

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEVITTOWN, NY

DATE: May 8, 2024

Regular Meeting

Minutes

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 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

Board of Education

Ms. Jennifer Messina, President
Ms. Peggy Marengi, 1st Vice-President
Ms. Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Trustee
Ms. Phyllis Dalton, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee
Mr. James Moran, Trustee(Excused Absence)

Central 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 Ziropiannis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Others:

Ms. Vanessa Esposito, District Clerk
Mr. Bob Cohen, Attorney

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (4-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Jennifer Messina, Christina Lang, Marianne Adrian, James Moran
ABSENT:	James Moran

Mr. Michael Pappas, Ms. Phyllis Dalton and Ms. Peggy Marengi were excused from the meeting.

Recommended Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does,

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hereby, move to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations.”

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I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Messina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Moment of Silence

Ms. Messina requested a moment of silence in honor of all fighting for our country, at home and overseas.

II. REPORTS

A. Recognition

i. Art Display - Lee Road School

Mr. Winch introduced the new art that was hung in the Board Room from students at Lee Road School.

ii. Valedictorian and Salutatorian - MacArthur High School

Zarif Jamal as Valedictorian and Benjamin Campbell as Salutatorian were introduced and recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.

iii. Science Standouts - In Auditorium

The Following Students were introduced and presented with Awards in the Science Standouts category:

School	First Name	Last Name
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Syed	Aariz
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Ayla	Asim
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Prajusha	Biswas
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Shayna	Connaughton
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Abigail	Jimenez
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Sam	Kearney

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Wisdom Lane Middle School	Ayush	Khindri
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Naila	Mahmood
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Ankit	Maniani
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Izabella	Melendez
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Jenna	Mohamed
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Eva	Popescu
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Saim	Rehman
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Sarah	Sadik
Salk Middle School	Alheli	Alen-Cardenas
Salk Middle School	Nico	Buenaventura
Salk Middle School	Sofia	Duda
Salk Middle School	Jenna	Ehrlich
Salk Middle School	Thomas	Faso Jr.
Salk Middle School	Anastasia	Halyan-Sliputina
Salk Middle School	Liliana	Look
Salk Middle School	Robert	Ostolaza
Salk Middle School	Veer	Pipada
Salk Middle School	Jiamin	Rao
Salk Middle School	Natalia	Sanchez
Salk Middle School	Caden	Triolo
Salk Middle School	John	Vacchio Jr.
Salk Middle School	Siena	Wells
Division Avenue High School	Elizabeth	Albrecht
Division Avenue High School	Daisy	Velez
Division Avenue High School	Ava	Naeff
Division Avenue High School	Syeda	Nowroz
Division Avenue High School	Jessica	Bhandal
Division Avenue High School	Taranpreet	Rathor
Division Avenue High School	Shruthika	Veeravalli
Division Avenue High School	Riley	Cunningham
Division Avenue High School	Vidhi	Patel
Division Avenue High School	Jennifer	Chen
Division Avenue High School	Ariba	Khan
Division Avenue High School	Aidan	Skillman
Division Avenue High School	Nish	Keer
Division Avenue High School	Agampreet	Baidwan
Division Avenue High School	Jaspal	Kaur
Division Avenue High School	Rehaan	Musliwala

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MacArthur High School	Melody	Hong
MacArthur High School	Caitlin	Barry
MacArthur High School	Jolie	Naidus
MacArthur High School	Vincent	McCormack
MacArthur High School	Haidy	Culcay
MacArthur High School	Niketa	Shukla
MacArthur High School	Benjamin	Campbell
MacArthur High School	James	Colella

iv. Music and Art Standouts

The Following Students were introduced and presented with Awards in the Music and Art Standouts category:

