

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

DATE: March 13, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 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.

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Peggy Marengi
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas – President
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – Vice President (arrived at 8:10 PM)
Mr. Edward Powers
Mr. Kevin Regan – Secretary
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane – Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Mark Flower –Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen– School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Newins - MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. James Reilly - Division High School Student Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Mr. Pappas, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Powers and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to personnel.
- C. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:40 PM at which time Mr. Pappas asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops fighting all around the globe and also for a former long time employee James Denunzio who recently passed away.

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II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Regan moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of February 13, 2013 (Regular Meeting).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Seconded: Mr. Moran

MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition

1. Robert Galino, East Broadway – Classroom makeover (NSASA)
Jeff Abbate, Mark Smitkin, Suzanne Reek, Krista Vaughan

Ms. Rifkin was happy to honor an ABA teacher from East Broadway, Mr. Galino. She called up the principal of East Broadway, Ms. Wink, to explain the honor being bestowed. Ms. Wink noted that from the moment Mr. Galino stepped foot into our school, he has been thinking of ways to incorporate the outside agencies to help support our program. She remarked that this year, he won a classroom makeover. Ms. Wink congratulated Mr. Galino and thanked all his outside support. She commented that she is very proud to have the Autism program in her school. Additionally, Ms. Rifkin recognized several other teachers who went out of their way to nominate Mr. Galino. Mr. Pappas expressed his thanks to everyone especially Mr. Galino, who he noted has a tremendous fan following. He shared that the Board and Central Office recognizes all that you do.

2. Art Display – MacArthur High School

Dr. Grossane commented the art display is wonderful examples of the art work being done at MacArthur, especially by the photography and digital photography classes. He noted that he attended the art exhibit for MacArthur High School at the Levittown Library and was amazed at the sheer talent of our students. He congratulated them all.

Along the lines of artwork, Mr. Pappas pointed out that hanging on the wall in the Board room is a quilt that is 35 years old. This quilt displays a patchwork of every school that was part of the district in 1976. Mr. Pappas went over the schools on the quilt and noted it will be moved to the Panther Room for all to enjoy.

NOTE: Mr. Porrazzo joined the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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B. Superintendent's Reports:

1. a. Middle School AIS

Dr. Grossane noted that there was concern regarding the student performance at the Middle Schools. He reported that after intensive work, Administration has developed a plan for AIS services that will greatly increase student proficiency. Ms. Rifkin asked her team, which consisted of the Middle School Principals and Curriculum Associates for Math and English Language Arts, to join her to discuss a brief power point presentation on Academic Intervention Services. Ms. Rifkin remarked that her team had taken a hard look at what could be done to improve student performance. She noted that one idea that has come to the forefront for the last few years is more time on task for Math and ELA. They also discovered that the work study program is not productive for students. Ms. Rifkin was recommending this plan to better utilize the students' time in school and also improve their scores. The presentation offered a view of the current structure of the Math and ELA program and what the plan was proposing. The team discussed their rationale for more instruction time and showed how the data supported this idea. They also reported that this plan would help teachers effectively implement the Common Core standards and allow the teachers to provide individual and small group conferencing. Ms. Rifkin summarized the structure of the proposal by advising that both Math and ELA would have a period and half each of instruction, on alternate days and AIS would be imbedded for the student with the same teacher as part of their core instruction. Ms. Rifkin noted that there were staffing implications with this plan which would mean an additional 2.8 full-time equivalence of staff. She pointed out that due to enrollment decreases and class limitations, there would be a decrease across the district in staffing, so these teachers could be absorbed with no additional hiring of employees. Ms. Rifkin remarked that the training piece is critical for this program.

Mr. Powers asked if this plan was for all students. Ms. Rifkin responded it was for all non-honors students. He asked what percentage of the student body were honors. The answer was 24%.

