

**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, May 5, 2021 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 (present via zoom)  
Ms. Marianne Adrian  
Mr. Dillon Cain  
Mr. Michael Pappas  
Mr. James Moran

**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 H. Cohen - School Attorney  
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 to discuss disciplinary proceeding against a tenured teacher.
- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 on a motion by Ms. Adrian seconded by Mr. Pappas and approved (7-0).

## **II. REPORTS**

### **A. Recognition**

#### **i. Gift from the Levittown Muslim Community**

Members of the Levittown Muslim Community attended the meeting and generously presents gifts to the Board and Central Administration as a thank you to the Board for approving the Eid al-Fitr Holiday into the school calendar and to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. The Board was touched by their generosity as they presented a large gift basket, homemade cards, and a Ramadan Journal created by students in the district and more.

#### **ii. Recognition of Student Standouts**

The Board recognized current high school seniors from the Levittown Public Schools Dance and Gymnastics Program. Mr. Winch provided some background on the program before announcing each senior through a slideshow. The dance and gymnastics program has been around in the District for more than 70 years and is open to Levittown children starting at the age of three. Due to the pandemic, the Annual Recital which recognizes the program's graduating seniors will not take place this year, but that did not stop the Board from celebrating the hard work of the program's senior class. The students were recognized and congratulated.

#### **iii. Retirement Recognition**

The Levittown Board of Education celebrated the upcoming retirement of its District Clerk, Elizabeth Appelbaum. Ms. Appelbaum has served as the District Clerk for 14 years. The Board, along with Central Administration, presented her with a cake and a plaque during the meeting and thanked her for her dedication and service to the District. Dr. McDonald remarked that we wish her the very best of health and the very best of happiness with her retirement. A new District Clerk, Suzanne Mallozzi, was appointed during the meeting.

### **B. Student Presentations**

#### **i. Student Art Presentation**

Ms. Marengi asked everyone to admire the beautiful artwork displayed in the room by Salk Middle School.

#### **ii. Student Academic Presentation - Level Up Village**

Northside and Gardiners Avenue Schools shared a video presentation from the building administration, teachers and students. It focused on a new fourth grade program with Level Up Village, a platform that connects classrooms across the world. Through Level Up Village, students from both schools will have the unique ability to interact with students from Kenya through video messaging. The program showcases how technology can enhance student learning and provides real world experiences for the fourth graders. At the end of the presentation, the schools thanked the Central Administration and Board for affording them the positive opportunity to participate in the program.

**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 student representative from MacArthur High School, reported on the events at his school: the Advance Placement Exams are being administered; the successful fall sport season has just concluded with the Senior Recognition Ceremonies; the musical Frozen Jr. was performed and was outstanding; Art Appreciation Week is coming up; two very successful National Honor Society Induction Ceremonies were conducted; there will be a Senior Parent Informational Zoom Meeting to clarify protocols for our upcoming graduation ceremonies; the Autism Awareness Month Campaign was very successful and raised over \$5,000 and finally we will soon be hosting our Night of Honor Ceremonies.

Student Liaison, Jasmeet Sahota, shared the events at Division Avenue High School: Induction into the Honor Societies in Art, Business, Theatre, Tri-M and world Language were held; Newsday honored a junior as one of the top 100 Long Island girls soccer players for 2021; the girls varsity bowling team was recognized by the Town for being 2019-2020 Nassau County Champions and recipients of the JWV Bernard and Lillian Hein Memorial Brotherhood Program was awarded.

