

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEVITTOWN, NY

DATE: August 14, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, August 14, 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 - Vice President
Mr. James Moran – excused absence
Mr. Michael Pappas
Mr. Peter Porrazzo – excused absence
Mr. Kevin Regan - President
Mr. Edward Powers – Secretary
Mr. Frank Ward – excused absence

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. James Grossane – Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan – Assistant Superintendent for Administration & Personnel
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Mr. Albert Chase – Consultant to Business Office

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen– School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance
- B.** Mr. Regan, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Ms. Marengi, seconded by Mr. Powers and approved (4-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to personnel matters.
- C.** The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:30 PM at which time Mr. Regan asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to support our troops serving overseas.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board welcomed Mr. Albert Chase, consultant to the Business Office, to the district.

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MOTION: Mr. Powers moved to “Change the order of business on the agenda for tonight’s meeting due to concern for a quorum.

NOTE: Dr. Grossane explained to the audience that the order of the Agenda was changed for timing purposes to make sure we had a quorum. He noted that certain items had to be voted on at tonight’s meeting. He thanked the audience for their patience.

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved to “Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of July 2, 2013 (Organizational Meeting), July 2, 2013 (Regular Meeting) and July 24, 2012 (Special Meeting).”

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Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

IV. REPORTS

A. Superintendent:

1. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions
(None)
2. Follow-up to Board Questions
(None)
3. Superintendent’s Report: Grades 3-8 Test Scores

Dr. Grossane reported on the preliminary results he received on the Grade 3-8 State Tests. He noted that a letter went home to these parents from the Commissioner of Education, John B. King, regarding the testing program. Additionally, a letter was posted on the website from Dr. Grossane pertaining to when parents would receive test scores. Dr. Grossane stated that as predicted by the Commissioner, scores state-wide fell anywhere between 20 – 40%, with the average being 30%. Dr. Grossane then read a statement from the Commissioner which said “I want to make it very clear that the change in test scores (including, possibly, one in your child’s score) does not mean that students are learning less or that teachers and schools are performing worse than last year. Proficiency rates – the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards – on the new Common Core assessments cannot be compared with last year’s proficiency results since the old scores are from an old test based on former standards.” Dr. Grossane remarked that we are in a quandary. He said we will report on the state of where our assessments are and use the information to compare last year to this year in ranking with the surrounding districts. As time goes on, there will be

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a more in-depth analysis to show the areas we need to work on immediately. He noted although the scores dropped for everyone in New York State, we showed improvement in student performance.

Ms. Rifkin gave a power point presentation on the State Assessment Data. She remarked that a new baseline has been established from the results of these tests. She reiterated that the passing scores cannot be compared directly with prior-year results. She noted that in prior years, the assessments were based on a set of standards, but those standards have changed, and we now have more rigorous Common Core Learning Standards. The tests were based on these new standards and were extremely difficult. The Commissioner has stated that these scores should have no negative impact on students, schools, districts, or teachers. As far as accountability status, Ms. Rifkin stated that no new districts will be identified as Focus Districts, which are districts that are in trouble. Ms. Rifkin remarked that that we will use this data to help improve instruction in any way we can. The charts from the presentation gave us a peek at this year scores, which went down as predicted 30%. The charts also look at our performance in two different ways. One is our ranking as compared to the districts in Nassau County and the other is compared to our surrounding districts. Ms. Rifkin advised that we are awaiting direction from New York State as to which students will need AIS services. She commented this is our first look at the data and that the district would be following up with data analysis, looking by school, teacher and curriculum area to see where we can make some improvements with action plans.

Mr. Pappas inquired about the chemistry scores. He asked for a history of the scores from when he was first elected to the Board, regarding what the scores were then, what they are now and what steps are being taken to resolve this major problem. Mr. Pappas felt strongly that we need to find the reason for the low scores and offer a solution. He stated that detailed problems require detailed solutions.

Mr. Powers asked a rhetorical question - what did we learn from a test that only 40% of the students passed. Ms. Rifkin agreed that it was rhetorical and replied that we could have learned more if it was a truly standards based test. If the cut scores were based on the Common Core Standards than we would know who reached proficiency in each standard.

