

**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, September 16, 2020 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. Christina Lang, Vice President  
Ms. Jennifer Messina, Secretary  
Mr. Marianne Adrian  
Mr. Dillon Cain  
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 Cohen – Legal Counsel  
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk  
Ms. Jasmeet Sahota – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School  
Ms. Taylor Muckle – Advisor to the Superintendent MacArthur High School

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad. On a motion by Ms. Adrian, seconded by Mr. Cain 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 7:30 on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Pappas and approved (7-0).

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Recognition**

The new Board of Education Student Liaisons introduced themselves. Mr. Winch shared some of the accomplishments of these students. He noted that we are proud to have these students be representatives of Division and MacArthur High Schools.

**B. Superintendent**

1. Comments and Reports

Dr. McDonald reported that there was a request from Northside School to have their flagpole area dedicated to Bob Mehm, a longtime District employee who has recently retired. The Board was unanimous in their approval.

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. Marengi shared that on the opening day of school, she along with Dr. McDonald, Ms. Rifkin and Mr. Winch visited every school in the District. She noted that she observed arrivals, dismissals, virtual teaching, lunch periods and got a good flavor of all the hard work over the summer to make this possible. Ms. Marengi was proud to be part of this District and commented that the most importantly the kids and teacher were so excited and happy to be back. She thanked the Central Office staff and building Administrators for all the work they did to make our students comfortable went they entered back into the schools. She remarked that the Board recognizes and appreciates it.

Mr. Pappas wanted to thank the Board President, fellow School Board members, the Superintendent, the Wisdom Lane Principal, Assistant Principal, the amazing faculty, staff and security team at that school, the Levittown Kiwanis, Levittown Angels, as well as all the Levittown people for the wonderful job they did for the Food Pantry. He noted that approximately 1,500 families were fed each week and everyone did an amazing job. Additionally, Mr. Pappas wished to thank the custodians for the work they did in getting our buildings in tip top safe shape for the new school year, our Central Office team and teaching staff for continuing the monumental job of educating our students during this pandemic and the parents for adhering to the safety protocols put in place. Hopefully, we will have a safe and healthy year for everyone.

Ms. Lang welcomed the Student Liaisons and remarked that it brings her great joy to hear their their comments. She commented that this is why we are here and it is wonderful to hear all the fantastic things from your point of view.

Ms. Messina noted that she appreciated all the work that was done to get the remote learners up and running before school started. She acknowledged the patience of the teachers. She feels that the students are getting a really great education either way.

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

Taylor Muckle, the Advisor to the Superintendent from MacArthur, shared some of the positive things that went on this summer at school: congratulating the Class of 2020 on their amazing accomplishments at the beautiful ceremonies that were held on Levittown Memorial's grass field; the Class of 2021 took their senior portraits; and a Freshman Parent Orientations was conducted through Zoom. Additionally, she reported that the opening of school was very successful and that students have been following all new safety protocols that have been put in place. Ms. Muckle announced that for the second year in a row, MacArthur has been designated as a Recognition School which symbolizes high academic achievement as well as growth.

Student Liaison, Jasmeet Sahota, shared the notable events at Division Avenue High School: the Class of 2021 took their senior portraits; Freshmen Orientation was held; a seamless opening of school with students made aware of the building's procedures and protocols via a video and virtual assembly; a Virtual Information Center for students was created; there was an increase in the number of students recognized as AP Scholars with Honors and AP Scholars with Distinction; and for the second year in a row Division was selected as a Recognition School;

**III. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 20-21-116

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting ."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

- 2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 20-21-117

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 20-21-118

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

- Appropriation and Revenue Report for the period 7/1/2020 to 7/31/2020
- Treasurers Report for the month ending July 2020
- Claims Audit Report Year End Summary 2019-2020 and August 2020
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement dated 8/6/2020."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

4. Transferring Funds and Amending Budget

RESOLUTION # 20-21-119

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED that surplus monies in the sum of \$900,000 contained in the Capital Reserve Account that were not expended on the capital projects previously authorized by the District, be transferred to the District's General Fund and added to its Unassigned Fund Balance; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the District's 2020/2021 budget be amended/increased by the sum of \$900,000, in light of the unanticipated increased health and safety equipment expenses incurred by the District due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

5. Internal Audit/Risk Assessment and Corrective Action Plan      RESOLUTION # 20-21-120

**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, 2020.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

6. Budget Transfers      RESOLUTION # 20-21-121

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfers has 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>
A9060.8000	EMP BENEFITS HEALTH INS	\$25,000.00	
A9060.8100	EMP BENEFITS DENTAL INS		\$25,000.00
<i>Reason: To adjust budget to actual expenditures.</i>			
A16204080001630	ELECTRIC	\$20,000.00	
A16204350001630	EQUIPMENT RENTAL		\$20,000.00

