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, August 14, 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 Marenghi, President

Mr. Dillon Cain, Vice President

Ms. Marianne Adrian

Ms. Christina Lang

Ms. Jennifer Messina

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

Ms. Mara Harvey - Legal Counsel

Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ms. Marenghi, 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 seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney.
- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (7-0). Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for all those men and women serving at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Recognition

i. Heroic Action – Robert Cosgrove

Ms. Rifkin remarked that it was an honor tonight to talk about one of our employees. She read a letter that the District received from Kate Murray, former Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead regarding Robert Cosgrove, a member of our maintenance staff. Ms. Murray went on to write that as she was driving down a local road, she witnessed Mr. Cosgrove stop his District vehicle when he saw a toddler walk across Center Lane, unattended. He rescued the child and returned him to his home. Ms. Murray was struck by Mr. Cosgrove's care as he saved the child from a potentially tragic accident. She felt we should know about the heroic action this individual took. Ms. Rifkin shared how very proud we are of Mr. Cosgrove.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

A. Value Identification

Dr. McDonald reported that she along with Central Office and Mr. Cain and Ms. Messina met with Dr. Reeves who spoke about having a strategic plan for the District. He suggested that instead of issuing goals this year, the Board should engage in a discussion about the values we have for our District. Dr. McDonald asked the Board that for the next meeting, to come up with four or five values that we want to move forward with. Ms. Messina shared that Dr. Reeves is a world renowned author and speaker and she feels he will be able to take our District in the right direction. Mr. Cain reported that Dr. Reeves came to the meeting well prepared. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with a strategic plan from him.

B. RSA – Rural Schools Association of New York State

Dr. McDonald noted that last year was the first time we joined this advocacy organization related to school finance. She wanted to know if the Board wanted to renew our membership. Dr. Dillon explained the organization is an association where they advocate for schools in finance, supply information on state aid breakdown, and work with school districts to provide information in terms of legislation actions. He remarked that they are an informative group and a great resource. After a discussion, the Board decided to rejoin but wanted to see some measurable value at the end of the year. Dr. McDonald suggested we set up a meeting with the Association.

C. Homework Guidelines

Mr. Winch shared that during the past school year, multiply homework committees have been established. One at each building and two at the District. The monthly committee meetings consisted of teachers, administrators, and parents to look at what operational guidelines to develop in regards to homework for the District. Mr. Winch explained these guidelines will cover what we believe the value of homework is and what we believe everyone's role is in homework. He reported that a homework survey was conducted at the elementary level and the committees utilized a variety of resources to investigate different guidelines. Mr. Winch went over the guidelines and had a discussion with the Board.

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

B. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Adrian reported that she recently attended the Summer Law Conference with Ms. Messina and Ms. Rifkin. She commented that it was very interesting and had a lot of information to share regarding laws and regulations. She remarked that data privacy was a popular topic. Ms. Messina went over some highlights of the workshops such as APPR, student health, school safety and student teaching standards.

2. Correspondence (none)

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

(Comments appear at the end of the minutes)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 19-20-84

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Organization and Regular Meeting and the July 17, 2019 Special Meeting."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

2. Warrants RESOLUTION # 19-20-85

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 JUNE 2019 and JULY 2019 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 19-20-86

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

- Claims Auditors Report July 2019
- Claims Audit 2018/2019 year end summary report
- Credit Card statement from Citibank for statement dates 6/22/19 and 7/06/19

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

4. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 19-20-87

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,

Code A2280.4900	Code Description BOCES Voc Ed/Occupational Ed Tuition	Amount From \$10,010.86	Amount To
A1310.4900	BOCES Services Instructional	ψ10,010.30	\$10,010.86
A2250.4900	BOCES Special Ed Services	\$32,938.22	
A1430.4900	BOCES Transportation Services		\$32,938.22
A2250.4900	BOCES Special Ed Services	\$96,643.49	
A1620.4900	BOCES O&M Health/Safety		\$96,643.49
A9901.9501	Inter-fund Transfer to State Support Schools \$	35,307.39	
A9901.9300AI	Inter-Fund Transfer to School Lunch Fund		\$35,307.39