Ms. Marengi reported that schools are not allowed to have a copy of the tests. Therefore, we cannot do an analysis of where our strengths and weaknesses are to try to make improvements. Dr. Grossane reported on an observation that was made in an editorial from the newspaper from a local principal who stated that the tests assessed what was not taught. Dr. Grossane noted that the goals of the Common Core are right in that we all want to create children that have a knowledge base that's college and career ready. He commented that we will do what we can with the information from the exam.

Mr. Pappas asked for a comparison with similar size school districts such as Massapequa and East Meadow, across the board by grade. He also requested a breakdown of how our individual schools scored, particularly elementary schools. He mentioned to compare grade 5 ELA scores. Mr. Pappas felt there was great disparity in the scores. He wanted to

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know what Central Office feels the reason is for the wide-range in the numbers. Ms. Marengi stated that she would like to see an in-depth study as opposed to the broad overview they were given, when the information is available. She cautioned that the tests were much more difficult, in a different level of thinking. However, in some districts, the test changed so dramatically, but they didn't change the amount of alternate assessment children. Ms. Marengi stated that in order to look at the scores from school to school, you have to have all the data from each school to give you the right picture.

Dr. Grossane reported on the on-going construction projects by stating he estimated there would be substantial completion on all the working projects prior to the start of school. He noted that one small roof repair at Division Avenue High School will be started and finished over the Jewish Holidays, which is during the first week of school. Additionally, he remarked that there might be some small flashing work on the roof that needs to be done, but all the rips, re-installation and re-tarring will have been completed.

Regarding progress on the Division Avenue Cafeteria, Dr. Grossane informed everyone that it was moving along nicely. Mr. Chase, consultant to the Business Office, reported that there was an issue with flooring but it is expected to be resolved. He remarked that we will be getting day-by-day updates so any concerns could be addressed immediately. He is hopeful that everything will be in order, ready to go for the students. Dr. Grossane noted that our main concern is that everything be done so that the students can utilize the cafeteria. He mentioned that parents would be kept apprised of the situation in case the cafeteria is not available for hot food service. Mr. Regan asked about the lines being put in by LIPA. Mr. Chase stated that LIPA was at the building earlier running the necessary lines for the electrical upgrades. Mr. Pappas inquired where the lines would be installed. Dr. Grossane responded they would be above ground behind the berm with shrubs.

Dr. Grossane spoke about another project being worked on, the track renovation at MacArthur. He noted that the stripping had been done, and he was hopeful that it would be finished well in time for the start of school. He mentioned that Mr. Snyder was working with the football teams to provide alternate plans for football practice.

Mr. Powers asked if the emergency repairs that were approved last year were started. Dr. Grossane answered that we are still waiting for SED approval. Mr. Powers inquired when they were submitted to SED. Dr. Grossane remarked in the spring. Mr. Powers questioned why we had approval to do work on the cafeteria repairs before the emergency repairs for the building. He noted that he was voting no on the resolution for the change order for the Cafeteria, specifically because they were being done non-sequentially. He would reconsider his vote, only if it held up the project. Dr. Grossane stated that the State Education Department is very slow, but we are in daily contact with our architects.

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B. Board of Education:

C.

1. Comments & Reports:
(None)

2. Correspondence
(None)

V. **PUBLIC BE HEARD**

(Attached)

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 # 13-14-46
Warrants

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

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

2. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers "RESOLVED, that the following budget (\$202,846,775) of the necessary claims and expenditures in Levittown Union Free School District (#5), in the Town of Hempstead, school year 2013-2014, amounting to

RESOLUTION #13-14-47
Setting the Tax Levy

	\$ 195,590,207	School Purpose
	\$ 7,256,568	Library Purpose
Total	\$ 202,846,775	be and the same is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of

	\$ 131,161,870	School Purpose
	\$ 7,113,692	Library Purpose
Total	\$ 138,275,562	be the remainder of the budget adopted as

above and the amount which must be raised by taxation (\$131,161,870) for School Purposes and \$7,113,692 for Library Purposes; Total: \$138,275,562) for the Levittown Union Free School

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District (#5) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2013-2014 be levied upon the taxable property of said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2013-2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15, 2013.”

