

**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 Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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

ADMINISTRATION

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

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Emily Fuchs - Student Liaison for 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 (7-0) 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 (7-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Madison Gillis. Additionally, she requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad, and to remember Ruth Daw a Teaching Assistant who recently passed away.

II. REPORTS

A. Recognition

- i. Student Art Presentation- Summit Lane School

Ms. Marengi asked everyone to view the beautiful artwork by the students from Summit Lane School and thanked them for a wonderful job.

NOTE: The Board proceeded to the Auditorium for the following Recognitions:

ii. Outstanding AP Scholar

Mr. Winch reported that a MacArthur High School senior, Grace Devin was being recognized by the College Board with a AP Capstone diploma. Ms. Devin took two yearlong AP courses which helped her develop students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. The Board applauded Ms. Devin on her achievement.

iii. Eagle Scouts

Mr. Winch spoke about the prestigious award and the requirements necessary to achieve it. He asked Michael Greco and Richard Neari III to come forward to received their certificates and congratulations from the Board.

iv. Winter Scholar Athletes

Mr. Winch introduced the Principals, Mr. Coscia and Mr. Sheehan, from both high schools who spoke about what an honor and privilege it was to watch these exceptional students perform in their sport. The athletes from both high schools in the winter sports of basketball, bowling, cheerleading, swimming, track and wrestling were recognized along with their coaches. The students were given certificates for their achievements and congratulations from the Board. Dr. McDonald shared that she was extremely proud of the number of Scholar Athletes Teams.

NOTE: The Board returned to the Large Board Room at 8:15 pm to continue the Regular Board Meeting.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

A. Academic Presentation – Education Foundation

Dr. McDonald shared that at the request of the Board, the Administration was asked to look into what would be entailed in starting an Educational Foundation in Levittown. She remarked that Mr. Winch worked with Mr. Cohen and Dr. Dillon to formulate a plan. Mr. Winch reported on their findings. He explained that an Educational Foundation is an incorporated non-profit organization separate from the school District. One benefit of a Foundation is the ability to direct private funds towards helping schools. Mr. Winch stated that the organization can run fundraisers and accept donations. He mentioned that they have their own Board which works with the school District to direct those funds for the benefit of students. Mr. Winch remarked it is another revenue source and something the District should pursue. Mr. Cohen explained the legal requirements in creating an Educational Foundation and stated that it has greater legal flexibility in being able to raise and disperse monies than the Board of Education would have. He noted that the Foundation has a corporate form of governance with a 10 – 12 member Board with only three Board of Education Trustees who can serve because of the Open Meetings Law. The Board had questions in regards to the Foundation. Ms. Marengi stated that the Board would discuss and decide who would be on this Board.

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

3. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

- D. Board of Education
 - 1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi announced that at the next Board meeting, those Board members who attended the National School Boards Association Convention in Philadelphia would give a brief overview on the workshops they attended. Additionally, she noted that this is first time the District had a presentation on a national level.

- 2. Correspondence
(none)
- 3. Student Liaisons

Student Liaison, Emily Fuchs shared the events at Division Avenue High School: World Down Syndrome Day was recently held where students dressed in bright colors and mismatch socks to support the event; the Physics Olympics Team place first in the Long Island Physics Olympics; the Sci-Oly competed in the Division C State Tournament and ranked in the top 8% of all teams across New York State; over 50 students were inducted into the honor societies in Art, Business, Math, Music, Theater, and World Language; and throughout the month, students participated in Autism Awareness.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD
(NONE)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-19-240

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting and the March 27, 2019 Special Meeting."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

- 2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 18-19-241

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 MARCH 2019 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 18-19-242

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

- Appropriation and Revenue reports for the month 7/1/18 – 2/28/19
- Claims Audit Report for the month of March 1 through March 31, 2019
- Treasurer's report for the month ending February 2019
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/18 – 2/28/19
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement dates 3/16/19 – 3/22/19."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION #18-19-243

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> |
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| A1480.4900 | BOCES Services Public Relations | \$5,000.00 | |
| A1620.4900 | BOCES Services O&M Health/Safety | \$30,000.00 | |
| A2830.4900 | BOCES Services OADE | \$18,000.00 | |
| A1430.4900 | BOCES Services Personnel | | \$53,000.00 |
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| A2250.4900 | BOCES Special Education Services | \$30,000.00 | |
| A2280.4900 | BOCES Voc Ed/Occupational Ed Tuition | \$5,000.00 | |
| A5510.4900 | BOCES Transportation Bidding Services | \$10,000.00 | |
| A5581.4900 | BOCES Services Transportation | | \$45,000.00 |

