

**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 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 Marenghi, President
Mr. Dillon Cain, Vice President
Ms. Marianne Adrian
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
Ms. Caroline Johnson – Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Ms. Emily Fuchs – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

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 (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the discipline of a particular employee.

- 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. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the secondary school students from the audience. Ms. Marenghi also requested a moment of silence for all of those serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Recognition

i. Art Display - Abbey Lane School

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

ii. Board Recognition Night

Mr. Winch explained that New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) recognizes October as School Board Recognition Month. It is a time for us to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by local school boards. School Board members tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. They are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates for public education. Mr. Winch noted that tonight we join together to say “thank you” for their hard work and dedication to the entire community served by the Levittown School District. He invited the elected officials in the audience to come up to say a few words to the Board. Mr. Winch noted that as we do each year, we have several presentations to make to our Board. He presented celebratory citations from local politicians to 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 remarked that he had awards from the NYSSBA for Board member’s Achievements Through Education to present to the Board. The Division Avenue High School Peer Leaders paid tribute to their beloved teacher, Mr. Verdi, who recently passed.

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. Mr. Winch thanked the students, parents, teachers, and administrators. He announced that there would be a quick break for a reception in honor of the Board.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports
(none)

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 next week, she along with several members of the Board and Administration, would be attending the NYSSBA 2019 Convention in Rochester. She noted that Dr. Maurer and two teachers from Abbey Lane would be presenting at the Convention.

2. Correspondence
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Student Liaison, Caroline Johnson, shared the events at MacArthur High School: at Back-to-School night an informative eight minute overview was shown about course curriculum and guidelines; a prideful Pep Rally was held and the Home Coming Parade was a huge success; an informative District Financial Aid Night was conducted providing parents with valuable financial information regarding college tuition; the Marching Band will be participating in the Newsday Marching Bank Festival; based on last year's results of the PSAT, there are three National Merit Commended Scholars and two National Hispanic Scholars; coming up is the Mac's Got Talent Show and the Dig Pink Volleyball Fundraiser.

Emily Fuchs, the student representative from Division Avenue High School, reported that three students were recognized as Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program as a result of their performance on the PSAT's; the Captain's breakfast was recently held for the Fall Varsity Teams; the Pep Rally and Homecoming was a huge success with the students proudly showing their spirit; the Marching Band participated in the Newsday Marching Bank Festival; and a Mentoring Program is starting where student and staff mentees meet with their mentors once a week for academic, social and emotional support.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 19-20-132

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2019."

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

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 19-20-133

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 2019 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

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

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 19-20-134

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

- Appropriation and Revenue Report for the periods 7/1/19 – 7/31/19 and 7/1/19 – 8/31/19
- Claims Auditors Report for the month ending September 2019
- Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 2019 and August 2019
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement dates 8/22/19 and 9/6/19"

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

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION #19-20-135

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>No.</u>	<u>Code Description From</u>	<u>Code From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code Description To</u>	<u>Code To</u>
1	BOCES Computer Instruction	A2630.4900	\$33,866.63	BOCES Services Instructional	A2110.4900

Reason: To correctly allocate BOCES cost for the 2018-19 school year

<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Description From</u>	<u>Code From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code Description To</u>	
1	CONTRACTUAL EXPEND/GC TECH	A 2110.4000-33-0000	35,235.00	Occupated ED BOCES	

2	TEXTBOOKS/GC TECH	A 2110.4800-33- 0000	14,700.00	Occupated ED BOCES
3	OCCUPAT ED SAL- 9-12-GC TECH	A 2280.1230-33- 0000	1,219,792.00	Occupated ED BOCES
4	SPEC ED TEACHERS' SAL 9- 12-GC TECH	A 2250.1610-33- 3450	128,501.00	Occupated ED BOCES
5	SPEC ED TEACHER AIDES-GC TECH	A 2250.1610-33- 3450	26,283.00	Occupated ED BOCES
6	OCCUPAT ED/ TA	A 2280.1305-33- 0000	254,888.00	Occupated ED BOCES
7	OCCUPAT ED ADMIN SALARIES	A 2280.1500-00- 0000	147,937.00	Occupated ED BOCES
8	OCCUPAT ED CONTRACTUAL EXP	A 2280.4000-00- 0000	19,500.00	Occupated ED BOCES
9	OCCUPAT ED MAT & SUPP	A 2280.4500-00- 0000	113,594.77	Occupated ED BOCES
10	OCCUPAT ED TRAINING/TRAVEL	A 2280.4750-00- 0000	16,900.00	Occupated ED BOCES
11	SPEC ED PVT SCH TUITION	A 2250.4700-00- 3450	100,000	Occupated ED BOCES
12	SPEC ED PUBLIC SCH-RATE ADJUST	A 2250.4730-00- 3460	100,000	Occupated ED BOCES
13	EMP BENEFITS HEALTH INSURANCE	A 9060.8000-00- 0000	300,000	Occupated ED BOCES
14	SPEC ED BOCES SERVICES	A 2250.4900-00- 0000	300,000	Occupated ED BOCES
15	OCCUPAT ED EQUIP	A 2280.2000-00- 0000	48,200.00	CURRIC DEV/SUPR EQUIP
16	TEACHER SALARIES 9-12 DIVISION	A 2110.1230.31.0000	210,000	TEACHER SALARIES 9-12 MACARTHUR
17	EMP BENEFITS HEALTH INSURANCE	A 9060.8000-00- 0000	99,000	TRAINING/TRAVEL

