

**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, May 8, 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
Mr. Michael Pappas
Mr. James Moran

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
David Marcano - Student Liaison for MacArthur High School
Madison Gillis – Alternate 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. She requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Recognitions

i. Student Art Presentation - Salk Middle 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. Pathfinder Award

Mr. Coscia, Principal of Division Avenue High School, announced that Madison Gillis, a senior at Division, was awarded the 2019 Town of Hempstead Pathfinder Award in the high school senior category. This award is the third Venturing Program level award.

iii. Musical Student Standouts –

Mr. D’Ulisse, Curriculum Associate for Music, thanked the Board of Education and Administration for acknowledging those students who have excelled in all phases of the music program. These selectees were given certificates of merit for their participation in the Long Island String Festival Association, NMEA All County, and All State. The Board congratulated these talented students.

iv. Skills USA Winners

Mr. Creter, Director of GC Tech, acknowledged the hardworking students and staff. The New York State and Regional winners received certificates and congratulations from the Board.

v. Science Standouts/Physics Team

Mr. McDermott, Science Director, spoke about the Science Program at Levittown and welcomed the district’s top science students who were honored for their accomplishments throughout the 2018-19 school year. He pointed out that it was an amazing year. The Board applauded these students.

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

B. Student Presentation

i. Gardiners Avenue School: Quail: From Eggs to Chicks to Eating Ticks

Mr. Vanderbeck, Principal of Gardiners Avenue School, recognized the teachers and staff who helped with this pilot initiative. Additionally, he thanked the Board of Education and Central Office for all their support. The students were introduced and spoke about the program. They shared their knowledge of Quails and their respect for nature and the environment.

- C. Staff Recognition
 - i. Staff Tenure Recognition - Reception to Follow

Ms. Rifkin commented that it was her great pleasure to recognize 40 teachers, teaching assistants and administrators who are receiving tenure tonight. She noted that this is a very large number for our District and we are very proud to welcome our new teachers for a long time career with Levittown. The principals of each building were called upon to introduce the recipients in their building. The Board congratulated them all.

- D. Superintendent
 - 1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Winch remarked that at the last meeting there was a discussion on who would be representing the Board of Education on the Education Foundation. He noted that this is required to be able to move forward with a template to begin the planning process. Ms. Marengi shared that the three Board members are Mike Pappas, Marianne Adrian and Dillon Cain. Mr. Cohen, legal counsel, commented that he would work up a format and have it ready for the next meeting. Dr. McDonald suggested that Ms. Appelbaum, District Clerk, reach out to the community for individuals who are interested in being part of the Foundation. There was a discussion from the Board on this issue.

- 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 read a statement regarding the musical that was performed at Division Avenue High School.

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

David Marcano, the student representative from MacArthur High School, reported on the events at his school: the Autism Awareness fundraiser raised over \$10,000 which will all be donated; the first concert of the spring season was conducted; the Senior Variety Show is coming up along with the Annual Art Show and the Can Jam Tournament.

Madison Gillis shared the events at Division Avenue High School: Seventy five students were inducted into the National Honor Society; the Guidance Department and five seniors were featured in an article in Newsday titled, "You're in ...Now What? Which outlined 15 tips for a smooth transition to college; the Spring Captain's breakfast was recently held; and a junior was honored with the Rensselaer Medal Award.

III. BUDGET HEARING/PUBLIC BE HEARD

Dr. Dillon explained that as part of the budget process, the District has to hold a Budget Hearing and provide a Budget Statement. The Budget Hearing must be held no earlier than 14 days and no later than 7 days before the Annual Budget Vote. He note that it must be presented in plain language and with three components: administration, program and capital. He stated that budget statement and required attachments must be made available to the public at the Hearing. The School District Budget Notice and Budget Newsletter is in the component format. Dr. Dillon shared that these documents are available at each building, the Library and on the District's website.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

COMMENTS APPEAR AT THE END OF THE MINUTES

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-19-259

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 18-19-260

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

- Appropriation Report for the period 7/1/18 - 3/31/19
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/18 - 3/31/19
- Treasurer's report for the month ending March 2019
- Claims Audit Report for the month of April 2019
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement date 4/6/19."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

4. Contract with Seneca Consulting

RESOLUTION #18-19-261

MOTION: " RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Seneca Consulting Group to cover services related to the Affordable Care Act for the 2019-2020 school year; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

5. Bid Approvals

RESOLUTION #18-19-262

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #2016/2017 CIP and 2017/2018 CIP Contract #1 for General Construction to Irwin Contracting, Inc., Contract #2 for Plumbing Reconstruction to Ambrosio & Company, Inc., Contract #3 for HVAC Reconstruction to Central Air Corporation and Contract #4 for Electrical Reconstruction to JP Daly & Sons, Inc.."

