

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

**DATE: AUGUST 13, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** was duly called and held on Wednesday, August 13, 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 Public Library and posted on the district's website. Further, all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ms. Peggy Marenghi, President  
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice President  
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary  
Mr. James Moran  
Mr. Michael Pappas  
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith  
Mr. Kevin Regan

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

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

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Ms. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Moran and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourns to Executive Session to discuss the following items: legal and personnel matters.
- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:40 PM at which time Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of those fighting abroad and at home and all those suffering at this time.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(none)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the organizational meeting and the regular board meeting which were held on July 9, 2014 and the special meeting of July 23, 2014."

**NOTE:** Since not all Board members were able to view the minutes on-line, it was decided to table them until the next meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin J Regan, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Smith, Regan, Marengi

IV. REPORTS

A. Recognition  
(none)

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

Dr. McDonald reported that the Division Avenue Marching Band has been practicing in the building all week which was very nice to watch and hear. Ms. Rifkin was asked to speak about the professional development program with Dr. Chris Parker. She noted that this summer a Teacher Reading Academy was offered and we had such a positive response from teachers that we had to schedule an additional day.

1a. Transportation Presentation by Dajuana Reeves

Ms. Reeves, Supervisor of Transportation, and Mr. Howard, Assistant Business Manager, gave a detailed presentation on the status of the district's transportation department. In their overview, they spoke about the transportation staff, transportation equipment, maintenance of buses, bus purchases, contracted and in-district route services and test drilling concerns.

Ms. Reeves recommended purchasing one large wheelchair bus to have as a spare, in case our older wheelchair bus is out of service so that we can fulfill our transportation obligations. Additionally, this new bus would be more fuel efficient. The Board had many questions on this purchase. They asked how often this bus breaks down and what we do when it does. Ms. Reeves responded that it broke down once last year and we used our small vans to transport the students. If we had an extended breakdown, we would have to use an outside vendor. Mr. Moran asked if our mechanics were ASC Certified and if we had the capabilities to use scanners to assess problems. The answer was yes. Mr. Ward asked how many students the wheelchair bus holds. Ms. Reeves remarked that our current bus holds five wheelchair students and the one we want to replace it with, holds six.

Mr. Howard went over the proposed bus purchase schedule for three large buses. He commented these purchases were to replace the 2004/2005 models primarily due to the difficulty of finding parts and that they require a lot of maintenance. He mentioned that we could trade in these old buses for a reasonable trade-in value because they are within a ten year window. Mr. Howard stated that we can offset the cost of these bus purchases with a 50% revenue in state aid.

Mr. Pappas asked how long it takes to get our aid money back for the buses. Mr. Howard responded that it is a five year pay back amortization.

Mr. Pastore discussed the CSEA contractual considerations to bring routes back into the district. He noted that according to the contract, the drivers would have rights to those routes. Dr. McDonald clarified that there is nothing precluding us from contracting out sometime in the future through attrition. Mr. Regan asked what the average turnover rate for a driver was.

Mr. Pastore responded two or three a year. Mr. Pappas inquired if we were planning on taking back these routes. Dr. McDonald answered that the plan is to take back the routes for our in-house students to obtain a better cost savings. Those students who attend other schools, we would use contracted out buses because they tend to be longer distances. Mr. Regan mentioned that he would like to see a plan regarding this issue. Mr. Powers stated that he would like to see specific contract costs for those individual routes and the calculated costs for in-house.

Mr. Pappas asked if we had to give advanced notice to the contacted bus company. Ms. Reeves stated that the contracts are for a fiscal school year and this consideration is for next year. There was discussion as to whether or not to pull certain contracts. Dr. McDonald suggested that we approve the contracts and hold them in abeyance and do not file or submit them until an analysis is done. Ms. Marengi noted that Administration has a direction to follow. Dr. McDonald advised that she would bring back this discussion for the next meeting.

Mr. Ward inquired about a software system that was purchased called Gas Boy System. Ms. Reeves reported that this system monitors the fuel that is used for transportation and maintenance vehicles, as well as the vehicles of other school districts that we service. Additionally, it helps with our billing and keeping track of fluctuations in fuel prices. Dr. McDonald asked what the gas attendants do when they are not pumping gas. Ms. Reeves answered that they keep track of the fluids used and clean the inside of the bus. Mr. Pappas inquired how the fuel tracking was accomplished prior to Gas Boy being installed. Ms. Reeves stated that she was not here during that time but would obtain the information requested. Mr. Moran remarked that the attendants do exactly what they did before Gas Boy. Mr. Regan asked if the bus drivers fuel their own buses. The answer was no that someone manually pumps the gas for them. Mr. Pappas stated that there was no saving by purchasing the Gas Boy system if there was no reduction in payroll. Dr. McDonald explained that Gas Boy was proposed approximately four years ago but was only installed two years ago because of an IT issue. She noted that at that time there was supposed to be a change in the workforce as a result of Gas Boy. Dr. McDonald reported that this system provides a better way for the billing and a more efficient way to monitor the gas that is pumped. She noted it does provide a service just not the one that we thought it would. She informed the Board that she would look into their concerns regarding this issue.

