Transportation Contract BOCES

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached transportation contracts with Nassau BOCES for the 2018-19 school year at a cost of \$110,372.00 and \$40,841.63; and,

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

RESOLUTION # 18-19-141

19. Obsolete Equipment

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 [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

19. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 18-19-142

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the books on the attached list obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or donated at the highest salvage value.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the 24 hour policy rule to add schedules #1002a and #1008a.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

21. Schedules

RESOLUTION #18-19-143

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

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 18-19-144

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

- A full size violin to be used by a violin student at Salk Middle School for rental over a school year donated by Evelyn Sun, 5 Blue Jay Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
- A check in the amount of \$77.13 to be deposited in Abbey Lane's student activity fund donated by eScript, 1200 Dore Avenue, Suite 202, San Mateo, CA 94404."

NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their generous gifts.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Christina Lang
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies

Policy No. 5551 Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District

Mr. Winch remarked that these changes come from a Desk Audit that was done and codifies what is already true. It states that we can't use Title I funds to supplement District funds. We have to use the supplemental District funds. This is a new policy.

Policy No. 7134 Education of Students in Foster Care

Ms. Rifkin reported that this is a new policy. She commented that we did not have a policy on foster students before just one on homeless students. She noted it talks about regulations and how foster students are protected under the law.

Policy No. 7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Policy No. 7222 Diploma or Credential Options for Students With Disabilities

Mr. Winch stated that these two policies are closely related. The recommendation was to delete from Policy #7222 a paragraph related to students with disabilities being able to participate in graduation ceremonies. He noted that the change in #7222 is a redaction of the paragraph that becomes Policy #7221. Mr. Winch remarked that it was never an issue here because students with disabilities were always allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. He commented that after speaking to legal counsel, one provision was made to Policy #7221 from what was recommended. A sentence was added stating that **“This does not limit the authority of the District to prohibit students from participating in graduation ceremonies due to the violations of the Code of Conduct.”**

NOTE: These policies will have a second read at the next Board Meeting.

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 9:55 P.M. to discuss a personnel issue.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianna Adrian
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 10:15 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.

Jennifer Harris 3451 Dunhill Road, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Harris requested that the Board revise its policy and allow 7th graders to participate in Junior Varsity or Varsity athletics at the High Schools. She reported that schools in the surrounding areas pull up 7th graders who are advanced in athletics after they are tested. She remarked that children develop at different rates mentally and physically. Ms. Harris asked that the Board please reconsider their policy for the elite athletes.