Mr. Ward inquired if there were any costs associated with this proposal. Ms. Rifkin answered approximately \$100,000 more for each full-time equivalent employee including benefits. Mr. Ward was concerned that we were spending money to fix a problem that he feels is not definitive. He asked for a breakdown of scores from teacher to teacher and school by school to see exactly where what the problem lies. Ms. Rifkin replied that every year, teacher-by-teacher data from Nassau BOCES Data Warehouse is analyzed and teacher specific problems are handled when they come up. She feels that the demands on the students and teachers have changed. Ms. Rifkin noted that surrounding districts have been surveyed and the few that replied noted they are using similar models with increased time in Math and ELA.

Ms. Marengi reported on a study she conducted comparing 6th grade students housed in an elementary district as opposed to attending a middle school. She found that the scores across the board were significantly higher for those housed in an elementary district which she attributes to having more time allotted for the subjects. Additionally, she is an advocate for real teaming. She feels this plan would have a positive effect on the program but she worries about the other implications such as staff development and progress monitoring that have to be imbedded in the program to be successful.

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A. Superintendent's Reports-continued

Dr. Grossane agreed with Ms. Marengi and wanted to see different instruction during this time. He shared that some proof in the success of the program is that it is incredibly successful at the high school level across all of New York State where students have an additional period to master the subject content. Dr. Grossane pointed out that once we build up the students strength in middle school and they are better prepared, less students will need the extra time. He acknowledged that there is a cost involved but the money would be well spent. Dr. Grossane felt this is a good way to solve this issue. He mentioned that he had encountered resistance from concerned parents who felt sending their children for AIS help was not in the child's best interest.

Mr. Powers asked if this program was a replacement for work study and how it is staffed. Ms. Rifkin responded that this program would take away work study from the non-honors students but not eliminate it completely since the honors students may still have sporadic work study time. Regarding staffing, it is staffed by teacher and counted as a duty period. If work study time is reduced, those teachers could be used for other duties and possibly eliminate some other positions.

Mr. Porrazzo asked if this was being done by overages or bodies. Ms. Rifkin remarked bodies.

Mr. Pappas felt this was a good program but wanted to make sure individual issues were addressed before spending money. He remarked that the success of the program depends on data analysis to make sure we know what the problem is, assess it and then take corrective action to solve it. He went on to address some of the issues raised such as more time allotted for subjects, the nine period day and the duty period.

1. b. Safety Committee Update

Ms. Rhatigan gave a safety program update. She shared that she had several meetings regarding safety issues. One meeting was with the Safety Committee, one with Nassau BOCES, another with the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. These meetings were very productive with an overview of our safety plan and question and answer periods. Some ideas discussed were the escort process, video cameras, intercoms, new phone system and panic buttons. Ms. Rhatigan remarked that everyone was pleased to see our progress and commented that we are light years ahead of other districts. She commented that we have regularly stayed on top of these safety concerns. Ms. Rhatigan reported that all buildings were locked and secured. Additionally, she stated surprise lock downs were being conducted in the buildings and all were going smoothly.

Mr. Porrazzo asked if the Board could see the overall design of the safety plan especially the cameras. Ms. Rhatigan responded that a few Board members had given suggestions that were reviewed. She discussed with the Board her findings regarding the video cameras, our intercom system and our ID cards. Mr. Porrazzo asked if there would be a central command center. Ms. Rhatigan answered that we don't need to be centralized since we have iPads that are set up to call up any camera in the schools and monitor the inside of the buildings.

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A. Superintendent's Reports-continued

Dr. Grossane remarked that this camera system is very state of the art. He noted that BOCES is developing a monitoring system that is action activated and they will have central monitoring for the entire county. Mr. Porrazzo asked if our system has the capability to notify us if a camera is tripped. Dr. Grossane answered no. Ms. Rhatigan commented that she was working with the police department and our POP Officer, to give them access to our system for emergencies. Additionally, she has provided them with multiple copies of our floor plans. Mr. Porrazzo noted that blueprints could be posted online. Dr. Grossane mentioned that he had asked the safety experts if we should be double locking our doors. They felt our buildings are very secure and that the current lock system would be sufficient along with a camera and buzzer system. He stated that they were advocating the escort system but this would require two security personnel. Ms. Rhatigan went over some of the other ideas for safety such as security booths in the buildings and ID badges with disappearing ink. Mr. Pappas stated that having self locking on each door was very costly.