Student Name	Instrument	School	Teacher	Award
Rebecca Tyart	Viola	Abbey Lane School	Aladenika	All County/LISFA
Kendal Auer	Voice	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Liyana Manha	Voice	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Raphael dela Pena	Voice	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Renedel dela Pena	Voice	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Julianna Fitanzo	Children's Voice Soprano	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Sophia Feeley	Children's Voice Soprano	Abbey Lane School	Goodman	All County
Declan Brown	Alto Sax 1	Abbey Lane School	Spera	All County
Eunice Kim	Violin 1	Division Avenue High School	Martufi	All County/LISFA
Sean Aguilar	Double Bass	Division Avenue High School	Martufi	All County/LISFA
Allison Cha	Viola	Division Avenue High School	Martufi	All County/LISFA/All State
Alejandro Castano	Cello	Division Avenue High School	Martufi	All County
Elizabeth Albrecht	Viola	Division Avenue High School	Martufi	All County
Sabaa Khan	Trumpet 2	Division Avenue High School	Rossi	All County
Savanna Mendez	Flute 2	Division Avenue High School	Rossi	All County
Kalyn Domingo	Percussion	Division Avenue High School	Rossi	LISFA
Hailee Rohman-Higgins	Alto & Alto 2	Division Avenue High School	Sellers	All County
Patricia Reetz	Soprano 2 & Alto 1	Division Avenue High School	Sellers	All County
Ceyda Nazli	Soprano 2 & Alto 1	Division Avenue High School	Sellers	All County
Grace Love	Alto & Alto 2	Division Avenue High School	Sellers	All County
Alyssa Leshinsky	Vocal Soprano - Soprano 1	Division Avenue High School	Sellers	All County

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Rachel Maurer	Vocal Soprano - Soprano 2	Division Avenue High School	Sellars	All County
Madeline Kalinowski	Bb Clarinet 3	East Broadway School	Bastos	All County
Scarlett Alston	Flute	East Broadway School	Bastos	All County
Justin Greco	Mallets	East Broadway School	Bastos	All County
Hunter Kaplan	Children's Voice Alto	East Broadway School	Castle	All County
Vittoria DiGiovanni	Children's Voice Alto	East Broadway School	Castle	All County
Alessandro Maffia	Children's Voice Alto	East Broadway School	Castle	All County
Faith Ahn	Children's Voice Alto	East Broadway School	Mazza	All County/LISFA
Aarya Chattoo	Violin 2	East Broadway School	Mazza	All County
Gunisha Gulati	Viola	Gardiners Avenue School	Nobile	LISFA
Daniel Mendives	Violin	Gardiners Avenue School	Nobile	All County
Finley Abrams	Flute	Gardiners Avenue School	Nobile	All County
Kaylie Edelman	Alto Saxophone	Gardiners Avenue School	Nobile	All County
Mila Giachetti	Trumpet	Gardiners Avenue School	Nobile	All County
Nyomi Jacinthe	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Jenna Reed	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Maryann Munar	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Annabelle Balwant	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Emma Enriquez	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Kayla Rodriguez	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Coralee Ruiz	Voice	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Peyton Gray	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Rosabella Garczynski	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Brianna Mulcahy	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Samantha Bongiorno	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Madison Murphy	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Lilly Romanotto	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Gianna Boccia	Children's Voice Soprano	Gardiners Avenue School	Rigano	All County
Madeline Barea	Violin	Lee Road School	Papayannakos	LISFA
Sophia Elkadi	Children's Voice Soprano	Lee Road School	Papayannakos	All County
Annabella Fahey	Children's Voice Soprano	Lee Road School	Papayannakos	All County

