

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, November 18, 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 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 Marenghi, President
Ms. Christina Lang, Vice President
Ms. Jennifer Messina, Secretary
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Mr. Dillon Cain
Mr. James Moran, left after executive session
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ms. Marenghi, 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. Pappas 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 PM on a motion by Ms. Messina seconded by Mr. Cain and approved (6-0).

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II. RECOGNITIONS

A. Student Presentation – Peer Leaders – The Premier Mentoring Program, Division and MacArthur High Schools

Mr. Winch remarked, as we previously mentioned, we will be moving forward with academic presentations but they will all be virtual. Tonight our presentation is from Division and MacArthur High Schools on their Peer Leadership Program. This program is a time-honored tradition spanning back decades and a staple of the high school community. The staff of the high schools select those students who hold the qualities of maturity, responsibility, kindness and compassion to become Peer Leaders. Each year a group of 50 seniors representative of all categories of students come together to welcome and comfort the incoming ninth graders. The role the Peer Leaders play is vital to the pulse of schools. A video was shown where a few of the Peer Leaders talked about their experiences.

B. College Board Honorees

The Principals from both high schools recognized each of the schools' Commended Students and National Hispanic Scholars. Mr. Coscia, Principal of Division Avenue High School, was proud to announce that there are four National Merit Commended Scholars and two National Hispanic Scholars at Division. He remarked that they are not only amazing students but also thoughtful and caring people with endless amounts of energy who understand the value of giving back to the community. Mr. Sheehan, Principal of MacArthur High School, commented that it was his pleasure to pay tribute to six amazing senior members of MacArthur. He stated that the National Merit Corporation has recognized each of them for incredible performances on last year's PSAT exam.

Mr. Winch reported that over the course of this year, we will be recognizing some of the critical individuals and groups of people who have gone above and beyond to support our district's mission during these challenging times. He thanked and congratulated the individuals who make up the Levittown Schools Computer Department for their truly heroic efforts in ensuring that our students and staff have the technology tools necessary to continue the learning process throughout these past several months. Ms. Marengi shared that the Board is in awe of the work the Computer Department has been doing. She asked Mr. Connell, Director of Computer & Media Services, to extend our great appreciation to the Technology Department.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes

RESOLUTION 20-21-174

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting."

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RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked that the minutes be amended to include more information regarding the TAN. He asked that the following sentence be included – *Mr. Pappas shared that another reason for the TAN is that the Town of Hempstead has withheld disbursement of taxes that have been collected, causing a cash flow shortage in our District.*

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION 20-21-175

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 OCTOBER 2020 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION 20-21-176

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

- Claims Audit Report for October."

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
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4. Medical Evaluation of an Employee

PULLED

RECOMMENDED 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)."

5. Memorandum of Agreement with Levittown United Teachers

RESOLUTION 20-21-177

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratify and approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Levittown United Teachers (LUT) dated 11/20/2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

6. Personnel Agreement

RESOLUTION 20-21-178

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby ratifies the agreement with Employee No. 9029, dated November 4, 2020, and authorizes and directs the Board President to execute same on the Board's behalf."

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
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7. Waive Second Read of Policies

RESOLUTION 20-21-179

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy #1410, the Board of Education hereby waives the second reading for proposed revision of Board Policy #5670 - Records Management and Policy #7315 - Student Use of Computerized Information Resources."

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

8. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION 20-21-180

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

Policy No. 5670 - Records Management

Policy No. 7315 - Student Use of Computerized Information Resources

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

9. Appointment of Replacement of the Food Service Committee

RESOLUTION 20-21-181

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Cheryl Denecke (Wisdom Lane Middle School) to replace Amy Hoffman as a member of the Food Service Committee for the 2020-2021 school year."

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
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10. Schedules

RESOLUTION 20-21-182

“**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, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1006 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1007 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull #3 (part-time appointments) from 1005.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Christina Lang, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran , Pappas, Messina, Cain, Lang
ABSENT:	James Moran

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:30 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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