2. Follow-up to Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. Grossane reported that the speaker from the February Board Meeting had concerns regarding safety issues and had recommended using panic buttons. This individual's questions were addressed at the meeting and his suggestion was discussed at the Wellness Committee meeting.

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

Dr. Grossane reviewed the follow-up questions from the Board. On the question of vendor disclosure, he stated that a form was being developed for a sign off for a purchase order procedure that is going into effect. The next question was on updating the banners in the gym. Dr. Grossane reported that all banners are updated as of June 2012. The answer to when the Food Service Committee was voted on this year was the October 10th Board Meeting. Dr. Grossane answered the question on the districts oldest bus by stating that our oldest bus is from 1994 but we don't use it. The oldest bus we use is 1997. Lastly, on the question of school policies on closing the campus for inclement weather, Dr. Grossane reported that he had reached out to state schools on the State list serve but did not receive any response. He will get in touch with other schools that are having this issue such as West Hempstead and Great Neck.

B. Board of Education:

1. Comments & Reports

Mr. Porrazzo mentioned that he attended, along with Mr. Pappas, the GC Tech Honor Society Induction. Mr. Pappas remarked that this was a rescheduled event due to the Hurricane Sandy and he applauded them for moving forward with this event. Mr. Porrazzo said it was a nicely done ceremony. They also attended the MacArthur National Honor Society where it was good to see the students moving up on their educational ladder and the world. Mr. Pappas thanked the PTA Council, PTA and SEPTA for the opportunity to attend.

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2. Correspondence
(None)

3. Student Representatives to Board

Ms. Newins reported on the events at MacArthur. She shared that Band and Kick-line Teams were on their way to Disney. The next day was Pie Day since the date was 3.14 so the math departments were selling t-shirts with that logo. The 8th Annual Badminton Tournament was coming up with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Newins mentioned that next week the Key Club was having a Fashion Show and the Peer Leaders were reading to the students at Gardiners. Coming up, the boys Lacrosse Teams were having a tournament to raise money for Autism Awareness.

Mr. Pappas remarked that he was proud of the district's students who were giving back to the community in remarkable ways, especially the schools teaming together.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD
(None)

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "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,

RESOLUTION # 12-13-161
Warrants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the February 2013 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked about a check to South Levittown Lanes. Mr. Flower responded it was for the Bowling Team.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2013 and place same on file."

RESOLUTION # 12-13-162
Treasurer's Report

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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3. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company, P.C., for the month ending February 28, 2013. RESOLUTION # 12-13-163
Claims Audit Report

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Flower handed out an update of the Claim Audit Report. He remarked that there were many concerns at the last Board Meeting about claims audit issues. For clarification purposes, he noted that the report in the Board's packet was for January 29th and February 13th which did not reflect the corrective actions that were put into place. Mr. Flower went over some of the critical findings in the report. He noted that the Business Office has been working very diligently to put this new corrective process in place. These procedures allow the Accounts Payable Department to address any items they see as incorrect by sending out notifications for explanation. Mr. Flower feels that this new method will catch 100% of these problem invoices. Since this level of awareness has raised several issues, Mr. Flower is meeting with AVZ for guidance on how to address these questions. Mr. Pappas asked what percentage of the 32 confirming purchase orders were for student safety issues. Mr. Flower responded 10%. Mr. Porrazzo asked for an example of a purchase order that involved student safety. Mr. Flower answered they were for cameras and background checks for consultants. Mr. Flower went on to discuss some of the problems involved with these purchase orders. Mr. Pappas stressed that he wanted to see the number of confirming purchase orders go down and have the Business Office be able to catch any error before the auditors do. Mr. Flower reported that Mr. Howard would now be working with the Accounts Payable Department on the problems associated with confirming purchase orders. He feels they should be able to catch any issues going forward. Mr. Porrazzo commented that he gets confused reading some of the exhibits because the date of the report does not seem to reflect the right numbers. He asked to have the auditor fix this problem.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

4. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for the period ending January 31, 2013 and February 28, 2013. RESOLUTION # 12-13-164
Appropriation and Revenue
Status Report

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked if we budgeted for teachers' health insurance incentive. Mr. Flower responded yes. He went on to explain that the report showed an old budget code and that the incentive was paid out of the wrong code. Mr. Flower noted that expense was corrected and put into the right budget code. Mr. Pappas requested a listing of the account codes to help explain the report. Additionally, Mr. Pappas asked about the Teacher Center salaries. Mr. Flower remarked that this is a CM Fund that is a special revenue fund that the teachers generate and not out of district revenue.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

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5. **MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the renewal of BID 12E - No. 12 – A & B – Printing Services – District Newsletters and District Calendars with Tobay Printing at a cost not to exceed \$14,422.”

RESOLUTION # 12-13-165
Renewal of Bid – Printing Services
District Newsletters and Calendars

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that the prices are the same as last year.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

6. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the date changes to the 2013-2014 school calendar as per the attached.”

RESOLUTION # 12-13-166
Revision of 2013-2014
School Calendar

Seconded: Mr. Moran

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that there was a typographical error in the calendar which changes the days off. The Friday before Memorial Day is now a school day unless we have one or no snow days. We now have 182 student days with two weeks off in December, the February break and Spring Break as well.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

7. **MOTION:** Mr. Porrazzo moved, “RESOLVED, that the annual School District and Library election of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, shall be held in the various election districts of said school district on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:00 A.M., prevailing time, for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice of meeting, the form of which is hereby approved, and that the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time, in each election district; and it is further

RESOLUTION # 12-13-167
Annual Meeting Resolution

RESOLVED, that the following notice be published once a week in four (4) of the seven (7) weeks preceding the date of the meeting in The Levittown Tribune and the Wantagh-Seaford Citizen newspapers having general circulation in the district; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Inspectors of Election be appointed in accordance with previous procedure.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND PERSONAL REGISTRATION, LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK.

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7. **Annual Meeting Resolution**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the School District, the vote on the School District budget and election of candidates for the School Board of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and the vote on the Public Library budget and election of a candidate for the Board of Trustees for the Levittown Public Library, will be held in the several election districts of the School District at the voting places designated below on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to vote by ballot on voting machines on the proposition or propositions set forth below, as well as any other propositions which may properly come before the electorate, and to elect members of the Board of Education and to elect a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Shall the following resolutions be adopted:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2013-2014 proposed by the Board of Education and filed with the District Clerk in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

LIBRARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Public Library Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 proposed by the Library Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library heretofore filed pursuant to law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of member of the Library Board of Trustees must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM but no later than 5:00 PM on April 22, 2013. Forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Two (2) members for the term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2016.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office.

The following vacancy is to be filled on the Library Board of Trustees: One (1) member for the term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018, to succeed Margaret Santer, last incumbent.

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A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Library Board of Trustees. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the previous election for members of the Library Board of Trustees, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2013-2014 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 7:30 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center and copies of such statement, as well as the statement of the amount of money required for the 2013-2014 fiscal year of the Public Library, will be made available on the District's website and at each schoolhouse and library in the District during the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) calendar days immediately preceding the election together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and only those persons whose names appear on the register of the said school district, or who are registered pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said meeting and election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all qualified voters who have previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and have voted at any annual or special election held or conducted at any time within four (4) calendar years prior to this year, 2013, are not required to register with the Board of Registration for this meeting.