Reason: No. 1-15 to pay GC Tech tuition, No. 16 salary adjustment to fund change in staffing assignment, No. 17 to fund Strategic Plan.

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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

5. Change Order

RESOLUTION #19-20-136

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following Change Order:

Change Order #1 Northside Elementary School
Central Air Corporation. - Kitchen Hood/Ansul System \$26,185.70

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached change order."

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

6. Establish Scholarship

RESOLUTION #19-20-137

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the Chavez Trading Company Scholarship for a Levittown School District graduating senior who attended Division Avenue High School in the amount of \$1,000 according to the attached criteria."

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

7. Food Service Committee 2019-20

RESOLUTION # 19-20-138

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 2019-2020 school year."

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

8. Approval of School Clubs

RESOLUTION #19-20-139

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Extra Classroom Activity Club Charters for the 2019-20 school year."

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

9. Agreement with NYU School of Medicine

RESOLUTION #19-20-140

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve the attached agreement with NYU School of Medicine to provide professional medical services for home high school games and playoff games, for a total cost of \$260 per game, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached agreement."

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

10. Contract for Greenkill Trip

RESOLUTION #19-20-141

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 27, 28/, and 29, 2019; May 11, 12 and 13, 2019; and June 3, 4, and 5, 2019 for students of Levittown Public Schools for the 2019 - 2020 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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

11. Contract for Nursing Services for Greenkill Trips

RESOLUTION #19-20-142

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 2019-2020 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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

12. Johnson Controls

RESOLUTION #19-20-143

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Johnson Controls, Inc. for the fire alarm monitoring system for the 2019-2020 school year;

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

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

13. Approval of Board of Education Policy

RESOLUTION #19-20-144

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following revised policy:

Policy No. 5661 – District Wellness Policy

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

14. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 19-20-145

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 as indicated.

- Gersh Academy
- United Cerebral Palsy
- Eden II School for Autistic Children

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

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

RESOLUTION #19-20-146

15. 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 2019-20 school year at a cost of \$122,586.47 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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

16. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 19-20-147

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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

17. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 19-20-148

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:	Jennifer Messina
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Cain, Messina
ABSENT:	James Moran

18. Schedules

RESOLUTION #19-20-149

“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 “Designation, Coaching”
- 1005 “Designation, Consultants”
- 1006 “Appointments, Extra -Curricular”
- 1007 “Salary Change, Certified Personnel”
- 1008 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1009 “Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel”
- 1010 “Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional”
- 1011 “Permanent Status, Non- Instructional”
- 1012 “Students with Disabilities”

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Schedule 1003.1 #20 needs a two-thirds approval to pass, Schedule 1011 #3 should be Joseph Grillo instead of James Grillo.

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. NEW BUSINESS

(none)

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies – Second Read

Policy No. 5330 Budget Transfer

The Board asked for clarification on this policy. Dr. McDonald explained that the policy change allows Central Office to make salary budget transfers only within salary codes up to \$150,000. She commented that the Board would receive a list of the budget transfers that were made for the salary codes.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:40 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.

**Mary-Kate Sweeney 2858 Scott Road, Wantagh, NY
Kara Debaliso 674 Pineneck Rd, Seaford, NY**

Both girls, captains of the MacArthur Girls Varsity Soccer Team, were here to speak about the current soccer issue. Ms. Sweeney reported that recently the Soccer Coach was taken away from the team due to a medical leave. She shared that she did not believe this was the real reason. Ms. Sweeney noted that she recently had a meeting with Dr. McDonald addressing the situation. She remarked that before tonight's meeting, her parents received an e-mail from an anonymous user. She commented that her coaches have treated all the girls with respect and dignity.

Ms. Debaliso stated that along with the e-mail a link was attached bashing both of the girls' coaches and Dr. McDonald. She felt it was more of a harassment and blackmail. She shared that she did not feel safe. Ms. Debaliso wanted this addressed.

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