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Emily LaMantia	Viola	Lee Road School	Papayannakos	All County
Lucas Miller	Baritone BC	Lee Road School	Spera	All County
Maya Morales	Alto & Alto 2	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Alexa Petito	Soprano 1	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Grace Huggard	Soprano 1	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Emily Kassimatis	Soprano 1	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Gianna McAdams	Vocal Alto - Alto 1	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Nicholas Stallone	Vocal Bass	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County/All State Alternate
Mia Atkins	Vocal Soprano - Soprano 2	MacArthur High School	Levenberg	All County
Melody Hong	Cello	MacArthur High School	Musial	All County/LISFA
Kailyn Aniano	Double Bass	MacArthur High School	Musial	All County
Felicia Garramone	Cello	MacArthur High School	Musial	All County/LISFA
Jacob Yousha	Jazz Drum Set - Vocal Jazz Drum Set	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County/LISFA/All State Alternate
Andrew Greco, III	Mallets	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County
Daniel Lee	Bb Clarinet 1	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County/All State Alternate
Kayla Ryu	Trombone 2-3-4	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County
Chi-Wung Cheung	Baritone BC 2	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County
Roberto Oquendo	French Horn 1	MacArthur High School	Romano	All County/All State
Vittal Gowda	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Julia Sagabaen	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Kevin Estrella Canales	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Adelyn Kim	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Lael Kang	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Victoria Frisa	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Nathan Zheng	Voice	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Julianna Isabelle Cruz	Children's Voice Soprano	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Florencia Bellenger	Children's Voice Soprano	Northside School	McClancy	All County
Alexis Sagabaen	Bb Clarinet 3	Northside School	Rispoli	All County
Ysabella Bendigo	Violin 1	Northside School	Rispoli	All County
Ruoxi Li	Violin 2	Northside School	Rispoli	LISFA
Christian Romelus	Trumpet 2	Salk Middle School	Bastone	All County
Matthew Neumann	Tuba/Sousaphone	Salk Middle School	Bastone	All County

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Gaon Lee	Trumpet 1	Salk Middle School	Bastone	All County
Julianna Gielarowski	Oboe	Salk Middle School	Bastone	All County
Evan Murphy	Violin 1	Salk Middle School	Grabowski	All County/LISFA
Sophie Shrestha	Violin 2	Salk Middle School	Grabowski	All County
Emily Negri	Violin	Salk Middle School	Grabowski	LISFA
Kelly Swint	Vocal Soprano	Salk Middle School	Grande	All County
Vittana Rodriguez	Vocal Soprano	Salk Middle School	Grande	All County
Lia Levine	Vocal Soprano	Salk Middle School	Grande	All County
Jiaxi Rao	Vocal Soprano	Salk Middle School	Grande	All County
Hazel Miller	Vocal Soprano	Salk Middle School	Grande	All County
Brian Kalinowski, Jr.	Trumpet 2	Salk Middle School	Sorrentino	All County
Alesia Vargas	Tuba/Sousaphone	Salk Middle School	Sorrentino	All County
Russell Ocampo	Trumpet 3	Summit Lane School	Giordano	All County
Vincent Succimarri	Double Bass	Summit Lane School	Giordano	All County
Angelina Lin	Violin	Summit Lane School	Giordano	LISFA
Sophia Mann	Children's Voice Soprano	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Sofia Restrepo	Children's Voice Soprano	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Camila Munoz Rubiera	Voice	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Mia Melendez	Voice	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Kayla Webb	Voice	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Alexander Escobar	Voice	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Caleigh Imperato	Voice	Summit Lane School	Marrero	All County
Joyce Kim	Violin II	Wisdom Lane School	Cornella	All County/LISFA
Jimmy Lin	Violin 2	Wisdom Lane School	Cornella	All County/LISFA
Emmah Khan	Baritone BC	Wisdom Lane School	Katcher	All County
Emily Angerhauser	Bass Clarinet	Wisdom Lane School	Katcher	All County
David Yoo	Bb Clarinet 2	Wisdom Lane School	Katcher	All County
Ryan Berke	Trumpet 1	Wisdom Lane School	Katcher	All County
Julia Calderon-Flores	Vocal Soprano	Wisdom Lane School	Spainer	All County
Alison Quigley	Vocal Soprano	Wisdom Lane School	Spainer	All County

v. Crossing Guards - Recognition

The following are names of the Crossing Guards who were also recognized.