All other persons who wish to vote must register. A voter may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Levittown UFSD between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 1:00 PM on school days provided that such registration is effected no later than May 16, 2013.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said register will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 18, 2013), in the office of the Clerk of the District and at each voting place on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots for those eligible pursuant to the provision of Section 2018a of the Education Law are available, and that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on each of the five (5) calendar days prior to the day of election except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 18, 2013), in the office of the Clerk of the District. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) calendar days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that during the voting hours on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, between the hours of 7 AM and 8:00 PM, in the various election districts, the Board of Registration will meet to receive registrations for subsequent elections. During the hours of 7 AM and 8:00 PM on voting days, the District Clerk shall be in her office at the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS

The boundaries of the school election districts and the place of each election district for voting and registration shall be as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT #1 - GARDINERS AVENUE SCHOOL

Beginning at Wantagh Parkway and Chase Lane; east on Chase Lane to Center Lane, thence south to Prairie Lane; thence east to Gardiners Avenue; thence south to Slate Lane; then east and north to Swan Lane; then east and north to Grey Lane; continuing east to Wantagh Avenue; thence south on Wantagh Avenue to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Oakfield Avenue; continuing north to Old Jerusalem Road; thence east on Old Jerusalem Road to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to the point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #2 - EAST BROADWAY SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Southern State Parkway and east side of Wantagh Avenue; north on Wantagh to Miller Place; thence east to Exit Lane; thence south to Elm Drive; thence west to Elbow Lane; thence southwest to End Lane; south to End Lane and Elm Drive East to Pope Street; thence east to District Line; thence south to Regent Lane; thence east to Red Maple Drive; thence north, east, and south to Regal Lane; east on Regal Lane and Cordwood Lane to Arlington Drive; thence southeast to Town Line; thence south to Southern State Parkway; west along Parkway to point of beginning. Beginning at south side of Southern State Parkway and west side of Town Line; south on Town Line to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Wantagh Avenue; thence north to Southern State Parkway; thence east to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #3 - LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER

Beginning at east side of Wantagh Parkway and south side of Hempstead Turnpike; east on Hempstead Turnpike to Silver Lane; thence south to Forge Lane; thence east to Cotton Lane; thence southeasterly to Wantagh Avenue; then south to Grey Lane; thence west to Swan Lane; then southwesterly to Slate Lane; then south to Gardiners Avenue, thence north to Prairie Lane; thence west to Center Lane; thence north to Chase Lane; thence west to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to point of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT #4 - DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Hempstead Turnpike and west side of Jerusalem Avenue; west on Hempstead Turnpike to District Boundary Line at Wantagh State Parkway; thence northeast to northerly border of School District; east on Boundary Line (Flamingo Rd., Magpie Lane, Blacksmith Rd) to Jerusalem Avenue; thence south to point of beginning.

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Dated: Levittown, New York
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: _____
District Clerk, Levittown Union Free School District
Elizabeth Appelbaum

Seconded: Mr. Regan

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained that this year the Levittown Library asked to exercise their option of having their Budget and Trustee Vote with the school district. Therefore, there will be no separate library vote and an additional Proposition (#2) will be included to our ballot. Mr. Porrazzo asked if we were including a Capital Proposition. Dr. Grossane noted that the issue of creating a Capital Reserve Fund had been discussed previously. If the Board decided to do this, another Proposition would be added. He stated that we could have a Special Meeting at next weeks Planning Session to adopt this Proposition so it would be in time to publish in the legal notice. Mr. Pappas asked if a Library Proposition is always #2, after the school's proposition. Mr. Cohen remarked that a school's propositions always come first then the library's. Mr. Pappas inquired if there is a charge to the library. The answer was no. Mr. Pappas felt that residents might compare the library budget to our budget. Mr. Cohen commented that many libraries like to have their own election so they can have control over the process without any residual effects.

MOTION CARRIED. Seven members present voting yes.

APPROVED 7-0.

8. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, nominate Ronald Ellerbe, Fran Langsner and Robert B.S. Schoen as candidates for election to the Nassau BOCES Board."