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members present voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 3. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with the Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$7,008,060.21 to cover services and other expenses for the 2013-2014 school year, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the same.”

RESOLUTION #13-14-48
Nassau BOCES Initial
Contract for 2013-2014

Seconded: Ms. Marengi

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 4. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

RESOLUTION #13-14-49
Obsolete Equipment

<u>School/Building</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Abbey Lane	30	6/19/13
Gardiners Avenue (computers)	27	6/19/13
Lee Road (computers)	28	6-19-13
Northside (computers)	28	6-19-13
Summit Lane (computers)	30	6/19/13
Salk (computers)	13	6/19/13
Wisdom Lane (computers)	31	6/19/13
Division Avenue (computers)	25	6/19/13
MacArthur (computers)	21	6/19/13
LMEC (computers)	9	6/19/13
LMEC (computers)	3	6/21/13
LMEC (scanners)	2	6/27/13
Division Avenue (sewing machines/tables)	2	7/29/13.”

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Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

5. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the following textbooks obsolete and that the textbooks may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

RESOLUTION #13-14-50
Obsolete Textbooks

<u>Textbooks</u>	<u>No. of Text Books</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Signatures ELA Series	1,440	7/24/13.”

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that there the Board questioned if these books could be utilized by our students. He stated that once resolution to obsolete them is approved, we will distribute them to any students who want them for additional reading material or tutorials.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

6. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept with thanks, the following gifts:

RESOLUTION #13-14-51
Gifts to School

- a. checks in the following amounts for the respective schools, given by Stop & Shop –A+ Rewards Program, 1149 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17013-0249
Salk \$18.98 Division Avenue \$281.30.
- b. a check in the amount of \$3,000 to be used toward the archway at the brick walkway at MacArthur High School, given the Class of 1972 c/o Jeannette Smith Harden, 106 Fawn Drive, East Islip, NY 11730,
- c. a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for the MacArthur High School Renaissance Program, given by Jostens, PO Box 947, Melville, NY 11747.”

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

NOTE: Mr. Regan thanked all the generous donors for their gifts.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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7. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education accepts the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program policy, including the annual Family Eligibility Criteria for Free and Reduced Meals as described in the attached policy statement and attachments in accordance with the guidelines established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the New York State Education Department, Bureau of School Food Management and Nutrition.”

RESOLUTION # 13-14-52
Guidelines for Free and
Reduced Price Meal Program

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

8. **MOTION:** Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does hereby, appoint Robert Howard to the position of Assistant Treasurer at no additional salary with the amount of bond fixed at \$1,000,000.”

RESOLUTION # 13-14-53
Appointment of Assistant
Treasurer

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

9. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “WHEREAS, the Commissioner’s Regulation Section 200.5, requires each local Board of Education to annually appoint impartial hearing officers in the event of an appeal of a CSE action by a parent of a student with a disability, or a student with a disability over the age of 18,

RESOLUTION #13-14-54
Recommendation of
Impartial Hearing Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint all impartial hearing officers from the district-specific Nassau County list of Impartial Hearing Officers as maintained by the Impartial Hearing Reporting System from the 2013-2014 school year; and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers from the above mentioned list on a rotational basis.”

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

NOTE: Dr. Grossane reported that annually we appoint a list of Impartial Hearing Officers. He commented that the list come from the state and the Officers are compensated.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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10. **MOTION:** Mr. Pappas moved, “BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Marengi be appointed as a representative of the Levittown Board of Education to the Levittown Teachers’ Center Policy Board for the 2013-2014 school year.”
- RESOLUTION # 13-14-55
Teachers’ Center Policy Board Liaison

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Regan commented that he was delighted we have someone of such great capabilities and dedication to be our representative. Mr. Pappas asked what the position entailed. Ms. Marengi replied that it requires a Board member to attend meetings and report back to the Board any information necessary.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0