Mr. Howard pointed out that our in-district bus drivers are trained to use Epi-pens if needed, even though it is not a state requirement. He noted that our contactors do not train their drivers to use these pens. Ms. Marengi asked if every bus, at all times had an Epi-pen. Ms. Reeves responded that if a student is classified as allergy student with a 504 Plan, the parent gives the bus attendant the Epi-pen, and it is passed off to the nurse when they arrive at school. Mr. Howard commented that a lot of our drivers are Levittown residents and therefore more committed to our students. Additionally, since these drivers are local they know the routes better. Mr. Pappas remarked that these local drivers know many of the students on the bus.

Mr. Pastore reported that the U.S. Navy and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, are conducting drilling activities to test groundwater quality. As a result of this drilling, a route change would be required due to the location of the equipment used. Since big buses can't fit through, a solution would be to contract out these routes for a day or two. Ms. Marengi noted that there is test drilling on her street and it takes up a lot of room. She mentioned

that they may be coming back to do more testing. Dr. McDonald remarked that we should have advanced notice if they plan on returning and react accordingly.

Mr. Pappas inquired about alternative fuel buses. He advised that New York State has a grant for clean air school buses. He wanted to know if we can apply for this grant. Dr. McDonald remarked that some of the problems with propane gas is that the buses are limited in scope, and with natural gas you have to have a place to fuel the buses. There was a discussion on costs involved. Dr. McDonald stated that she would look into this grant.

Mr. Pappas wanted to know the average life span of a bus. Ms. Reeves stated that to break even it would be approximately eight years but you have to take into consideration the miles traveled so it could be ten to fifteen years. She advised that if you reach the maximum of fifteen years, the depreciation value will be much less. There was a discussion on this subject. Additionally, Mr. Pappas asked the average cost per student for transportation. Dr. McDonald stated she would get this information for the Board.

Ms. Marengi thanked Ms. Reeves and Mr. Howard for the report which had a very easy to follow format.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions  
(none)

3. Follow-up to Board Questions  
(none)

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports  
(none)

2. Correspondence  
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

The new student liaisons were not present.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 14-15-81

**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 July, 2014 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

**NOTE: Mr. Moran left the room.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith
<b>AWAY:</b>	Mr. Moran

1. Setting the Tax Levy

RESOLUTION # 14-15-82

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the following budget (\$206,153,716) of the necessary claims and expenditures in Levittown Union Free School District (#5), in the Town of Hempstead, school year 2014-2015, Amounting to:

\$ 198,758,768	School Purpose
\$ 7,394,948	Library Purpose
Total \$ 206,153,716	be and the same is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of:

\$ 133,280,952	School Purpose
\$ 7,253,548	Library Purpose
Total \$ 140,534,500	

be the remainder of the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be raised by taxation \$133,280,952 for School Purposes and \$ 7,253,548 for Library Purposes; total of \$140,534,500 for the Levittown Union Free School District (#5) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2014-2015 be levied upon the taxable property of said school district as said property has been certified by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2014-2015; 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, 2014.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

6 YES      0 NO

<b>Present :</b>	Mr. Pappas	<u>Yay</u>
	Ms. Quinones-Smith	<u>Yay</u>
	Mr. Powers	<u>Yay</u>
	Ms. Marengi	<u>Yay</u>
	Mr. Regan	<u>Yay</u>
	Mr. Ward	Yay

The resolution was declared adopted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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**NOTE: Mr. Moran returned to the room.**

3. Claims Auditor Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-83

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Claims Auditor Report prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending July 31, 2014."