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

7. Change Order      RESOLUTION # 20-21-122

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following Change Order (contract decreases):

Change Order #2    Northside Elementary School  
Irwin Contracting Inc.- Credit Allowance for Money Not Used    \$-11,617.00

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

8. Temporary Teacher Positions Agreement

RESOLUTION # 20-21-123

**MOTION:** “WHEREAS, by Executive Order, the Governor directed that every school district develop a reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”) and New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) guidance; and

WHEREAS, in light of the social distancing requirements in the NYSDOH and NYSED guidance, it is necessary to create the temporary position of Temporary Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

RESOLVED, that six non-tenure bearing Temporary Teacher positions are created effective September 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathleen Cantelmo, Kristen DeSimone, Elba Bocardo

Angela DaSilva, Nicole Wolfe and Amanda Santa Maria (Russo) are hereby appointed to these six Temporary Teacher positions for a period commencing effective September 1, 2020 and terminating on June 30, 2020, unless terminated earlier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the attached employment agreements with Kathleen Cantelmo, Kristen DeSimone, Elba Bocardo, Angela DaSilva, Nicole Wolfe and Amanda Santa Maria (Russo) and authorizes and directs the Board President to execute same on the Board’s behalf.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

9. Contract for Nursing Services

RESOLUTION # 20-21-124

**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 2020-2021 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

10. Amendment to the Teachers Pets Child Care Center, Inc. Lease

RESOLUTION # 20-21-125

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the attached fifth amendment dated July 29, 2020 to the lease agreement dated August 22, 2007 between the Levittown Public Schools and Teachers Pets Child Care Center, Inc. waiving rent for the April through June 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached amended lease agreement."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

11. Contract for Prom Venue

RESOLUTION # 20-21-126

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Crest Hollow Country Club as the venue for MacArthur High School Senior Prom on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

12. District Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION # 20-21-127

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the revised (8/14/2020) attached Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 school year."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

13. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 20-21-128

**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 2019-2020 school year:

- Hempstead School District

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

14. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 20-21-129

**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:

- All About Kids
- Caryl Oris, MD
- Copiague Public Schools
- Islip UFSD
- Woodward Children’s Center
- The Summit School
- Sail at Ferncliff
- Metro Therapy, Inc.
- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center
- Henry Viscardi School
- Harmony Heights
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- Eden II Programs
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County
- Bilinguals, Inc/Achieve Beyond
- Anderson Center for Autism
- ACDS, Inc.
- Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center
- Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC
- Variety Child Learning
- Hempstead UFSD
- East Meadow UFSD
- Westbury UFSD
- Out East Therapy New York
- Hicksville UFSD
- Elizabeth Axel, PhD
- The Charlton
- North Shore Speech-Language Assoc
- Martin De Porres Elementary School
- Henry Viscardi School
- Life’s WORC



- Hillside Children’s Center
- Brookville Center
- Gersh Academy

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

15. Transportation Reimbursement

RESOLUTION # 20-21-130

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following resolution.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the limited number of responses from outside transportation contractors on transportation bids for bus routes outside the district boundaries, that the mileage compensation rate for student transportation provided by parents who use their personal cars in transporting their children to and from school, who are eligible for transportation and meet the requirements of the district’s transportation mileage policy, be approved at the current IRS prevailing rate per mile and remain in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

16. Inter-municipal Agreements - Transportation

RESOLUTION # 20-21-131

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached inter-municipal agreement between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school district for the purpose of Levittown providing transportation services to students in the school district;

- Hicksville UFSD

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

17. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 20-21-132

**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 2020-2021 transportation contracts/extensions:

**2020-2021 Contract Extensions**

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Bid Date</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
NEW	8/27/2020	Suburban Bus	\$0
NEW	8/27/2020	WE Transport Inc.	\$414,000.00

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

16. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 20-21-133

**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."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

19. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 20-21-134

**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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

20. Schedules

RESOLUTION #20-21-135

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

- 1001 “Resignations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Resignations, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1003 “Appointments, Certified Personnel”
- 1004 “Coaching”
- 1005 “Appointments, Administrators”
- 1006 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1007 “Salary Change, Certified Personnel”
- 1008 “Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel”
- 1009 “Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1010 “Consultants”
- 1011 “Students with Disabilities”

**AMEND AS FOLLOWS:** Separate Vote on Schedule 1006, #8

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

**VOTE ON ALL OTHER SCHEDULES:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

21. Medical Evaluation of an Employee

RESOLUTION # 20-21-136

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Law Section 913, Employee No. 4842 is hereby directed to submit to a medical/psychiatric examination before a physician of the District’s choosing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby directs that Employee No. 4842 submit, at or before the examination/evaluation, all relevant records from all health care providers with whom he has consulted or received treatment during the last three years, or such other time period as is deemed appropriate by the District’s designated physician(s)."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

