

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

DATE: MAY 16, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Large Board 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 of Education:

Ms. Jennifer Messina, President
Ms. Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
Ms. Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Trustee
Mr. Dillon Cain, Trustee
Mr. James Moran, Trustee (Excused from Exec, attended regular meeting)
Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee

Administration:

Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance
Ms. Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Others:

Mr. Robert H. Cohen, Counsel
Ms. Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER- Ms. Messina called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
AYES:	Cain, Pappas, Adrian, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Moran

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 [6-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Cain, Pappas, Adrian, Messina, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Moran

II. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Messina reconvened the meeting at 7:30pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, 1 st Vice-President
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
AYES:	Cain, Pappas, Adrian, Messina, Marengi, Lang, Moran

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Ms. Messina asked all in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She also asked that everyone observe a moment of silence to remember all those fighting for our Country at home and overseas.

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. Tenure Recognition

The Board of Education and Central Office congratulated the following District employees who were awarded Tenure back in March. Each attendee received a certificate.

Cindy Aladenika, Luiza Georgescu, Kimberly Hnis, Alisa Mione, Denise Norman, Abbey Abel, Jaime Guarniere, Kristy Verdi, Jessica Miller, Kaitlyn Judge, Jami Anspach, Emily Levine, Matthew Abgarian, Kim Fitzgerald, Kimberly Musial, Christopher Rispoli, Joann Papach, Casey Graham and Nicole Aramini.

B. Retiree Recognition- Ms. Rifkin thanked all those retirees listed below for their dedicated service and hard work.

Kenneth Mott	James Sutherland	Evelyn Curran
James Henriksen	Gale Glicksman	Debra Potts
Robert Hodge	Joanne Kusky	Cristy Lombarski
Scott Graham	Richard Kinkle	Bill Kranis
Sean Smith	Fred Gladstone	Laurette Nally
Muriel Ventura	Patricia Block	Rosemary Roumie
Nancy LiVolsi	Robert Kiernan	William Treanor
Iris McKenna	Susan Abate	Dolores Volpe
Raymond Van Driessche	Ayshe Avman	Richard Hallberg
Donna Casale	Debbie Sumano	Ann Marie Treanor
Patricia Joyce	Laura Ciano	Robert Gerard
Lisa Wenz	Margaret Heller	Martiza Sellas
Leslie Maynard	Joanne Byrne	Stacy Humphreys
Ellen Gerlack	Pamela Smith	Susan Bartlein
Jill Giuttari Graham	Carol Mesonero	Raymond Downey

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no speakers.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Messina called for a motion to separate Item #4, Certification of Vote, from consent agenda items 1, 2, 3, 5.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Christina Lang, 2 nd Vice-President
AYES:	Cain, Pappas, Adrian, Messina, Marengi, Lang, Moran

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION #051623-001

Recommended 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 APRIL 2023 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION #051623-002

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 4/30/23
- Trial Balance Report for the period 7/1/22 to 4/30/23
- Treasurers Report for the month ending April 2023
- Claims Audit Report for April 2023"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

3. Establish Scholarship

RESOLUTION #051623-003

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, establish the Rosemary Diaz Scholarship for one Division Avenue High School student according to the attached criteria."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

4. Certification of Vote

RESOLUTION #051623-004

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, certify the results of Proposition No. 1 (School District Budget Vote), Proposition No. 2 (Expenditure of the 2013, 2017 and 2021 Capital Reserve for School Building Improvement Projects), Proposition No. 3 (Creation of the 2023 Capital Reserve Fund for School Building Improvement

Projects) and Proposition No. 4 (Library Budget Vote) and Board member elections for the school district and library which took place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the following results:

PROPOSITION NO. 1: LEVITTOWN UFSD ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

“RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2022-2023 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law and on file with the District Clerk shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

Results:	Yes 1159	No 625
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SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES

Name	# of votes
Jennifer Messina	1205
Michael Pappas	1310
Phyllis Dalton	1084

PROPOSITION NO. 2

EXPENDITURE OF THE 2013, 2017 AND 2021 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District be hereby authorized to expend the balance of the District’s Reserve Funds as follows:

- 2013 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$82,841.00 plus accrued interest
- 2017 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$23,125,451.00 plus accrued interest
- 2021 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 plus accrued interest.

In addition the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend up to the sum of \$7,791,708.00 in unassigned fund balance, so that the total expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$56,000,000.00 is hereby approved for purposes of performing school building improvement projects, including replacement of public address systems District-wide; replacement of fire alarm systems District-wide; District-wide safety system upgrades, including lock-down systems and other related security system installations; District-wide electrical system upgrades; District-wide roof reconditioning and replacement; District-wide interior and exterior masonry restoration; locker room renovations at McArthur High School and Wisdom Middle School; District-wide playground upgrades; District-wide asbestos abatement projects; District-wide athletic field and tennis court lighting; Districtwide roadway reconstruction and site improvements; District-wide bathroom reconstruction; District-wide instructional space renovations, and for any similar projects as contained in the District’s five year Capital Facilities Plan adopted by the Board of Education on March 22, 2023. Expenditures from these Capital Reserves will not increase the tax levy.

Results:	Yes 1197	No 520
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PROPOSITION NO. 3 - CREATION OF THE 2023 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law, to establish the 2023 Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing District-wide capital improvements including District-wide building improvements and renovations; District-wide site work; athletic field and facility improvements; and for any other projects as contained in the District's five year Capital Facilities Plan adopted by the Board of Education on March 22, 2023; this Capital Reserve Fund shall be established in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 and the Reserve will have a probable lifespan of ten years; the Reserve will be funded by the Board of Education with surplus monies that may be available at the end of each fiscal year, and can be in accordance with existing law; and the establishment of this Reserve will not increase the tax levy; any monies that are deposited into this reserve can only be expended on specific projects approved by the voters in a future Capital Reserve Expenditure Proposition.

Results:	Yes 1165	No 540
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PROPOSITION NO. 4: Levittown Library Annual Budget for 2023-2024

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Library budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed by the Library Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library heretofore filed pursuant to the law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

Results:	Yes 1250	No 501
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LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

Name	# of votes
Margaret Santer	706
Marie Andreski	571

** Mr. Pappas thanked Central Office for their tireless work in presenting such a detailed, concise budget that we should be proud to present to the Community.

Ms. Adrian thanked District Clerk, Suzanne Mallozzi, for her hard work during this budget season.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

5. Schedules

RESOLUTION #051623-005

"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 “Consultants”
1005 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
1006 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
1007 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Messina adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [7-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi, 1 st Vice-President
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Messina, Marengi, Lang

Suzanne Mallozzi
District Clerk