11. **MOTION:** Mr. Pappas moved, “RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to file on behalf of the Levittown Union Free School District and its Board of Education, an application for the 2013-2014 funding provided under the terms of the Federal Education Consolidated Application No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title I, Title II – Part A, Title II – Part D, Title III, Title IV, and Universal PreK.”
- RESOLUTION # 13-14-56
Approval of Grants

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

12. **MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the Extension of Contract for School Food Service Management with Chartwells for the 2013-2014 school year, at an annual increase based on the New York Northeast CPI (Consumer Price Index) of 1.4%.”
- RESOLUTION #13-14-57
Extension of Contract for School Food Service Management.

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

NOTE: Mr. Powers remarked that in light of the contractual CPI increase, this contract should be bid out next year. Dr. Grossane stated that we are required to send this out for bid next year because this is when the five year option is up. Mr. Pappas questioned whether the price of the student lunches would be effected since this contract shows an increase.

Mr. Howard, Assistant Business Manager, gave a point of information and shared that we are not raising our prices, but Chartwells is changing what they charge us. He reported that our lunch prices must be comparable to state and federal reimbursement rates. Mr. Chase reported that we get reimbursed from the state and federal government for free and reduced lunches. He mentioned that the statute is silent on breakfast.

Mr. Pappas inquired what the minimum for lunch would be next year. Ms. Chase said the idea is to go out and rebid for food service in the spring, see what bids comes in, than make a recommendation to the Board

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based on what the price are. Mr. Pappas felt the lunches are very skimpy and a new bid may come in with a lesser price but also with less food. He asked that we check to make sure we are charging the correct amount for breakfast and lunch.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

13. **MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi moved, "RESOLVED, that in accordance with the necessity of scheduling positions for the 2013-2014 school year, and in accordance with the appropriate section of the New York State law, the position of Director of Career and Technical Education will not be required."

RESOLUTION # 13-14-58
Declaration of Excess
Positions

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

14. **MOTION:** Ms. Marenghi moved, "WHEREAS, in compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations 100.2 (dd), the Board of Education adopts a Professional Development Plan annually and subsequent addendums thereto; and

RESOLUTION #13-14-59
Professional Development
Plan

WHEREAS, additional changes to the existing plan have been recommended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached revised Professional Development Plan for the 2013-14 school year."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked what the change was from this year to last year. Ms. Rifkin stated that there were no changes. She noted that this plan has to be renewed every year. She reported that a committee meets to review the plan and the menu of items needed for teacher certification. It was agreed to keep the plan the same for next year. Mr. Pappas inquired if the idea was to look to see what is working and not working, to make better teachers. Dr. Grossane explained that this plan has to do with the amount of hours that teachers need for certification; specific course work does not go into this plan. It is a framework for which we meet a state requirement. Ms. Rifkin noted that changes had been made in the past couple of years. Mr. Pappas had questions regarding this plan. He noted he would have abstained from voting for this resolution if there were more than four Board members present, but since it was state required and in the interest of moving the business of the district, he would approve it. Dr. Grossane noted that he would provide a list of everything that has been going on in the district for the past year or two and what is planned for this year, in this way he could see an evolution of change.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

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15. MOTION: Ms. Marenghi moved, “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint the following treasurers for a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100.00 each for the 2013-2014 school year:

RESOLUTION #13-14-60
Petty Cash Accounts

Lisa Carelli-Lang	Director of Special Education
Gerri Fox-Wilson	Chairperson, GC Tech
Christopher Milano	Director of School Facilities

Seconded: Mr. Powers

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked if \$100 was enough money. Mr. Chase advised that is all that is allowed by law.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

16. MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached 2013-2014 Transportation Contract Extensions:

RESOLUTION #13-14-61
2013-2014 Transportation Contract/Extensions

<u>Contractor’s Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	4/20/1999	0.00
Acme/Baumann	6/2/2000	0.00
We Transport	5/22/2003	52,983.00
Suburban Bus	5/25/2005	60,018.00
Acme Baumann	5/30/2006	447,768.00
Anytime Bus	5/30/2006	0.00
We Transport	5/30/2006	0.00
Suburban Bus	5/30/2006	0.00
Acme/Baumann	5/31/2007	0.00
Suburban Bus	5/31/2007	0.00
We Transport	5/31/2007	11,290.00
Anytime Bus	5/6/2010	0.00
Acme/Baumann	5/6/2010	6,319.00
Educational Bus	5/6/2010	0.00
First Student	5/6/2010	0.00
Suburban Bus	5/6/2010	20,755.00
We Transport	5/6/2010	25,722.00
Acme Baumann	6/23/2010	0.00
Educational Bus	6/23/2010	0.00
Acme/Baumann	8/25/2010	0.00
Educational Bus	8/25/2010	0.00
We Transport	8/25/2010	0.00

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<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Acme/Baumann	5/6/2011	0.00
Educational Bus	5/6/2011	10,013.00
First Student Bus	5/6/2011	0.00
Suburban Bus	5/6/2011	0.00
We Transport	5/6/2011	0.00
Acme Baumann	8/18/2011	0.00
First Student	8/18/2011	0.00
We Transport	8/18/2011	0.00
Acme/Baumann	5/8/2012	7,757.00
Anytime Bus	5/8/2012	0.00
Educational Bus	5/8/2012	10,039.00
Suburban Bus	5/8/2012	0.00
We Transport	5/8/2012	0.00
Acme/Baumann	8/15/2012	0.00
Anytime Bus	8/15/2012	0.00
Educational Bus	8/15/2012	0.00
We Transport	8/15/2012	0.00"

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

- 17. MOTION:** Mr. Powers moved, "RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following 2013 Summer Contracts for Pupil Transportation, and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the attached contracts and insurance agreements:

RESOLUTION #13-14-62
2013-2014 Transportation
Contracts

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Educational Bus (new)	5/13/2013	6,490.00
Dell (new)	5/13/2013	0.00
We Transport (new)	5/13/2013	0.00
Acme/Baumann (new)	5/13/2013	0.00
Anytime Bus (new)	5/13/2013	0.00
First Student (new)	5/13/2013	0.00."

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

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18. MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Walter A. McDermott Telephone Auditing Services and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract.”

RESOLUTION #13-14-63
Telephone Audit Contract

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

NOTE: Mr. Powers requested background information on this company. Mr. Pappas asked if this contract was for only cell phones. Dr. Grossane answered that it was for all telephone lines. He explained that this company comes in and audits your phone bills for the last couple of years. The main benefit is you get a more accurate sense of how many phones you have active in the district and if your bill is accurate.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

19. MOTION: Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) regarding the release time of the LUT President and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to executive the MOA.”

RESOLUTION #13-14-64
Memorandum of Agreement – Release Time

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION: Ms. Marengi moved, “To Table this item until the next Board meeting.”

MOTION TO TABLE

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

20. MOTION: Ms. Marengi moved, “RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) regarding the Charges pursuant to Education Law § 3020-a bearing the State Education Department (“SED”) Case Number 21,678 and the Supplemental and Additional Charges pursuant to Education Law § 3020-a bearing the State Education Department (“SED”) Case Number 22,537 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the MOA.”

RESOLUTION #13-14-65
Memorandum of Agreement 3020-a

Seconded: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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VI. **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS** – (continued.)

21. **MOTION:** Mr. Pappas moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve a Change Order to the existing contract with Ultimate Power, Inc., to furnish and install a new kitchen hood with exhaust system and kitchen fire suppression system with all components meeting current code standards.

RESOLUTION #13-14-66
Change Order – Division Ave
Kitchen Exhaust & Fire
Suppression System

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached change order."

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

**MOTION FAILED. Three members voting yes.
(Ms. Marenghi, Mr. Pappas and Mr. Regan)
One member voting no. (Mr. Powers)**

NOT APPROVED. 3-1-0

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, "To Reconsider Agenda Item #21 (Change Order – Division Ave (Kitchen Exhaust & Fire Suppression System)."