Abbey Lane School	Wanda	Massaro
Abbey Lane School	Allison	Purcell
East Broadway School	Kerry	Zundell
Gardiners Avenue School	Lizbet	Alexander
Gardiners Avenue School	Jane	Weber
Lee Road School	Wendy	Merz
Northside School	Kim	Sullivan
Northside School	Charles	Catalano
Northside School	Dominick	Gallina
Summit Lane School	Catherine	Scheurer
Salk Middle School/MacArthur High School	Cindy	Mulholland
Wisdom Lane Middle School	Lisbet	Alexander
Division Avenue High School/MacArthur High School	Georgette	Gentile
Division Avenue High School	Tom	Macho
Division Avenue High School/MacArthur High School	Mia	Ortolani
MacArthur High School	Eileen	Hutchison
MacArthur High School	Tom	Macho
MacArthur High School	Gina	Schauder

Mr. Winch also announced the Board Lifetime Achievement’s Convention Scholarship Recognition to James Moran and Marianne Adrian, they were also awarded plaques from the organization.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

Mr. Winch stated: In regards to comments and reports, we will have Mr. Fabiano do a brief overview of the budget presentation but first I’m going to move on to follow up responses to previous public hearing questions.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Mr. Winch stated that at the last meeting we had public be heard, and we had two different topics. The following are the responses that the Board of Education sent.

Thank you for your participation in our recent Board of Education meeting on April 16th and for expressing your concerns regarding the change in coaching staff. Regarding the girls cheerleading, we generally appreciate your dedication to the program and for sharing your p positive experiences within the varsity program. While Mrs. Nessler was coach, we’ll be unable to delve into the specific reasons behind the coaching change. Please know that your feedback is valued and we have carefully considered all input

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provided during the meeting and through correspondence previously received. The decision to alter coaching personnel is never taken lightly and the Board of Education is deeply committed to understanding the implications of such decisions on our students. While we are unable to accommodate your request to reconsider the decision at this time, we hope to reassure you that every perspective is taken into account during our deliberations. We sincerely hope that despite this change, that you will continue to support the MacArthur High School team when a new coach is appointed. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts and concerns with us.

Regarding Universal Pre-K, we thank you for attending our April 16th Board of Education meeting and sharing your concerns regarding our placement process for our universal Pre-K program. It is essential to clarify that New York State mandates a random lottery for districts unable to accommodate all interested eligible students, a practice we've adhered to since 2000. The results of our random lottery are used to determine the order that UPK slots are filled, and also to determine placement at specific providers. This is a process we have followed since 2006 and we believe this is the most equitable way to determine placements. Our providers are chosen using a request for proposal RFP process that is completed every few years, selecting providers that offer high quality programs at the most economical cost. As the program is fully funded by the New York City Grant, Kiddie Junction allocates us 87 spots. Tender Garden allocates the remainder of our available spots. We have the utmost confidence in both programs abilities to deliver comparable pre-kindergarten experiences and to meet the needs of our students. It is also important to keep in mind that Universal Pre-K is not a mandated program and that parents who are dissatisfied with their child's placement can choose to decline participation in the program. Given these considerations, we are unable to accommodate your request to modify our process. We remain committed to upholding fairness and excellence in our universal pre K program and we appreciate your understanding of our procedures. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

There were no follow-up to Board Questions.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Adrienne stated that we've had a great opportunity that was presented to the Levittown district through the New York State courts. It gives juniors and seniors in both of our high schools an opportunity to do a summer internship in the courts. They will have to fill out the application and write an essay and then they have to be chosen. It's a really great experience and opportunity for them, should that be the pathway that they want to choose. Ms. Adrienne said that she is really happy that we were able to collaborate to be able to provide two students from each high school this chance.

Dr. Ziropiannis thanked Ms. Adrienne for sharing that opportunity with us and for us to be able to bring something so amazing to our students. She also thanked Ms. Adrienne for always keeping us informed of the opportunities and it's really going to benefit our students. She said that our principals and guidance are working now on developing an internal process and we have until June 1st to get our students names to the courts.

2. Correspondence

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There was no correspondence.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD/BUDGET HEARING

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read.