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas commented that the numbers and percentages were low due to July being a slow month. He asked if that was the reason for the late employee reimbursements. Dr. McDonald responded that employees are either turning in their receipts late or a purchase order is not in place. Mr. Pappas wanted to know why the Business Office was not identifying the over 90 day invoices. Mr. Howard explained that there are different interpretations of what time period the 90 day window starts. He remarked it could be date of service or invoice date. He noted that there were discrepancies with this date when reviewed, between the auditors and the Accounts Payable Department. Mr. Pappas inquired what the generally accepted accounting principal is in regard to when the time starts on these 90 day invoices. Mr. Pastore remarked with confirming purchase orders, it is the date of the invoice. In regards to 90 day invoices, there are many exceptions such as tuition adjustments and parentally placed students. Mr. Pappas would like to see the numbers kept low and reoccurring issues addressed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

4. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

RESOLUTION # 14-15-84

**MOTION:** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

## a. Ongoing employees

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires the Levittown Public School District to determine full-time status of ongoing employees in order to establish eligibility for health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, eligibility must be determined prior to the start of the health plan year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allow for look-back measurement periods to be used for ongoing employees to determine whether an employee is a full-time employee; and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District desires to establish a look -back standard measurement period, administrative period and stability period for its ongoing employees; and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District provides a health plan and is a participating municipality under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District's health plan year is a calendar year which runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the standard measurement period for ongoing employees shall be a period of 12 months to be measured from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administrative period for ongoing employees shall be a period of 61 days to be measured from November 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stability period for ongoing employees, determined to have averaged at least 30 hours of service per week during the standard measurement period, shall be a period of 12 months to begin immediately after the administrative period on January 1, 2015 and to continue until December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stability period for ongoing employees, determined not to have averaged 30 hours of service or more per week during the standard measurement period, shall be a period of 12 months to begin immediately after the administrative period on January 1, 2015 and to continue until December 31, 2015; and

b. New Variable Hour Employees

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires the Levittown Public School District to determine full-time status of new variable hour employees in order to establish eligibility for health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allow for look-back measurement periods to be used for new variable hour employees to determine whether an employee is a full-time employee; and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District desires to establish a look-back initial measurement period, administrative period and stability period for its new variable hour employees; and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District provides a health plan and is a participating municipality under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Levittown Public School District's health plan year is a calendar year which runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the initial measurement for new variable hour employees shall be a period of 12 months which shall begin on the first day of the first calendar month following the employee's start date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administrative period for new variable hour employees shall be a period which shall begin at the end of the initial measurement period and shall continue through the end of the first full calendar month beginning on or after the end of the initial measurement period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stability period for new variable hour employees, determined to have averaged at least 30 hours of service per week during the initial measurement period, shall be a period of 12 consecutive calendar months to begin immediately after the administrative period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stability period for new variable hour employees, determined not to have averaged 30 hours of service or more per week during the initial measurement period, shall be a period of 12 consecutive calendar months to begin immediately after the administrative period."

**NOTE: Mr. Pappas inquired about the administrative, stabilities and look back period. Dr. McDonald explained that the administrative period is when you have open enrollment, the stability period is when you are actually providing the health services to the employee and the look back period is when you look to see over a given period of time who qualifies under the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, Mr. Pappas asked what this means to the district in terms of cost. Dr. McDonald clarified that our predictions for this year is that we need to make a 70% threshold, offering healthcare to full-time employees which she noted we will make without any problems. She further explained that the next piece of the Obama Care Legislation is Part B which asks if the healthcare is affordable to people. If we do not offer affordable healthcare, and this is brought up to the exchange, we could be liable for a penalty for each occurrence. There was a discussion on the subject.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

5. 2014-15 Transportation Contracts/Extensions

RESOLUTION # 14-15-85

**MOTION:** "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following 2014-15 transportation contracts/extensions:

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

**2014/2015  
SCHOOL YEAR  
TRANS.  
SENTCO  
CONTRACTS**

<u>EXTENSIONS:</u>	<u>BID DATE</u>	<u>APPX.COST</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>SCHOOL:</u>	<u># of Students:</u>
E999780	4/20/1999	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E800650	6/2/2000	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E251838	5/22/2003	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
E410146	5/25/2005	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
E256986	5/30/2006	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E256987	5/30/2006	\$0	ANYTIME BUS		
E256988	5/30/2006	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
E256989	5/30/2006	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
E411039	5/31/2007	\$46,017	ACME/BAUMANN	St. Chris	2
E411041	5/31/2007	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
E411042	5/31/2007	\$5,752	WE TRANSPORT	St.Mary	1
E412440	5/6/2010	\$0	ANYTIME BUS		
E412441	5/6/2010	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E412442	5/6/2010	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
E412443	5/6/2010	\$0	FIRST STUDENT		
E412444	5/6/2010	\$21,149	SUBURBAN BUS	AHRC/Brookville	1 w/Attn
E412445	5/6/2010	\$28,878	WE TRANSPORT	Holy Child/ Vin.Smith	2
E412446	6/23/2010	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E412447	6/23/2010	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
E412449	8/25/2010	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E412450	8/25/2010	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
E412451	8/25/2010	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
E266545	5/6/2011	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E266547	5/6/2011	\$10,203	EDUCATIONAL	Upper Room	1
E266548	5/6/2011	\$0	FIRST STUDENT		
E266549	5/6/2011	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
E266550	5/6/2011	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		

