

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

DATE: MAY 3, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jennifer Messina, President

Ms. Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President

Ms. Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President

Ms. Marianne Adrian, Trustee (Present for Exec session, Excused Absence for Reg Mtg)

Mr. Dillon Cain, Trustee (Excused Absence)

Mr. James Moran, Trustee

Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee

Administration:

Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance

Ms. Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Others:

Mr. Robert H. Cohen, Counsel

Ms. Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

Ms. Messina called the Board meeting to order at 6:30pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Adrian
ABSENT:	Lang, Cain

Recommended Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, move to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and negotiations."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Adrian
ABSENT:	Lang, Cain

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Messina reconvened the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm. Ms. Adrian and Mr. Cain have been excused from tonight's meeting.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Moran, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Adrian
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

A. Pledge of Allegiance/B. Moment of Silence: Ms. Messina asked all in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Messina asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and for a moment of silence to remember all those who are serving our Country at home and overseas.

II. REPORTS

A. Recognition

- i. Art Display - Salk Middle School – Ms. Messina noted the beautiful artwork around the room done by the students at Salk Middle School and asked all in attendance to take a few moments to enjoy these bright and colorful project.
- ii. Science Standouts – In a ceremony in the LMEC Auditorium, the following students were honored for their tremendous work in the area of Science. Each student received a certificate and shook hands with Central Administration and the Board of Education:

Salk Middle School

Ivan Adames
David Bein, Jr.
Gemma Budek
Isabella Cabrera
Iris Chowdhury
Alexa Coppola
Patrick Gormsen
Danielle Herrera
Dan Islam
Salvador Inetti
Jayden Keyes
Giavanna Riker
Logan Rodriguez
Paul Silva
Abigail Zazulka

Wisdom Lane Middle School

James Bianco
Surya Das
Nermin Demirtas
Madison Espallat
Olivia Kim
Athena Kong
Paul Llinas
Audrey LoPinto
Rachel Maurer
Keira Panick
Noah Stern
Rowanne Mikayla Sy
Sam Kearney
Eva Popescu
Domenica Scuccimarri
Bhavanjot Bhatti

Science Standouts (Cont'd)

Division Ave HS

Izma Akbar
 Yasseen Bayoumy
 Jessica Bhandal
 Nish Keer
 Ariba Khan
 Nabiha Khan
 Muskan Kumar
 Syeda Nowroz
 Vidhi Patel
 Maya Reetz
 Taranpreet Rathor
 Aidan Skillman
 Samantha Vedder
 Aakash Veeravalli
 Shruthika Veeravalli

MacArthur High School

Ana Compton
 Mia Frattura
 Natalia Pszeniczny
 Melody Hong
 Meaghan Campbell
 Catherine Purirojejanon
 Allyssa Aquino
 Kevin Tierney
 Phoebe Zivkovich

The next outstanding students recognized were in the field of Music and Art. They were awarded a certificate and were recognized by Central Office and the Board of Education.

Mr. Creter presented the following awards to these incredible Art students:

Siting Xiao, MacArthur HS – ASA All County Art Exhibit Participant/Scholarship recipient/Long Island's Best Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum 2023

Abigail Montes, Division Avenue HS - ASA All County Art Exhibit Participant/Scholarship Recipient/Long Island's Best Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum 2023.

Grace Marazzo, Division Avenue HS - ASA All County Art Exhibit Participant/Scholarship Recipient/Long Island's Best Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum 2023

iii. Music and Art Standouts - in Auditorium Finally, the list below showcases the incredible talent that the Levittown SD students were recognized for this year in the area of Music:

Student	Instrument	Teacher	Award
Abbey Lane School			
Daniel Gaon Lee	Trumpet 2	Angela Spera	NMEA All County
Valeria Kazakova	Viola	Cindy Aladenika	NMEA All County/ LISFA
Benjamin Nelson	Children's Voice Alto	Judy Goodman	NMEA All County
Jonathon Neto	Children's Voice	Judy Goodman	NMEA All County