Reason: Year-End adjustment - To adjust budget to actual expenditures

A9060-8000-00-0000	Emp Benefits Health Insurance	\$55,114.00
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A9060-8100-00-0000 Emp Benefits Dental Insurance \$55,114.00

Reason: To cover increase in Supplemental Benefits Fund

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

5. BID #LPS 19-005 School Bus Vehicle Outside Repairs & Service RESOLUTION # 19-20-88

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award BID #LPS 19-005 School Bus & Vehicle Outside Repairs & Service as per attached tabulations."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

6. BID #LPS 19-004 School Bus, Vehicle & Garage Parts, Supplies, & RESOLUTION # 19-20-89 Equipment

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award BID #LPS 19-004 School Bus, Vehicle & Garage Parts, Supplies, & Equipment as per attached tabulations."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

7. RFP #LPS 19-006 External Auditing Services

RESOLUTION # 19-20-90

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award RFP# LPS 19-006 External Auditing Services to R.S. Abrams."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

8. RFP #LPS 19-007 Internal Auditing Services

RESOLUTION # 19-20-91

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award RFP #LPS 19-007 Internal Auditing Services to Cullen & Danowski."

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RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

9. RFP #LPS 19-008 Claims Auditing Services

RESOLUTION #19-20-92

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award RFP #LPS 19-008 Claims Auditing Services to Nawrocki Smith LLP."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

10. Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION #19-20-93

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Risk Assessment Update Report and the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Auditor's recommendations contained in the report dated June 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance is authorized to submit the Corrective Action Plan to New York State."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

11. Setting the Tax Levy

RESOLUTION # 19-20-94

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the following budget (\$230,019,919) of the necessary claims and expenditures in Levittown Union Free School District (#5), in the Town of Hempstead, school year 2019-2020, amounting to:

\$ 222,353,639 School Purpose \$ 7,666,280 Library Purpose

Total \$230,019,919 be and the same is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of:

\$ 141,721,798 School Purpose \$ 7,520,780 Library Purpose

Total \$149,242,578 be the remainder of

budget adopted as above and the amount which must be raised by taxation \$141,721,798 for School Purposes and \$7,520,780 for Library Purposes; total of \$149,424,578 for the Levittown Union Free School District (#5) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2018-2019 be levied upon the taxable property of said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2019-2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15, 2019."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

12. Nassau BOCES Final Contract 2018-2019

RESOLUTION #19-20-95

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the final contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$11,267,497.40 to cover services and other expenses for the 2018-2019 school year, and;

Be it further RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

13. Nassau BOCES Initial Contract for 2019-2020

RESOLUTION#19-20-96

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the initial contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$7,939,694.83 to cover services and other expenses for the 2019-2020 school year, and;

Be it further RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

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14. Board Meeting Calendar - 2019-2020 School Year - Revised

RESOLUTION#19-20-97

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached revised calendar of Board of Education meeting dates for the Levittown Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

15. Appointment of External Auditor

RESOLUTION#19-20-98

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that R. S. Abrams be appointed External Auditor for the 2019-2020 school year to render such services as determined by the Business Office, with compensation provided in the submitted RFP, said payment to be inclusive of disbursements and/or expenses and that the President of the Board of Education and the Assistant Superintendent of Business is authorized to sign the attached agreement with R. S. Abrams."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

16. District Wide Safety Plan

RESOLUTION#19-20-99

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."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas has questions regarding the Safety Plan. There was a discussion between the Board, Superintendent and Attorney.

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

17. Memorandum of Understanding - Confidential Employees

RESOLUTION#19-20-100

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Levittown Union Free School District and confidential employees: Lori Pagano, Randi D'Ambrosio, Jill Steiger, Susan Garibaldi, and Debby Sloan as per the terms of the attached Memorandums of Understanding dated 8/2/19;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding."