E266552	8/18/2011	\$0	FIRST STUDENT		
E266551	8/18/2011	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
E270444	5/8/2012	\$7,904	ACME/BAUMANN	Sol.Sch	1
E270443	5/8/2012	\$0	ANYTIME BUS		
E270442	5/8/2012	\$5,115	EDUCATIONAL	Progressive	1
E270440	5/8/2012	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
E270439	5/8/2012	\$14,879	WE TRANSPORT	St.Edward	2
E270445	8/15/2012	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
E270446	8/15/2012	\$0	ANYTIME BUS		
E270447	8/15/2012	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
E270448	8/15/2012	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
C413279	5/13/2013	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
C413275	5/13/2013	\$0	FIRST STUDENT		
C413277	5/13/2013	\$0	ANYTIME BUS		
C413278	5/13/2013	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
C413276	5/13/2013	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
C271612	8/12/2013	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
C271613	8/12/2013	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS		
C271614	8/12/2013	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
C271615	8/12/2013	\$0	ACME/BAUMANN		
C271616	8/12/2013	\$20,563	FIRST STUDENT	JE Allen	1 w/Attn
C272389	10/2/2013	\$13,247	ACME	Gersch	
C272387R	10/18/2013	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		0
C272388R	10/18/2013	\$39,853	FIRST STUDENT	Lexington	1 w/Attn
C272610	12/4/2013	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
New	5/15/2014	\$44,160	Acme/Baumann	Lourdes/Pines/Masera	3
New	5/15/2014	\$0	WE TRANSPORT		
New	5/15/2014	\$0	EDUCATIONAL		
New	5/15/2014	\$0	FIRST STUDENT		

Estimated **\$257,720**

Annual total:

NOTE: Mr. Ward had questions on the Baumann company's bus run for two students to St. Christopher's in Baldwin. He noted that there is another Baumann bus run, Lourdes/Pines/Masera, for three students that is less money. Ms. Reeves explained that the St. Christopher's run is for a per pupil amount not for a whole vehicle. The Lourdes/Pines/Masera run will be adjusted to reflect that only 1 student will be serviced and therefore the cost will be less. Mr. Ward asked why there is such a big gap in the costs for the runs. Ms. Reeves shared that when you do a per pupil per month, the bus company bids according to a general average of how many students are riding on that bus. Since we are part of SENTCO, we can use the buses with other local districts and based upon the number of students they have in comparison to what we have, will determine the cost of the bus.

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

6. Nassau BOCES Final Contract for 2013-14

RESOLUTION # 14-15-86

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the final contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$8,845,982.86 to cover services and other expenses for the 2013-14 school year,

Be it further RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

7. Nassau BOCES Initial Contract for 2014-15

RESOLUTION # 14-15-87

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the initial contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$8,127,546.52 to cover services and other expenses for the 2014-2015 school year,

Be it further RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement."

**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas asked if BOCES spending has gone up or down. Mr. Pastore responded that it went up. Mr. Pappas requested the numbers.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

8. Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

RESOLUTION # 14-15-88

**MOTION:** "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."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Powers, Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

9. Change Order - Masonry - LMEC

RESOLUTION # 14-15-89

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following change order to the existing contract with Pella General Construction Corp.:

Change order # 1 - LMEC column removal and resulting brick repair\$ 49,000.00,

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

**NOTE:** Dr. McDonald explained that this was to remove a large back column that supports an overhang which was found to be structurally unsound. This column will not be replaced because it was only there for aesthetics and the cost is too high. Mr. Pappas asked if insurance would cover this. Dr. McDonald replied no because the overhang was part of the original building. She shared that she had taken pictures for posterity for the Levittown Museum. Additionally, Mr. Pappas remarked that Pella is doing an amazing job and going the extra mile. He requested that painting be done to the garage and other areas that are unsightly. Dr. McDonald noted she would check to see what money is available in the budget. She was happy to report that Pella had done extra work not contracted for and that they have donated a new engraved granite stone for the front of LMEC.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