**III. PUBLIC BE HEARD/BUDGET HEARING**

**NO ONE REQUESTED TO SPEAK FOR PUBLIC BE HEARD.**

Dr. Dillon explained that as part of the budget process, the District has to hold a Budget Hearing and provide a Budget Statement. The Budget Hearing must be held no earlier than 14 days and no later than 7 days prior to the Annual Budget Vote on May 18, 2021. He note that it must be presented in plain language and with three components: administration, program and capital. He stated that

budget statement and required attachments must be made available to the public at the Hearing. The School District Budget Notice and Budget Newsletter is in the component format. Dr. Dillon shared that these documents are available at each building, the Library and on the District's website. Dr. Dillon discussed the Budget Hearing, going through the packet

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLUTION # 20-21-288**

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

**2. Business Office Reports**

**RESOLUTION # 20-21-289**

**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 through 3/31/2021
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/2020 through 3/31/2021
- Treasurer's report for the month ending March 2021
- Credit card statements from Citibank for statement ending 4/6/2021."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

**3. Bid Approval - Roll Off Dumpster Services**

**RESOLUTION 20-21-290**

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS-20-001 for Roll Off Dumpster Services (Cooperative Bid) for the 2021-2022 school year."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

**4. RFP #LPS-20-002 Creative and Marketing Services for the Levittown RESOLUTION 20-21-291 Community Action Coalition**

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education hereby awards RFP#LPS-20-002 for Creative and Marketing Services for the Levittown Community Action Coalition to Progressive Marketing Group, Inc. ("PMG")."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

5. Employee Agreement

RESOLUTION 20-21-292

Recommended Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with Employee No. 6028 regarding his separation from employment."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

6. Contract-CentralEd (Textbook Central) Div. of Tel/Logic, Inc. RESOLUTION # 20-21-293

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into an agreement with Textbook Central, a division of Tel/Logic Inc. d.b.a. CentralEd (Textbook Central, Tel/Logic or CentralEd) for textbook procurement and distribution services for non-public schools during the 2021-2022 school year."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

7. Waive Second Read of Policies

RESOLUTION # 20-21-294

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy #1410, the Board of Education hereby waives the second reading for proposed revision of Board Policy #6110 Code of Ethics for Board members and All District Personnel."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

8. Approval of Board of Education Policy

RESOLUTION # 20-21-295

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

Policy No. 6110 Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

9. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 20-21-296

**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 2020-2021 school year:

- West Hempstead Union Free School District
- Baldwin Union Free School District

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

10. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 20-21-297

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following vendor to provide special education services as indicated:

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- SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights
- Martin De Porres Elementary School
- Henry Viscardi School
- Eden II/Genesis
- Woodward Children's Center
- Greenburg North Castle
- MKSA, LLC
- New York Therapy Placement
- Alternative Tutoring
- Blue Sea Educational Consulting
- Dr. Hillary Gomes
- All About Kids
- Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Service
- Variety Child Learning Center
- Access 7 Services, Inc.
- The New York Institute for Special Education

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

**11. Obsolete Equipment****RESOLUTION # 20-21-298**

**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.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

12. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 20-21-299

**“RECOMMENDED 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 “Coaching”
- 1005 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1006 “Permanent Status Non-Instructional”
- 1007 “Students with Disabilities”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

13. Suspension of 24 Hour Rule

RESOLUTION # 20-21-300

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the policy rules to add an agenda item #14.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

14. Memorandum of Understanding - Confidential Employee

RESOLUTION # 20-21-301

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Levittown Union Free School District and confidential employee: Suzanne Mallozzi as per the terms of the attached Memorandum of Agreement dated May 4, 2021;



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NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Moran , Pappas, Cain, Lang, Messina

**V. ACTION ITEMS****A. New Business****1. Gifts to Schools****RESOLUTION # 20-21-302**

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

- Fifty eight new Scholastic books as listed on the attached to be donated to the Jonas E. Salk Middle School library from Scholastic Book Fairs of Long Island, 925 Grand Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729.”

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

NOTE: The Board thanked Scholastic Book Fairs for their generous donation.

**VI. AD HOC****1. Board Policy - First Read**

Policy No. 5410 Purchasing Policy and Procedures

Dr. Dillon discussed an update to the Purchasing Policy indicating that all Districts must now include federal grants within their purchasing policy. Bob Cohen remarked that the Attorneys and Auditors are satisfied with this new policy.

**VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:40 PM.**

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

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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