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

18. Appointment of Delegate to New York State School Boards RESOLUTION # 19-20-101 Association

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve, James Moran, as Board Trustee Delegate as voting delegate to the NYSSBA Annual Convention on October 24 - 26, 2019."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

19. Contract with Music Theatre International (MTI)

RESOLUTION # 19-20-102

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Music Theatre International (MTI), with terms as outlined in the attached contract for licensing for "Into the Woods" for the MacArthur High School for the 2019-20 school year;

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

20. Contract with Sound Actuarial Consulting

RESOLUTION#19-20-103

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Sound Actuarial Consulting with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to perform an actuarial review of the District's Workers Compensation Program;

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

21. Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

RESOLUTION#19-20-104

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education accepts the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program policy, including the annual Family Eligibility Criteria for Free and Reduced Meals as described in accordance with the guidelines established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the New York State Education Department, Bureau of School Food Management and Nutrition."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

22. Intermunicipal Agreements - Fuel

RESOLUTION#19-20-105

MOTION: "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached Intermunicipal Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and the following school district for the purpose of Levittown providing access to the fueling station;

Wantagh School District

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

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

23. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 19-20-106

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 2018-19 transportation contracts/extensions:

2019 Summer Contracts

Contract #	Bid Date	Contractor	<u>Cost</u>
New	N/A	NASSAU BOCES	\$14,872.00
NEW	5/22/19	First Student	\$47,900
NEW	7/31/19	First Student	\$0
NEW	5/22/19	Suburban Bus	\$0
NEW	7/31/19	Suburban Bus	\$0

2019-2020 Contracts/Extensions

Contract #	Bid Date	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New	5/22/19	ACME	\$32,320
New	7/31/19	ACME	\$0
Contract #	Bid Date	Contractor	Cost
E999780	4/20/99	ACME	\$51,573.70
E412441	5/6/10	ACME	\$15,915.20
E266545	5/6/11	ACME	\$14,943.60
E270444	5/8/12	ACME	\$8,845.08
E414707	5/12/15	ACME	\$32,498.00
E413276	5/13/13	ACME	\$0
E273929	5/15/14	ACME	\$39,530
E414922	5/16/16	ACME	\$10,008.80
E416485	5/16/18	ACME	\$21,426.70
E514610	5/22/17	ACME	\$0
E256986	5/30/06	ACME	\$27,404.00
E411039	5/31/07	ACME	\$0
E800650	6/2/00	ACME	\$0
E412446	6/23/10	ACME	\$0
E272986	8/6/14	ACME	\$0

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E514612	8/7/17	ACME	\$0
E273929	8/11/15	ACME	\$63,163.30
E271615	8/12/13	ACME	\$0
E515604	8/14/18	ACME	\$14,169.40
E270445	8/15/12	ACME	\$42,034.20
E414925	8/16/16	ACME	\$0
E412449	8/25/10	ACME	\$0
E272389	10/2/13	ACME	\$14,114.70
E412443	5/6/2010	First Student	\$0
E514614	8/7/2017	First Student	\$0
E416487	8/14/2018	First Student	\$0
E414926	8/16/2016	First Student	\$36,727.60
E414930	5/16/2016	First Student	\$38,121.60
E514609	5/22/2017	First Student	\$35,777.50
E515606	5/16/2018	First Student	\$0
E256989	5/30/2006	Suburban Bus	\$0
E266549	5/6/2011	Suburban Bus	\$0
E410146	5/25/2005	Suburban Bus	\$0
E411041	5/31/2007	Suburban Bus	\$0
E412444	5/6/2010	Suburban Bus	\$233,364.10
E414929	5/16/2016	Suburban Bus	\$34,087.80
E414710	5/12/2015	Suburban Bus	\$0
E515607	5/16/2018	Suburban Bus	\$0

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

24. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #19-20-107

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 2019 - 20 school year.