Mr. Joseph Marino who resides at 3980 Appletree Lane, Seaford NY spoke and said the following: Good evening everyone. My name is Joe Sparino. My address is 3980 Apple Tree Lane in Seaford. Recently I wrote a letter to the board expressing my concerns with the experience that I've had with the special education department. Over the last year, I feel like there's been a lot of errors made, a lot of procedural errors. I feel like the quality of some of the evaluations has not been up to par. Two of my big concerns is that I want the board to know about independent educational evaluations. When a parent is concerned that the Committee for Special Education is missing something, they can request a individual education evaluation. If that's granted, that could be at a cost of about \$4000. The process in Levittown is that the parent is reimbursed after they upfront the money. I find that to be discriminatory for parents that can't afford to front the money. Many other school districts provide approval and they reimburse directly to the provider, which I think is better. I feel like that could be perceived as a way of discouraging parents to pursue these evaluations. I think that's very unfair, I think the board needs to look at that. And then finally, also regarding occupational physical therapy, we currently utilize contractors for that. And there's only one occupational therapist employed by the district. From my understanding, she doesn't have a caseload, it's more of a consulting type of aspect. I just want to say I think we're lucky to have her, she's very well known within the community, but I feel like using contractors is not optimal. There are some good therapists that work for agencies, but there's lack of continuity of care and there's a lot of turnover. Many times therapist start these jobs as new graduates and they're not really properly vetted as far as having attained advanced certificates and advanced education so I feel like that needs to be looked at. I'm sure it's a budgetary issue, but I'd like to know what the difference is and what the cost is if we were to hire in-house providers for these services as opposed to using contractors. Thank you.

Ms. Messina responded that the board appreciated the time you took to share your thoughts tonight and please know we value your feedback and we'll be reaching out to you within the next week to respond.

Mr. Fabiano was introduced for the Budget Hearing.

Mr. Fabiano stated that this is the required annual budget hearing and that this is a process that began back in November. He said we would only be touching on any new information that has become available since we adopted the budget back in April. He said that obviously we set goals and the budget reflects those goals, and that this was a recap of the calendar and all the budget presentations we've made over the past five months. They are all available on the district website. He stated that at budget vote on May 21st, we have four polling sites, and the polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. He said that the tax cap formula and the historic perspective of what the inflation rate is relative to the tax levy limit. He said that in the past three years since the pandemic, inflation has really spiked and this is creating a challenge for not only the Levittown School district, but all school districts throughout New York State. He said that New York State has adopted their budget and our revenue projections were predicated on the full funding of the foundation aid formula which we received in in 2023-2024. The governor had made some changes to that formula, and the legislature only partially restored the aid that we would have been entitled to. He said that if the formula been allowed to run, we will be receiving \$230,000 less than what was budgeted and at this point we have begun a plan to address that situation. Mr. Moran asked if he would share with us what that plan is. Mr. Fabiano said that if we have reason to believe that some of our revenue projections may come in greater than

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anticipated, that then we would close the gap, and we can cut appropriations, or we can do some a combination of the two. Finally, if needed, we can go into reserves to make up any projected shortfall reserves like the ERS and TRS, as that's what they were established for. He said he believes that our projection of interest earnings is conservative and that when we made that projection, it was widely believed that the Fed was going to cut interest rates multiple times this year. That is not likely to happen now however we will make it through the remainder of 2024 steadily. He said what he would recommend is that we hold back on some non-instructional and non-safety related equipment purchases until we can ascertain that those interest earnings. Mr. Fabiano said that we are in line with Nassau County in terms of our budget to budget, as well as our tax levy increase. The inflation rate set by the state controller is 4.12% and we're at 3.88%, and the rest of the County is at 3.9%. He said that nothing was eliminated from this budget however we did not add as much as we did last year when we were fully funded with foundation aid. He added that we were able to get some additional programs in there, I know one that's near and dear to my heart is the requirement for financial literacy.

Mr. Winch mentioned that John Hildebrand from Newsday did a story on districts that are moving forward with a new requirement. We are one of the small few that are moving forward with the requirement that all graduating students that must take ½ year course in financial literacy, so we're excited about this one because we do think it's good for kids and the feedback didn't just come from adults, that came from students. When we do our exit surveys of high school seniors, a lot of times the seniors don't know that their feedback actually does make changes because they leave. But in this scenario, several of the suggestions of the seniors are actually working their way into the course catalog, such as the anatomy and Physiology class that we're offering for college credits. He said that the same thing about the financial literacy and the small engine basic car maintenance class so it's just great when the customers we serve, which is the students and parents, are able to get feedback that we then are able to turn around pretty quickly to have future students benefit.