22. Medical Evaluation of an Employee

RESOLUTION #20-21-137

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Law Section 913, Employee No. 1126 is hereby directed to submit to a medical/psychiatric examination before a physician of the District's choosing; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby directs that Employee No. 1126 submit, at or before the examination/evaluation, all relevant records from all health care providers with whom he has consulted or received treatment during the last three years, or such other time period as is deemed appropriate by the District's designated physician(s)."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	James Moran stepped out

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gift to Schools

RESOLUTION #20-21-138

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

- Checks in the amounts of \$15.00, \$10.00, \$10.00 and \$10.00 to be donated to Northside School from YourCause LLC Trustee for Neiman Marcus Group Associate Giving Program, 6111 W. Plano Parkway, Suite 1000YC, Plano, TX 75093."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Marianne Adrian
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas, Moran

**NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their generous donations.**

1. Board Policies - First Read

Policy No. 3140	Flag Display
Policy No. 3150	School Volunteers
Policy No. 3520	Extraordinary Circumstances
Policy No. 5676	Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data

Dr. McDonald shared that since the Board had no questions on these policies they would be adopted at the next Board Meeting.

**VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Marianne Adrian
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

**NOTE: The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:42 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.

**Ann Marie Guerra**                      **7 Appletree Lane, Levittown, NY**

Ms. Guerra, a parent of two Division Avenue students, commended the District for getting our children back to school. She recognized the tremendous effort that has gone into planning and safety. She commented that this has been a tumultuous seven months of unknowns with much stress placed on our children. Ms. Guerra personally feels that sports is an important factor and outlet for her children but it has unfortunately been postponed. She noted that the financial burden of joining outside sports clubs to keep our children active and their mind set stable is a great one. Ms. Guerra wanted to know how are outside organizations using our school fields if our own students cannot use them? Ms. Guerra commented that we are not looking for seasons of the past, we are just looking to move forward and adjust.

**Michelle Gartelman                    3081 Richard Lane, Wantagh, NY**

Ms. Gartelman, speaking on behalf of the Levittown Council of PTA's, thanked the Board and Central Office for a successful reopening of school, for their commitment to the health and safety of our students and for including the PTA Units in the reopening plans to address the concerns of the parents, as their children navigate this new normal. She advised that the role of PTA goes far beyond bake sales and back to school picnics. Ms. Gartelman remarked that we are elected to our positions to advocate for the students in our District. She spoke about the decision to postpone fall sports until January 2021 by the Section VIII Superintendents Board out of an abundance of caution despite the Governor's decision to allow practice for high risk and co-participation for low risk. She feels that this decision is putting our athletes at a severe disadvantage. The data consistently proves that participation in sports improves student's classroom performance and provide external motivation for attendance and positive behavior. She stated that due to the cancellation of the Fall Season and delay of the Spring season, the only option for participation is private clubs which are expensive and therefore created an economic inequality which has resulted in a great divide in the exposure of athletes to recruiting opportunities. Ms. Gartelman asked that the Administration and Board stand by our athletes as so many other Districts have done and focus on the data and what is best for our students.

**Colleen Napoli                            523 Sandhill Road, Wantagh, NY**

Ms. Napoli had several questions for the Board:

- How much additional funds were spent on reopening that were not approved as a line item on the 2021 budget? Additionally, will cuts to programs need to be made to balance the budget?
- What is the policy if one student or one staff member tests positive for COVID? It is just contract tracing, as was suggested, and those people have to be quarantined or will you shut the school down?
- Regarding gym, for the students who are remote, it has been told to them to go out and take a walk around the block. She is worried about the younger children who live by major roads or by dangerous areas. She is suggesting adjusting that statement.

Ms. Napoli feels that that sports and all extra circular activities are important to the mental health of students. She remarked that students come to school not just to learn but to feel connected and that connection is lost when they are not able to participate in any activities because we are being extra cautious.

**Bradley Schwartz                        115 Twin Lane North, Wantagh, NY**

Mr. Bradley Schwartz, a freshman at MacArthur High School, asked how the Section VIII Superintendents came to the conclusion to not allow sports until January. He was very upset that he could not play football now, the sport he loves and grew up playing. He does not care if there will not be a full blown season, he just wants to play. Mr. Schwartz feels not playing will hurt the team mentally and academically.

**Peter Schwartz**

**115 Twin Lane North, Wantagh, NY**

Mr. Peter Schwartz, father of Bradley, remarked that he commended the District for doing a great job in getting the school District up and running safely. Regarding sports, he felt that all the student athletes suffered not having a Spring sports season. He requested that the Board send a letter to Section VIII asking them to consider reversing their decision to postpone some sports until January and the others until March. Mr. Schwartz reported that other Districts have sent letters. He noted that Levittown is a big sports town. He commented that sports are a big part of his son's life, especially football.