

DATE: JULY 23, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING

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

MINUTES

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT:

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice President (excused absence)
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith
Mr. Kevin Regan (excused absence)

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Greg Gillan, School attorney

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6 :30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Ward seconded by Mr. Moran and approved (4-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss items on the Executive Session Agenda relating to negotiations.
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:45 PM at which time Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all those protecting our country at home and abroad.

NOTE: The Planning Session was held first with the Special Meeting starting at 9:30 PM.

II. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

III. ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

IV. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION: "The following be appointed as Central Treasurers for the Extraclassroom Activity Funds for their assigned schools for the 2014-15 school year.

RESOLUTION #14-15-73
Appointment of Central Treasurers for Extraclassroom Activity

- Alice LoGiudice Division Avenue
- Diana Benevento MacArthur
- Virginia Wezwick Jonas Salk
- Janice Friedman Wisdom Lane
- Cristy Pastore GC Tech"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

2. MOTION: "WHEREAS it has become necessary to hire a police science (public and private security) teacher at GC Tech, and; WHEREAS, after substantial efforts to secure a satisfactory teacher, the only acceptable applicant is a retired police officer,

RESOLUTION #14-15-74
Appointment Police Science Teacher

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the hire of Robert MacKay as the aforementioned police science teacher for the period September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015."

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked why a resolution had to be done for this position since it is also on a schedule. Ms. Rhatigan responded that a waiver is needed for this position. Mr. Ward asked if this was the going salary. The answer was yes.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

3. MOTION: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with the necessity of scheduling positions for the 2014-2015 school year, and in accordance with the appropriate section of the New York State law, that one account clerk position will not be required."

RESOLUTION#14-15-75
Declaration of Excess
Positions

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

4. MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept with thanks the following gifts:

RESOLUTION #14-15-76
Gift to School

- a. a check for \$135.75 for Lee Road School donated by Stop and Shop, 1385 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
SECONDER:	James Moran, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

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

RESOLUTION #14-15-77
Obsolete Textbooks

<u>School</u>	<u>Quantity/type of book</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Gardiners Avenue	634 Math/Reading texts	July 2014"

NOTE: Mr. Ward inquired if any headway had been made since the last discussion on the textbooks. Ms. Rifkin explained that there is a process in place but that there has not been any new activity as yet. Mr. Ward wanted to know if a district wide club could be formed to sell these textbooks on E-bay or Amazon. Mr. Gillan, legal counsel, stated that the district has policies and has to be careful about proper disposing of obsolete property especially for a profit. He mentioned that he would like more time to do further research.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

6. MOTION: “RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy #1410, the Board of Education hereby waives the second reading for proposed revision of Board Policy #6212 Professional Staff Hiring.”

RESOLUTION #14-15-78
Waive second read of policy

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked why we are waiving the second reading. Mr. Pappas explained that the spirit of the policy was incorporated into the hiring list.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
AYES:	Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

7. MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the following revised policy:

RESOLUTION #14-15-79
Approval of Revised Board of Education Policy #6212 Professional Staff

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
6212	Professional Staff Hiring"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Marengi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

8. MOTION: “That the Levittown Board of Education approve the following schedules:

RESOLUTION #14-15-80
Schedules

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| 1001 | 2014-G-2 | Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel |
| 1002 | 2014-GG-2 | Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1003 | 2014-H-2 | Appointments - Certified Personnel |
| 1004 | 2014- H-2-a | Appointments, Administrators – Certified Personnel |
| 1005 | 2014-T-1 | Textbook Adoption |

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Pull schedule 1003 - #4 & #6, schedule 1003.2 - #18.

NOTE: Dr. McDonald explained that the schedules are being pulled because they do not comply with the new policy as all of the paperwork has not been completed. She noted that they will be rescheduled for the August meeting. Mr. Pappas thanked Central Office for incorporating the new policy into hiring these candidates. Ms. Marengi thanked Dr. McDonald, Central Office and Principals for working diligently to complete this work quickly.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [4-0-1]
MOVER:	Frank Ward, Secretary
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Marenghi
ABSTAIN:	Frank Ward
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Moran, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Marenghi
EXCUSED:	Powers, Regan

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

NOTE: Tapes of the meeting are available for review at the Levittown Library.

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Jane Finkelstein 848Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein had questions regarding hiring practices and procedures. She went over policy # 6212, Professional Staff Hiring, specifically the paragraph on conflict of interest. She wanted to know how someone from Central Administration is allowed to have a family member interviewed for a position as an elementary school teacher. Ms. Finkelstein stated that the Board had made many policies over the years and if they are not going to be followed what is the point. She also questioned the nepotism affidavit.

RESPONSE:

Ms. Marenghi thanked Ms. Finkelstein for her concern. She stated that because of policy #6212, certain members of Central Administration did not sit on any interview committees that a relative was involved in. Therefore, there was no conflict of interest. Ms. Marenghi further explained that a direct supervisor for that person would be the Superintendent of Schools and the principal of the building. She noted that the District's legal counsel feels we have fulfilled our requirements for that policy.