SECONDED: Mr. Pappas

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

22. **MOTION:** Mr. Pappas moved, "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve a Change Order to the existing contract with Ultimate Power, Inc., to furnish and install a new kitchen hood with exhaust system and kitchen fire suppression system with all components meeting current code standards.

RESOLUTION #13-14-67
Change Order – Division Ave
Kitchen Exhaust & Fire
Suppression System

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached change order."

Seconded: Ms. Marenghi

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS (continued.)

23. MOTION: Ms. Marengi moved, "To approve the following Schedules:

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Schedules

Schedule 13-G-2 (Resignation/Termination – Certified Personnel)."	1001	
Schedule 13-GG-2 (Resignation/Termination – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1002	
Schedule 13-H-3 (Appointments – Certified Personnel)."	1003	
Schedule 13-H-3a (Appointments - Administrators)."	1003a	ADDED
Schedule 13-H-3a1 (Salary Change – Certified Personnel)."	1004	
Schedule 13-H-3c (Designation - Consultants)."	1005	
Schedule 13-HH-3 (Appointments – Non-Instructional Personnel)."	1006	
Schedule 13-O-2 (Students with Disabilities)."	1007	

Seconded: Mr. Powers

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Add Schedule 13-H-3a.

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0.

24. MOTION: Ms. Pappas moved, "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Albert Chase to the position of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance for the period August 14, 2013 to June 30, 2014 as per the conditions of the attached Letter of Understanding, and

RESOLUTION #13-14-69
Interim Assistant Superintendent
for Business and Finance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to sign said Letter of Understanding."

Seconded: Mr. Powers

MOTION CARRIED. Four members voting yes.

APPROVED 4-0.

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VI. **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS** (continued.)

25. Ad Hoc –
(none)

VII. **ADJOURN**

MOTION: Mr. Powers moved, seconded by Mr. Pappas
to adjourn the public meeting 8:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

PLEASE NOTE: COPIES OF ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED ARE GIVEN TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THEN KEPT WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES IN THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE.

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read. Dr. Grossane and/or Board members will respond to questions, after the last speaker is heard.

Marianne Adrian 17 Woodcock Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Adrian, a parent of two children in the district, spoke about the assessment tests. She had many concerns for the Board regarding these tests. She was hoping her questions would open up communication between Board members, Administrators and parents. Ms. Adrian felt the Common Core Standards is a system that is tearing down teachers' abilities to teach and providing them with a scripted curriculum that is neither at an appropriate grade level and not common. She stated that this is all a political and corporate agenda being pushed on the public education system. Ms. Adrian wanted the Board to fight this new system. Additionally, she sent a letter to the Board requesting information on the assessment test dates.

Tom Kohlman 806 Brent Dr., Wantagh, NY

Mr. Kohlman addressed the Board regarding the assessment test scores. He commented that he was fully aware that the State predicted low test scores. He wanted to know where we rank with similar school districts. According to Mr. Kohlman's calculations, the neighboring school districts had better test scores than Levittown. Additionally, he questioned what was happening with the brick walkway at MacArthur High School. He was under the impression that work was to begin on Aug 1st but he has seen nothing has been done to date.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein congratulated Mr. Regan on his appointment to Board President and noted she looked forward to changes in a positive direction for our children. She remarked that she was happy that she chose for her child to refuse to take the test because he will not feel like a failure when he gets his results. Ms. Finkelstein stated that if you know the truth about what goes on at the State Education Department, you know that this was preplanned and that the scores have been changed. She reported that there is a huge following of parents who have finally woken up to what is going on. She urged the district to step up to the plate and do what's in the best interest of children not for scores.

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RESPONSE:

In response to Mr. Kohlman's concern about the Walkway:

Mr. Regan reported that he had been to visit the site and was told they were about to start.
Dr. Grossane commented that he would look into why the work has not started.

In response to the concerns regarding the test scores:

Dr. Grossane shared that he would report back on questions and comments at the next Board meeting. He noted that at that time he would have an in-depth ranking. He pointed out that we became educators because we love to see children learn and succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Appelbaum,
District Clerk