- Bethpage UFSD (7/1/19 8/9/19)
- Long Island Home d/b/a South Oaks Hospital (9/1/19 8/31/20)
- Westbury School District (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Anderson Center for Autism (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Plainedge UFSD (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Henry Viscardi School (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- The Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Bethpage UFSD (7/1/19 8/9/19)
- East Meadow UFSD (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Wyandanch UFSD (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- United Cerebral Palsy (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Plainedge UFSD (7/1/19 8/9/20)
- Syosset Central School District (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Brookville Center for Children's services (7/1/19 6/30/20)
- Roslyn Public Schools (7/3/19 8/13/19 and 9/3/19 6/26/20)

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

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

25. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION# 19-20-108

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: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

26. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION# 19-20-109

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: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

27. Schedules

MOTION: "RESOLVED, 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 "Designation, Coaching"
- 1006 "Designation, Consultants"
- 1007 "Salary Change, Instructional"
- 1008 "Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1008.1 "LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1008.2 "LOA, Instructional Personnel"
- 1009 "Permanent Status, Non-Instructional
- 1010 "Textbooks"
- 1011 "Students with Disabilities"

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian
SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

VI. <u>ACTION ITEMS</u>

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION#19-20-110

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

• A check in the amount of \$957.92 to be donated to MacArthur High School activity fund from Ahold USA Financial Services, PO Box 7200, Carlisle, PA 17013."

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]

MOVER: Dillon Cain SECONDER: James Moran

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

NOTE: The Board thanked Ahold USA Financial Services for their generous donation.

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies - First and Second Read

RESOLUTION#19-20-111

First Read

Policy No. 5661 District Wellness Policy

Mr. Winch reported that this policy contains updated recommendations for changes from Erie I BOCES. Additionally, he noted that this year, the Wellness Committee worked with a consultant form the CHSC component of BOCES to review the policy.

Second Read

Policy No. 7222

Mr. Winch noted that a lot of language was taken out of this policy and a reference was made to Commissioners Regulations since they change so often.

Policy No. 7511

Mr. Winch explained that the religious exemption was removed from the policy.

NOTE: Ms. Adrian asked Mr. Milano, Director of Facilities, to give an update on the capital projects presently being worked on. Dr. Dillon noted that at the September 25th Board Meeting there will be a presentation to the Board showing pre, present and post status of the projects. Ms. Marenghi asked Mr. Milano to express to his staff how grateful we all are for all the hard work his staff has done on these projects.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT: APPROVED (7-0-0)]

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Dillon Cain

AYES: Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

NOTE: The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:00 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.

Luna Taylor 99 Springtime Lane Levittown, NY

Ms. Taylor remarked that she was here tonight to talk to the Board about a law that was recently passed prohibiting children with religious exemptions from attending public schools. Ms. Taylor noted that there was a hearing held earlier in the day in Albany about a preliminary injunction which would put a temporary hold on the law while this case is being litigated. She was asking for approval in this matter and a show of support for a stay in the form of a letter to the judge. She remarked that the letter would not state whether the District agrees or disagrees with anyone's religious beliefs but would simply allow her children to get the education they are entitled to, until the courts decide whether or not this new law was constitutional or not. Ms. Taylor handed out a packet of letters from Superintendents across Long Island stating that they have not seen a child with a religious exemption cause an issue or an outbreak. Therefore, she is asking the Board and Superintendent to support all the children in the District until this is worked out in the courts. Ms. Taylor also asked for home instruction.

Ms. Marenghi asked out legal counsel, Ms. Harvey, to guide us on how to proceed. Ms. Harvey commented that the position that the District has always taken is not to be for or against immunizations or the exemption. The position the District has taken and will continue to take is to follow the law as the law exists. There have been many issues dealing with the quickness that the Legislature has determined to make this change. With regard to Ms. Taylor's request to have the Board or Superintendent write a letter in support of a stay, Ms. Harvey responded that the Board is not able to do so because they represent the entire community and the entire community does not feel the same way. Therefore the Board cannot advocate for or against the Legislation.

Ms. Marenghi commented that the Board would take what was said under advisement, have a discussion, confer with our attorneys and will send a response.