

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

**DATE: JULY 28, 2021**

**PLANNING SESSION**

**MINUTES**

**THE PLANNING SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, July 28, 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 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. Jennifer Messina, Vice President  
Mr. James Moran, Secretary  
Ms. Marianne Adrian – Excused Absence, left after Special meeting  
Mr. Dillon Cain  
Ms. Christina Lang  
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 H. Cohen - School Attorney  
Ms. Suzanne Mallozzi - District Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Messina, Vice President, called the Planning Session of the Board of Education to order at 8:05pm.

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

**II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. RECOGNITIONS:**

Dr. McDonald noted the tireless work of tonight's staff members who are being recognized.

- i. Jamie E. Bogenshutz - Todd Winch invited the Board of Education to participate in thanking Ms. Bogenshutz, Director of the YES Community Council for her continued service in social work and mentoring students within the Levittown Community and on her retirement. She was a valuable asset to our Community and will be missed.
- ii. Food Service Members - The Board of Education, along with Central Office, thanked the Food Service Members (Kim Volpe, Eleni Giangarra, DeAnna Korona, Rosemarie Hegel, Giovanna Merendino, Anna Rodriguez, Cindy Coglievina, Debra Prisco, Naomi Hyland, Joanne Smith, Jeana Heldt and Victoria Weiss) for their hard work and commitment to the District.

## B. PRESENTATIONS

- i. Johnson Controls & ii. John A Grillo Architects:

Dr. Dillon introduced representatives from Johnson Controls and John A. Grillo Architects. Mr. Danny Haffel, Developer from Johnson Controls, presented a detailed plan to introduce photovoltaics (devices that generate electricity directly from sunlight) to the District for future use. An informational slideshow was viewed and handouts were provided, which are available on our website. Dr. McDonald asked for a consensus to go forward with investigating this further. No objections. We look forward to subsequent presentations from Johnson Controls. Board members agreed (5-0)

## C. LAP/LAMP TUITION

Mr. Winch noted that due to the pandemic and the parent's ability to work from home, enrollment in the LAP/LAMP programs has dropped dramatically from 700-800 students (Pre-Pandemic) to approximately 200-300 students last year. Subsequently, the program was running in the red. After discussion with the Board, it was agreed that tuition would be raised by \$10 as well as making internal staff cuts without affecting the safety and integrity of the program. The ongoing issue of minimum wage increases must be addressed. Perhaps increasing sibling rate tuition to help offset these numbers. Dr. McDonald requested a consensus from the Board of Education, we can add this as a formal Agenda item on the August 11 meeting. Board members agreed (5-0)

## D. DRIVERS EDUCATION

Mr. Winch presented the options for 2021-2022 Driver's Education program, due to continued guidance from NYS. In 2020-2021, the District cut tuition in half because NYS did not allow the District to provide in-vehicle instruction, only lecture. Parents would have to take responsibility for the in-car portion. Under those parameters, the program ran successfully in Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and currently Summer 2021. Mr. Winch suggested that we move forward with the same for Fall 2021, reevaluating the program for Spring 2022. Dr. McDonald requested adding a resolution to the August 11 Board Agenda to continue with the program in its current state and setting the tuition. Board members agreed (5-0).

III. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dillon Cain, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Cain, Lang, Messina, Moran, Pappas
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Adrian, Marengi

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**REGULAR MEETINGS:**

August 11, 2021

September 22, 2021

Suzanne Mallozzi  
District Clerk

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