RESOLUTION #12-13-168
Nomination to Nassau
BOCES Board

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Mr. Pappas explained that March 18th is the deadline for BOCES candidates to submit their name for election to the BOCES Board. He stated that we are nominating three candidates to their Board. At the time of their vote, April 17th, there may be additional candidates for us to vote for. Mr. Porrazzo felt that the BOCES budget of 6% was too high to pass on to the districts, while the schools are capped by 2%.

**MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.
One member abstaining. (Mr. Porrazzo)**

APPROVED 6-0-1.

NOTE: Mr. Moran left the room.

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9. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby, accept with thanks, the following gifts: RESOLUTION # 12-13-169
Gifts to School
- a. thirty student textbooks with accompanying audio CD sets, sheet music, refurbishing of instruments, band uniform skirts, props and miscellaneous rewards for music students at Northside Elementary School, given by Northside Music Club c/o Susan Massoni & Marie Reid, Co-presidents, 32 Glazer Lane, Levittown, NY 11756."
 - b. books from the Scholastic Book Fair for the East Broadway school library, given by the East Broadway PTA, 751 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford, NY 11783 **PULLED**

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

NOTE: Dr. Grossane removed item a for further back up. Mr. Pappas thanked the East Broadway PTA for their donation.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Item a pulled for more information.

MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0.

10. **MOTION:** Mr. Ward moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, declare the items on the following list obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

RESOLUTION # 12-13-170
Obsolete Equipment

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>	<u>Date</u>
Northside (printers/monitors)	5	2/6/13
Abbey Lane (piano)	1	2/28/13
Gardiners Avenue (congo Drum)	1	2/21/13."

Seconded: Mr. Porrazzo

MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

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11. MOTION: Mr. Regan moved, "To approve the following Schedules:	RESOLUTION# 12-13-171 <u>Schedules</u>
Schedule 12-G-10 (Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."	1001
Schedule 12-GG-10 (Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1002
Schedule 12-H-12 (Appointments – Certified Personnel)."	1003
Schedule 12-H-12c (Designation – Consultants)."	1004
Schedule 12-H-12g (Designation – Coaches)	1005
Schedule 12-HH-12 (Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1006
Schedule 12-I-2 (Use of School Fields)."	1007
Schedule 12-K-9 (Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel)."	1008
Schedule 12-KK-9 (Leave of Absence – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1009
Schedule 12-O-8 (Students with Disabilities)."	1010

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Pappas shared that schedule 1001 is the resignation of Dr. Ianni, who was a fine leader and a valued employee. He acknowledged that we are sad he is leaving but wish him well.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0-2.

(Mr. Pappas, Mr. Powers, Mr. Moran and Mr. Regan)

Two members abstaining. (Mr. Porrazzo and Ms. Marengi)

12. Ad Hoc –

a. Update on IQM2

Mr. Porrazzo asked for an update on the new electronic School Board service. He wanted to know when the agenda and supporting documents would be on-line. Ms. Rhatigan responded that it should be implemented by July 1st. She reported that the District Clerk and Superintendent's Secretary went to a BOCES overview meeting to become familiar with the product. Ms. Rhatigan noted that the system had not been purchased yet, but once it is, there will be extensive training involved. Dr. Grossane mentioned that BOCES will come to the district to train the Board to be able to utilize the service. Mr. Pappas commented that the system will save us on paper and storage.

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b. Automated Sub Calling System

Ms. Rhatigan announced that the calling system went live on that Monday. She noted that by the second day the kinks had been worked out and feedback has been good. Mr. Pappas commented he had recommended this system in 2009.

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved “That the Board of Education go into Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Seconded: Mr. Ward

MOTION CARRIED. Six members present voting yes.

APPROVED 6-0.

The Board reconvened in public at 10:25 PM.

VIII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Porrazzo moved, seconded by Mr. Powers to adjourn the public meeting 10:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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