Mr. Fabiano said that he did want to touch upon a capital projects update. Last year we asked the voters to approve a capital projects referendum that would allow us to continue to maintain the infrastructure of our buildings. I'm happy to say that one of the big projects the completion of the air conditioning project which is now complete and he believes that we have 22 cafeterias left to do there and that hopefully will be done before the end of this summer. We have received SCD approval on some other projects and the bids will be coming to the board at our next meeting asking them to approve those contracts. He said there is very good news in that the bids came in at approximately 1.7 million or about 10% of the budgeted amount of for these projects. So since they're the first big projects to be bid out, it feels good to have that kind of savings built into the budget already. The projects in yellow are up at the state many of these are close to getting SD approval, especially the energy performance contract; which includes the installation of solar panels throughout the districts which will help then reduce our electric bill moving forward. And in addition, each year there's a line in the budget called transfer to capital. It's the operating budgets contribution to the capital projects fund that allow us to do projects when capital reserves are not up for a referendum vote. It allows us to continue with these projects and one will be \$3 million going towards the lighting at the Wisdom Lane Elementary School track and field. This is a project that is pending SED approval and that will be installed and so hopefully this will be will also be approved in time so that the work will begin simultaneously. One of the things that makes sense to do is to talk a little bit about the contingency budget. At your budget hearing, there's always the possibility that a budget is defeated. If a budget were defeated, the Board of Education has several options. It can put that same budget up for a revote, it can amend that budget and put that amended budget up for reboot, or it would go straight to a contingency budget. The third option no longer makes any sense because the contingency budget means you have to operate with a tax levy no greater than the tax levy in the previous year, which means a 0% increase. And so districts tend to not do that. They will go out for a second vote under a contingency budget. Our tax levy increase would have to go from 4.5 million down to zero, so there would be constraints placed on this budget. All non-emergency capital project work would be eliminated, and non instructional equipment would also be restricted. We would be required by law to begin charging fees for the use of our school buildings and fields and with all that said, we probably wouldn't get to the mark so additional program cuts would also be necessary. We will revisit that if necessary and there's really only two propositions on the on the ballot this year, much simpler than last year. Last year we had two capital reserve propositions. This year it's relatively simple: you vote proposition 1 is for the school district budget and proposition 2 is for the Levittown Public Library budget. We have two Board of Education trustee seats up this year, as well as 1 library trustee seat

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up and with those seats we run at large, which means that the top 2 vote getters in the school district would take those seats. The date is Tuesday May 21st from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM and that concludes the presentation.

Mr. Winch said thank you to Mr. Fabiano to you and his entire team as well as the central office team and the board as this is a process that really began back in November of 2023 and is drawing to a conclusion this month. He said that it's been a lot of effort on everybody, a lot of meetings a lot of presentations, a lot of homework and so we just appreciate everybody's help in trying to put forward the best budget that we can for our community.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 040824-001

Recommended Motion: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the April 16 meeting."

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 040824-002

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 2024 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 040824-003

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 7/1/23 to 3/31/24
- Trial Balance Report for the period 7/1/23 to 3/31/24
- Claims Audit Report for March 2024"

4. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 040824-004

Recommended 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>
9060.8000.00.0000	Emp Benefits Health Ins.	\$714,000	
1620.4620.00.1630	Operations – Contractual		\$714,000

Reason: To fund various districtwide improvements as outlined on attached.

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

5. Memorandum of Understanding - Michael Fabiano

RESOLUTION # 040824-005

Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Understanding dated 5/8/24 between the Levittown Union Free School District and Michael Fabiano, as per the terms of the attached Memorandum of Understanding;

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

6. Election Worker - Appointment IT

RESOLUTION # 040824-006

Recommended Motion: "Be it Resolved by the Board of Education appoints John Collado to work the School Budget Vote and Election on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Be it Further Resolved, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk, at her discretion, to make any changes to the appointments as deemed necessary."

