

**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, December 9, 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
Ms. Marianne Adrian, left after Executive Session
Mr. Dillon Cain
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas, present via Zoom

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
Mr. James Katcher - Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Mr. Jasmeet Sahota - Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

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 Mr. Moran 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 7:30 on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Cain and approved (6-0).

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

Mr. Winch announced that usually at this time of year, we are entertained by our wonderful student musicians from MacArthur High School under the direction of Mr. Joe Romano. He stated that since that is not possible under the current situation, we will instead watch a video that was created for the Annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony from volunteers from East Broadway's fourth and fifth grade chorus under the direction of Ms. Castle. The students came together virtually to share their rendition of Frosty the Snowman. Dr. McDonald remarked that she always loves to hear the children singing and noted that the teachers worked very diligently to pull that all together. Ms. Marenghi shared that the Board is very appreciative for having music this evening.

B. Recognition

i. Art Display

Dr. McDonald acknowledged the amazing artwork in the Board Room and hallway from the students at Gardiners Avenue School.

C. Superintendent

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

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports
(none)
2. Correspondence
(none)
3. Student Liaisons

James Katcher, the alternate student representative from MacArthur High School, reported that virtual parent teacher conferences were held; over 140 parent and students attended virtually the Guidance and Counseling Department's Annual Post-Secondary Night for 9th and 10th grade students; the Generals conducted a very successful and productive food drive for families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday; the Business Honor Society along with the John Theissen Foundation has begun their Annual Toy Drive; two seniors have been selected to the Nassau Zone for outstanding Physical Education Students; two sophomore students were chosen to represent MacArthur at the HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar.

The Student Liaison for Division, Jasmeet Sahota announced that: two seniors have been selected as finalists in Quest Bridge's National College Match Program; the Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success and was able to help 26 families with food and gift cards; two senior athletes signed National Letters of Intent; the Student Council hosted the Field Goal Kick Event for the Annual Spirit Week; two seniors were chosen for the Dragon Pioneer Award; and two seniors were selected by the Health and Physical Education staff as recipients of the Outstanding Physical Education Student Award.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 20-21-183

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Special Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

RESOLUTION #20-21-184

2. Warrants

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 NOVEMBER 2020 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

3. Business Office Reports

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

- Appropriation and Revenue reports for the period 7/1/20 ending 10/31/20
- Claims Auditors Report for November 2020
- Treasurer's report for the month ending October 2020
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/2020 to 10/31/2020
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement date 11/6/2020."

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

RESOLUTION # 20-21-186

4. Budget Transfer

MOTION: "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfer 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>
A2250.4000.00.3450	Spec Ed Related Serv/In District	\$50,000	
A2250.4050.00.345	Spec Ed Related Serv/Out of District		\$50,000

Reason: We are receiving invoices for Parentally Placed Students for the 2019-2020 school year; and the purchase orders from last year have been liquidated.

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

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

5. Bid Approval - BID # LPS-19-009 Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment, RESOLUTION 20-21-187

Installation, Repairs & Service

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the BID # LPS-19-009: Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment, Installation, Repairs & Service to Summit Restaurant Repairs as per attached specifications.

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

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

6. Bid Approval - Roll Off Dumpster Services

RESOLUTION 20-21-188

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS-20-001-R for Roll Off Dumpster Services (Cooperative Bid) for the 2020-2021 school year."

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

7. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION 20-21-189

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:

2020-2021 BOCES Contracts

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Bid Date</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New	N/A	Eastern Suffolk BOCES	\$10,000.00

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

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

8. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #20-21-190

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.

- Bellmore UFSD
- Seaford UFSD
- Baldwin UFSD
- The New York Institute for Special Education
- North Shore Schools

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

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

9. Obsolete Books/Calculators

RESOLUTION # 20-21-191

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.

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

10. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 20-21-192

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the attached list obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value.”

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

11. Schedules

RESOLUTION #20-21-193

“**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 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1005 “Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1006 “Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1007 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1008 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1009 “Students with Disabilities”

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

12. Add an Agenda Item

RESOLUTION #20-21-194

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the policy rules to add an agenda item, #13.

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

13. COVID 19 Testing

RESOLUTION #20-21-195

MOTION: RESOLVED, that the district select Health Care Logics or, in the alternative, Around the Clock Testing, to provide COVID 19 testing for staff and/or students pursuant to DOH guidelines for School Districts in “Hot Zones,” subject to District Legal Counsel reviewing and approving a Written Agreement to be executed by the Board President.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gift to Schools

RESOLUTION #20-21-196

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

- A check in the amount of \$100 to be presented at the East Broadway graduation to two graduating fifth graders from the Class of 2021 from Mrs. Kerry Couture, 160 Poplar Street, Garden City, NY 11530
- A check in the amount of \$70 to be donated to Abbey Lane Student Activity Fund from Enjoy The City North, Inc. SaveAround, PO Box 2399, Binghamton, NY 13902.”

NOTE: The Board thanked all the generous donors.

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

VI. AD HOC

(none)

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina
ABSENT:	Marianne Adrian

The Board wished everyone Happy Holidays and adjourned the public meeting at 7:55 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: Tapes of the meetings 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.

James Hudak 20 Wood Lane, Levittown, NY

Mr. Hudak wanted to know about the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Liaison (EEOC) for the District. He asked the following questions about this position:

- the training on procedures this person had prior to their appointment to this position,
- did the District provide any additional training for this person after they were appointed to the position,
- documentation on the training both before and after their appointment