	Alto		
Sophia Brennan	Children's Voice Alto	Judy Goodman	NMEA All County
Bruno Lazo	Voice	Judy Goodman	NMEA All County
Declan Brown	Voice	Judy Goodman	NMEA All County
Division Avenue High School			
Sophie Llewellyn	Vocal Soprano	Alison Sellars	NMEA All County
Joseph Pesco, Jr.	Trumpet 1	Christopher Rossi	NMEA All County/All State
Diana Shykula	Violin Violin 2	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County/LISFA
Francisco Reyes	Cello	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County/LISFA
Allison Cha	Violin Violin 2	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County
Daniel Collins	Violin Violin 2	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County
Isabella Montes	Double Bass	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County/LISFA
Alejandro Castano	Cello	Mark Martufi	NMEA All County/LISFA
Sydney Cho	Violin	Mark Martufi	LISFA
East Broadway School			
Nicholas Bottone	Children's Voice Alto	Alexia Castle	NMEA All County
Sadie Rose	Children's Voice Alto	Alexia Castle	NMEA All County
Lia Levine	Children's Voice Alto	Alexia Castle	NMEA All County
Emily Negri	Violin 2	Jennifer Mazza	NMEA All County
Jake Knaub	Violin	Jennifer Mazza	LISFA
Gardiners Avenue School			
Steven Goldman, Jr.	Children's Voice Alto	Katherine Rigano	NMEA All County
Kelly Swint	Children's Voice Alto	Katherine Rigano	NMEA All County
Abigail Erickson	Children's Voice Alto	Katherine Rigano	NMEA All County
Julianna Gielarowski	Oboe	Matthew Nobile	NMEA All County
Liyana Ibrahim	Viola	Matthew Nobile	NMEA All County
Kai Scurry	Double Bass	Matthew Nobile	NMEA All County
Jiaxi Rao	Cello	Matthew Nobile	NMEA All County
Kaelyn Ng	Viola	Matthew Nobile	NMEA All County
Sophie Shrestha	Violin	Matthew Nobile	LISFA
Lee Road School			
Antonio Zambrano	Alto	Angela Spera	NMEA All County
James Kemnah	Trumpet 2	Angela Spera	NMEA All County
Noah Lineman	Viola	Helen Papayannakos	NMEA All County

MacArthur High School			
Roberto Oquendo	French Horn 3	Joseph Romano	NMEA All County
Jacob Yousha	Drum	Joseph Romano	NMEA All County/All State Alternate
Daniel Lee	Bb Clarinet 2	Joseph Romano	NMEA All County/All State Alternate
Antonio Vargas	Bassoon 2	Joseph Romano	NMEA All County
Maya Zivkovich	Viola	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Josue Mendives	Viola	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Evelyn Sun	Violin Violin 1	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA/All State Alternate
Noah Grossbard	Violin Violin 1	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Felicia Garramone	Cello	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Melody Hong	Cello	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Kailyn Aniano	Double Bass	Kimberly Musial	NMEA All County/LISFA
Marissa Paredes	Vocal Alto	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Cassidy Bedell	Vocal Alto 1	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Nicholas Stallone	Vocal Bass 1	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Tyler Voels	Vocal Bass 2	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County/All State
Olivia Agnello	Vocal Soprano	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Gianna McAdams	Vocal Alto	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Reaghan Duryea	Vocal Soprano	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Emily Kassimatis	Vocal Soprano	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Northside School			
Liam Zulewski	Cello	Christopher Rispoli	NMEA All County
Riley Hamilton	Trumpet 2	Christopher Rispoli	NMEA All County
Ysabella Bendigo	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Alexis Sagabaen	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Juliana Ghisone	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Santino Bullones	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Julianna Isabelle Cruz	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Cayden Chan	Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Penelope Ebert	Children's Voice	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County
Julia Calderon-Flores	Children's Voice Alto	Isabella McClancy	NMEA All County

