

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LEVITTOWN, NY**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, February 26, 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 local newspapers, 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 – excused absence  
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Vice President  
Mr. Dillon Cain  
Ms. Christina Lang – excused absence  
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**

Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Cain, called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (5-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the ALSA.

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Ms. Messina seconded by Mr. Moran and approved (5-0). Mr. Cain asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by David Bein, a student from Gardiners Avenue and a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad. The Special Meeting commenced at 7:32 with the Budget Planning Session immediately following.

**I. PUBLIC BE HEARD – Agenda Items Only**

(None)

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**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION #19-20-213

**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 JANUARY 2020 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peggy Marenghi and Christina Lang

2. Agreement with CSEA

RESOLUTION #19-20-214

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education ratifies an agreement with the CSEA dated January 30, 2020."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peggy Marenghi and Christina Lang

3. Reaffirmation of Employment Agreement - Dr. Tonie McDonald RESOLUTION#19-20-215

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby reaffirm and ratify its September 11, 2019 approval of the extension of the employment agreement between the District and Dr. Tonie McDonald, Superintendent Schools."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
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**NOTE: Dr. McDonald was administered the Oath of Office.**

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4. SEQRA Steam Coil Leak Classroom/Hallway Repair/Renovations  
Division Avenue H

RESOLUTION #19-20-216

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District upon the recommendation of, the district Architect/Engineer John A. Grillo declares the following projects "Emergency Repairs" in order to protect the district against further damage to its facilities and school buildings. Classroom repair and renovation due to steam coil leak at Division Ave High School and WHEREAS, said Projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

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WHEREAS, the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, in kind, on the same sites, are classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (section 6 N.Y.C.R.R.617.5(c)(2)); and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Projects and has determined, based upon the recommendation from its Architect/Engineer John A. Grillo, in connection with its review and examination of the Project, that the Projects are properly classified as a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA Regulations;

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 Projects are a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed expenditure for the Project at a total estimated cost of \$5,000 (insurance deductible) inclusive of all construction costs, furnishings and architectural fees pursuant to the attached Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate, and authorizes John A Grillo to submit its plans and specifications for the Project to the Facilities Planning Department of the New York State Education Department for review and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transmission of an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department in connection with the District's application for approval of the Projects."

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peggy Marenghi and Christina Lang

5. Resolution Declaring Public Emergency Pursuant to §103(4) of the  
General Municipal Law

RESOLUTION #19-20-217

**MOTION:** “WHEREAS, on or about February 9, 2020, the District became aware of a steam coil leak which caused significant water damage at the Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, the District immediately contacted its architect, John A. Grillo, who determined that the steam coil leak is in need of immediately repair in order to prevent further water damage, and the replacement of the damaged portions of the Division Avenue High School facility caused by the leak are also in need of immediate replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Levittown Union Free School District hereby finds and determines that a public emergency exists arising out of the discovery of this unforeseen steam coil leak and resulting water damage that adversely effects the safety of District students and staff and the property of the Division Avenue High School; and that the required immediate repairs cannot await competitive bidding; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, made after consultation with the District’s architects, the Board of Education authorizes that this emergency work be immediately performed through its Property and Casualty Insurance carrier, upon the understanding that the District will only be responsible for payment of its \$5,000 deductible.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
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6. Schedules

RESOLUTION #19-20-218

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

1001 “Appointments, Administrators”

1002 “Consultants”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran
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**III. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jennifer Messina
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Marianne Adrian
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Peggy Marengi and Christina Lang

**The Board adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:35 PM.**

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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