7. Election Workers

RESOLUTION # 040824-007

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the individual on the attached list as additional Election Registrars for the 2024 budget and trustee vote."

8. Bid Approval - Roll Off Dumpster Services

RESOLUTION # 040824-008

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS-24-001 for Roll Off Dumpster Services (Cooperative Bid) for the 2024-2025 school year.”

9. Bid Approval - Transportation 2023-2024 School Year

RESOLUTION # 040824-009

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the bid for transportation for the 2023-2024 school year as per the attached evaluation.”

10. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Senior Prom

RESOLUTION # 040824-010

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Soundview Catering Corp. as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Senior Prom on June 18, 2025.

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

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11. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Junior Prom RESOLUTION # 040824-011
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 April 5, 2025.

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

12. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services RESOLUTION # 040824-012
Recommended 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 2023-2024 school year:

- Uniondale UFSD
- South Huntington UFSD
- Westbury UFSD

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

13. Obsolete Equipment RESOLUTION # 040824-013
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."

14. Obsolete Books RESOLUTION # 040824-014
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.

15. Schedules RESOLUTION # 040824-015
"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"

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- 1005 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1006 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1007 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1008 “Tenure, Certified Personnel”
- 1009 “Permanent Status”

Ms. Messina asked for a motion to accept items 1-15 on the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (4-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Jennifer Messina, Christina Lang, Marianne Adrian, James Moran
ABSENT:	James Moran

Mr. Michael Pappas, Ms. Phyllis Dalton and Ms. Peggy Marenghi were excused from the meeting.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gift to School

RESOLUTION #

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

- A Yamaha piano for the Lee Road music room from Jessalyn Murphy, 40 Hargrove Drive, Stonybrook, NY 11790.”

Ms. Messina asked for a motion to accept the gifts to schools.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (4-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Jennifer Messina, Christina Lang, Marianne Adrian, James Moran
ABSENT:	James Moran

Mr. Michael Pappas, Ms. Phyllis Dalton and Ms. Peggy Marenghi were excused from the meeting.

Ms. Messina congratulated Dr Beth Ziogiannis on her tenure .

VI. AD HOC

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1. Board Policies - First Read

- Policy No. 1110 School District and Board of Education Legal Status and Authority
- Policy No. 1120 Board of Education Members: Qualifications, Numbers and Terms of Office
- Policy No. 1220 Reporting of Expenditures and Contributions
- Policy No. 1230 Resignation and Dismissal
- Policy No. 1310 Powers and Duties of the Board
- Policy No. 1320 Nomination and Election of Board Officers and Duties of the President and Vice Presidents

Mr. Winch stated that the board has made it a mission to review all of our policies and make adjustments where necessary. He said that our policy committee, which consists of Ms. Messina and Ms. Adrian and myself, have been diligently reviewing the policies with support from Ms. Esposito, or District Clerk, and we are making some significant changes to them in the way they look and that we are trying to make them a little bit simpler and less prone to issues with formatting. He said we are really looking to update the language so it's more 21st century language. And then when we come to policies, where we feel there are things to reconsider, for instance when we get to our facility use policy, we'll be having a greater discussion about that policy.

Ms. Adrian said that it's been really educational for myself and Ms. Messina to go through them and really read word for word what they're saying and that there is a lot of information in there so if anybody ever has free time and they would like to review the policies you're welcome to do so.

Mr. Winch stated that we want to make sure they're good so that when they do go on to board docs that they are perfect so we will take time with looking at them and if needed bring up any issues at the next meeting and we'll make those adjustments.

VII. UPCOMING DATES

May 21 - Budget Vote; Special Meeting to certify vote.

June 5 - Regular Meeting

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Messina asked for a motion to Adjourn at 9:10 PM.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (4-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Jennifer Messina, Christina Lang, Marianne Adrian, James Moran
ABSENT:	James Moran

Mr. Michael Pappas, Ms. Phyllis Dalton and Ms. Peggy Marengi were excused from the meeting.