Salk Middle School			
Alesia Vargas	Tuba/Sousaphone	Danielle Sorrentino	NMEA All County
Brian Kalinowski, Jr.	Trumpet 1	Danielle Sorrentino	NMEA All County
Vasilios Koutsothanasis	Jazz Trumpet/Coronet Div 2/3, Trumpet 1/2	Danielle Sorrentino	NMEA All County
Paul Silva	Double Bass	Holly Grabowski	NMEA All County
Evan Murphy	Violin 2	Holly Grabowski	NMEA All County
Katherine Tymecki	Double Bass	Holly Grabowski	NMEA All County/LIFSA
Evangeline Morrison	Vocal Soprano	Lisa Grande	NMEA All County
Ava Leek	Vocal Soprano	Lisa Grande	NMEA All County
Hazel Miller	Soprano	Lisa Grande	NMEA All County
Maya Sobelman	Alto	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Rachael Catalano	Soprano	Lisa Levenberg	NMEA All County
Adriana Clancy	French Horn	Mike Bastone	NMEA All County
Frank Carbonell	Trumpet	Mike Bastone	NMEA All County
Erin Anderson	Bb Clarinet 1	Mike Bastone	NMEA All County
Mary Silberger	Trumpet 2	Mike Bastone	NMEA All County
Daniel Levy	Baritone BC	Mike Bastone	NMEA All County
Adrianna Smith	French Horn	Megan Bastos	NMEA All County
Summit Lane School			
Liliana Connaughton	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Kayleigh Gottfried	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Derek Lara	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Sophia Mann	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Mason Vieux	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Juliya Aber	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Sanya Sharma	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Isabella Lucas	Voice	Hannah Marrero	NMEA All County
Ryan Berke	Trumpet	Janet Giordano	NMEA All County
Abigail Wardzala	Violin	Janet Giordano	NMEA All County
Skylla Najib	Viola	Janet Giordano	LIFSA
Wisdom Lane Middle School			
Rowanne Sy	Violin 2	Anthony Cornella	NMEA All County/LIFSA
Joyce Kim	Violin 2	Anthony Cornella	NMEA All County/LIFSA
Maria Kerr	Bb Clarinet 1	Lauren Stevens	NMEA All County
Emily Angerhauser	Bass Clarinet	Lori Katcher	NMEA All County
Diandra LaRussa	Bb Clarinet 2	Lori Katcher	NMEA All County

B. Superintendent

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

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports - None
2. Correspondence - None
3. Student Liaisons - None

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD/BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Fabiano briefly reviewed the budget proposals for 2023 vote which will be held on May 16, 2023. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm at the following locations: Gardiners Elementary School, East Broadway Elementary School, Levittown Memorial Education Center and Division Avenue HS. Copies of the budget proposals, including further detail about the ballot propositions were shown. In addition, a poster board with the 2023 Ballot was shown to all in attendance. Mr. Fabiano and Mr. Winch asked all to come out and vote on May 16th.

There was no public be heard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 050323-001

Recommended Motion: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Jennifer Messina, President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 050323-002

Recommended 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 7/1/22 to 3/31/23
- Trial Balance Report for the period 7/1/22 to 3/31/23
- Treasurers Report for the month ending March 2023"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

3. Bid Approval - Transportation 2023-2024 School Year, Ext #3 RESOLUTION # 050323-003
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the extension of the bid for transportation for the 2023-2024 school year as per the attached evaluation."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

4. Universal Pre-K Sites RESOLUTION # 050323-004
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve Tender Garden located at 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756, and Kiddie Junction located at 148 Center Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, as the two sites for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2023-2024 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

5. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Senior Prom RESOLUTION # 050323-005
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Piermont as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Senior Prom on June 13, 2024.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

6. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Junior Prom RESOLUTION # 050323-006
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Verdi's Of Westbury as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Junior Prom on May 18, 2024.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

7. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 050323-007

Recommended 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:

- Andrus
- Henry Viscardi School

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSEBT:	Adrian, Cain

8. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 050323-008

Recommended 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 [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

9. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 050323-009

Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the books on the attached list obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or donated as possible or sold at the highest salvage value.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

10. Schedules RESOLUTION # 050323-010
“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 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1005 “Tenure, Certified Personnel”
- 1006 “Consultants”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

11. Medical Evaluation of an Employee RESOLUTION # 050323-011
Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 913, Employee No. 9275 is hereby directed to appear for a medical examination before Randall Solomon, M.D.; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs that Employee No. 9275 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 another time period deemed appropriate by the District’s designated physician(s).

**Ms. Messina, when asking for a motion for approval of consent agenda only included items 1-10. The motion was made by Ms. Lang, seconded by Ms. Marenghi. Ms. Messina amended the motion to include items 1-11, which was made by Ms. Lang, seconded by Ms. Marenghi. Vote passed 5-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marenghi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gift to School

RESOLUTION # 050323-100

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

- A check in the amount of \$1530 to be donated to the Division Avenue Senior Class from Jill Perez, 45 Bobolink Lane, Levittown, NY 11756."

The Board of Education thanked Ms. Perez for her generous donation.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policy - First Read

Policy No. 7350 - Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions

**Ms. Rifkin discussed the policy, 7350, which now includes new paragraphs per the direction of Erie 1 BOCES and with the input of Counsel. This policy will be added to a future agenda for second read.

VII. UPCOMING DATES

A. May 16 - BUDGET VOTE - Special Meeting to Certify Vote – Ms. Messina encouraged the community to come out and vote on 5/16/23.

B. June 7 - Regular Meeting

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Messina adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1 st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Adrian, Cain