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #2017/2018 CIP Contract #1A for General Construction to ACL Construction Corp., Contract #1B for General Construction to Patriot Organization, Inc. Contract #2 for Plumbing Reconstruction to Ambrosio & Company, Inc., Contract #3 for HVAC Reconstruction to XTRAIRE, Inc. and Contract #4 for Electrical Reconstruction to Locust Valley Electric."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

6. Intermunicipal Agreement with County of Nassau

RESOLUTION #18-19-263

MOTION: "WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District desires to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Nassau for the purchase of new baseball field for Wisdom Lane Middle School, and for the receipt of an \$225,500 Grant from Nassau County to be applied toward the purchase of this field ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is subject to classification pursuant to the State Environmental Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the baseball field is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA regulations; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the lead agency involved, has examined the information related to the Project and has determined that the Project is properly classified as a Type II Action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Project is a Type II Action which requires no further SEQRA review.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

7. Bid Approval - Roll Off Dumpster Services

RESOLUTION #18-19-264

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS-19-001 for Roll Off Dumpster Services to Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. and S & M Prompt Rubbish Removal Service, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

8. Bid Approval - Musical Instrument Rentals

RESOLUTION #18-19-265

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS 17-004 for Musical Instrument Rentals to Advantage Music Ltd. for the 2019-2020 school year.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

9. Intermunicipal Agreement - Swim Team

RESOLUTION #18-19-266

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the attached contract with East Meadow UFSD with terms as outlined in the attached to establish a combined High School Boys Swim Team with East Meadow UFSD and the Levittown UFSD for the 2019/2020 swim season.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

10. Teachers' Center Continuation Grant

RESOLUTION #18-19-267

MOTION: "WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has received and reviewed the 2019-2020 grant application for the Teachers' Center; and it is understood that neither the autonomy nor the authority of the Teachers' Center, nor the costs associated with the District's support of the Teachers' Center, are altered in any substantive manner from the 2018-2019 program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the 2019-2020 Teachers' Center grant application in the amount of \$44,264."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

11. Hofstra MOU - Student Teacher Agreement

RESOLUTION #18-19-268

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Hofstra University, with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to cover student teachers and observers seeking certification for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021 at no cost to the District;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

12. Establish Scholarship

RESOLUTION #18-19-269

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the Melissa Katz Scholarship Award for a Levittown School District graduating senior who attended MacArthur High School in the amount of \$500 according to the attached criteria."

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Change the name of the scholarship from Melissa Katz to Anne Katz Hannah Memorial Scholarship.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

13. Nomination - NYSSBA Everett R. Dyer Award

RESOLUTION #18-19-270

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, nominate Mike Pappas representing the Levittown School District for the NYSSBA Everett R. Dyer Award.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

14. Transportation Cooperative BOCES

RESOLUTION # 18-19-271

MOTION: ”WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2019-20 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Levittown Union Free School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Levittown Union Free School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

15. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services RESOLUTION # 18-19-272

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:

- Half Hollow Hills Union Free School District
- Mineola Union Free School District
- Plainedge Union Free School District
- West Hempstead School District
- Hempstead School District
- Bellmore Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

16. Obsolete Books RESOLUTION # 18-19-273

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

17. Obsolete Equipment RESOLUTION # 18-19-274

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 (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

18. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 17-18-275

“RECOMMENDED 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 “Appointments, Administrators”
- 1005 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1006 “Consultants”
- 1007 “Students with Disabilities”
- 1010 “Students with Disabilities”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

2. Gift to Schools

RESOLUTION # 17-18-276

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

- Three SLR 35 mm cameras, 1 flash, 1 tripod to be donated to MacArthur High School’s photography class from Cynthia Friel, 30 Pelican Road, Levittown, NY 11756.”

NOTE: Ms. Marengi thanked everyone for their generous gifts.

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

VI. AD HOC

(NONE)

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:55 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.

Alyssa Wonsch	884 Bruce Drive, Wantagh, NY
Aiden Goring	3591 Southview Avenue, Wantagh, NY
Matt Nesci	3003 Lawrence Drive, Wantagh, NY

Three students from Salk wanted the Board to consider a new sport not already available in the District, Archery. They noted that Archery teaches coordination, strength, focus, discipline, self-confidence, mental toughness, teamwork and sportsmanship. They feel that Archery is a great sport for those students that don't like ball sports and special needs students confined to a wheel chair. They went on to discuss the costs to the District and which other schools have Archery. They asked the Board to consider this suggestion and thanked them for their time.

Dr. McDonald commented that she would set up a meeting with District personnel to discuss this proposal.