Reason: To correctly allocate BOCES cost for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

5. Approval of BOCES Budget and Candidates

RESOLUTION #18-19-244

MOTION: "WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereafter "Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2019/20 school year (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020), now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2019/20 school year in the amount of twenty-two million, one hundred ninety thousand, six hundred sixteen dollars (\$22,190,616) be, and hereby is, approved by the Levittown Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, cast a vote for Ronald Ellerbe, Fran N. Langsner and Robert "B.A." Schoen to be the three candidates for the BOCES Board of Education."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

6. Election Workers

RESOLUTION #18-19-245

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the individuals on the attached list as the Election Registrars for the 2019 budget and trustee vote."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

7. Approval of School Clubs

RESOLUTION # 18-19-246

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Extra Classroom Activity Club Charters for the 2018-2019 school year."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

8. Contract-CentralEd (Textbook Central) Div. of Tel/Logic, Inc. RESOLUTION # 18-19-247

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into an agreement with Textbook Central, a division of Tel/Logic Inc. d.b.a. CentralEd (Textbook Central, Tel/Logic or CentralEd) for textbook procurement and distribution services for non-public schools during the 2019-2020 school year."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

9. Universal Pre-K Sites RESOLUTION # 18-19-248

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Tender Garden located at 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756, and Kiddie Junction located at 3 North Village Green, Levittown, NY 11756, as the two sites for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2019-20 school year."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

10. Contract with Harlem Wizards RESOLUTION # 18-19-249

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the Harlem Wizards as outlined on the attached contract for a basketball game on 5/29/19 at MacArthur High School."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

11. Contract for Wisdom Lane's 8th Grade Party Venue

RESOLUTION # 18-19-250

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Aura's for the Wisdom Lane 8th grade dance for Monday, June 17, 2019;

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

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

12. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 18-19-251

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 2018-19 school year:

- Garden City UFSD
- Rockville Centre UFSD
- Jericho School District
- South Huntington School District

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

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

13. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #18-19-252

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 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2020.

- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights
- Sail at Ferncliff Manor
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- Woodward Children's Center

- Creative Tutoring
- Eden II/Genesis
- Martin De Porres Elementary School
- Variety Child Learning Center
- The Summit School
- Greenburg North Castle
- Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc.
- Hillside Children’s Center
- Springbrook
- Marra & Glick Applied Behavior
- Harmony Heights
- Tiegerman

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

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

14. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 18-19-253

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.”

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

15. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 18-19-254

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.

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

16. Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLUTION # 18-19-255

MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board ratifies an April 4, 2019 Memorandum of Agreement between the District and a certain teacher.”

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

17. Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLUTION #18-19-256

MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board ratifies an March 25, 2019 Memorandum of Agreement between the District and a non-instructional employee.”

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

18. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 18-19-257

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

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

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Dillon Cain |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

V. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION #18-19-258

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

- Popcorn machines with supplies, basketballs and footballs to be used at the secondary school and at LAP from Chartwells, Maria Dietz, 3359 Old Jerusalem Road, Levittown, NY 11756
- Sixty-one scholastic books to be donated to the Jonas E. Salk School Library from Scholastic Book Fairs (Long Island), 925 Grand Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729
- A check in the amount of \$125.00 to be donated to a student who is unable to buy a prom ticket from Ms. Noreen Super, 942 Grand Blvd., Westbury, NY 11590
- A check in the amount of \$4,000 for scholarships for the Division Avenue Class of 2019 from Irvin Simon, 146 Meacham Avenue, Elmont, NY 11003
- A check in the amount of \$2,000 to be donated to the Division Avenue Student Activity Fund from Irvin Simon, 146 Meacham Avenue, Elmont, NY 11003
- A check in the amount of \$500 to be applied to negative school lunch balances from the Levittown Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., PO Box 152, Levittown, NY 11756."

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Jennifer Messina |
| SECONDER: | Christina Lang |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

VI. AD HOC
(NONE)

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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| RESULT: | MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)] |
| MOVER: | Marianne Adrian, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | James Moran |
| AYES: | Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina |

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:35 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