10. Bid - Renewal - Vending Machines

RESOLUTION # 14-15-90

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the renewal of the following bid with MyHealthyThing:

<u>Bid #</u>	<u>Description</u>
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12E No. 16-	Vending Machine Services per proposed commission rate."
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**NOTE:** Mr. Pappas noted this was a bid renewal and asked if we still had to vote for a contract renewal. Mr. Pastore reported that this bid has to be renewed every year and that the bid is the contract. Mr. Pappas was concerned about the lack of pricing and the delay in notifying the vendor that we were renewing. Mr. Howard responded that there is an original pricing sheet but because of the new food requirements this year, many of the items are no longer eligible, therefore a new list is being developed. Mr. Cohen advised that when the pricing is available, the contract will be brought to the Board. Dr. McDonald remarked that after the approval of this bid, a contract will be made available. Mr. Pappas asked that the resolution be amended to reflect that the Board will see a contract.

**AMEND A FOLLOWS:** Add the following sentence after MyHealthyThing - *Subject to a modification and extension of the contract with a new pricing schedule.*

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

11. Contract with Seneca Consulting

RESOLUTION # 14-15-91

**MOTION:** RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Seneca Consulting Group in the amount of \$15,500 to cover services related to the Affordable Care Act for the 2014-15 school year; and, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

**RESULT:** MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Ed Powers, Vice President  
**SECONDER:** Frank Ward, Secretary  
**AYES:** Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

12. Obsolete Computer Equipment

RESOLUTION # 14-15-92

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the computer equipment on the following lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value:

School / Building	Number of Items	Type of Items	Date of List
Abbey Lane	17	Computers / Monitors	7/11/14
Division Ave	33	Computers / Monitors	7/11/14
East Broadway	17	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
Gardiners Ave	24	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
Lee Road	4	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
LMEC	8	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
MacArthur HS	12	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
Northside	15	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
Salk MS	60	Computers / Monitors	7/11/14
Summit Lane	23	Computers / Monitors	8/4/14
Wisdom Lane MS	23	Computers / Monitors	7/11/14

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

13. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 14-15-93

**MOTION:** "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:

- Salk Middle School list dated, July 2, 2014: Total of 243 items
- Lee Road list dated, July 23, 2014: Total of 2 items

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

14. Obsolete textbooks

RESOLUTION #14-15-94

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Quantity/type of book</u>	<u>Date of List</u>
Lee Road	285 English Language Arts Texts	July 22, 2014
	120 Math Texts	"
	25 Social Studies Texts	

**NOTE: Dr. McDonald reported that the District has contracted with Follet to purchase these books.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Moran, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Karen Quinones-Smith, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

15. Gift to School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-95

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

- a. check in the amount of \$240.00 donated to Division Avenue High School by Men's Warehouse Cash for your School Program."

**NOTE: Mr. Regan thanked everyone for their generous donations to the district.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

16. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 14-15-96

"That the Levittown Board of Ed approve the following schedules:

1001	2014-G-No. 3	Resignations, Certified Personnel
1002	2014-GG-No. 3	Resignations, Non-Instructional Personnel
1003	2014-H-No.3	Appointments, Certified Personnel
1004	2014-H-No.3a	Appointments- Salary Change, Certified Personnel
1005	2014-H-No. 3c	Designation, Consultants
1006	2014-H-No. 3g	Designation, Coaching
1007	2014-HH-No. 3	Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel
1008	2014-K.No. 2	LOA, Certified Personnel
1009	2013-0-No.11	Students with Disabilities"

**NOTE: Mr. Powers had questions regarding schedule 2014-H-No. 3c #1 (Designation, Consultants). He asked about the account code. Mr. Pastore responded that it was for contractual services for athletics under Mr. Snyder's code. Mr. Powers wanted to know why the District Athletic Director is paying for solely one school, MacArthur, to be videotaped. There was discussion on this subject. Dr. McDonald mentioned that taping is a valuable service to the children in that when the students apply for scholarships, they can use this video tape to show highlights of the game to the colleges. She remarked that coaches also use the tapes to scout for the next games. Ms. Marengi noted that the student is given a raw copy of the tape and they have to produce a highlight reel. Dr. McDonald stated that if there is a significant amount of students in other sports that are trying to get scholarships, we will look into taping those games as well. Mr. Powers asked Ms. Vaughn Ware, a parent, if anyone was taping Girls Lacrosse. The answer was no. Ms. Rhatigan mentioned that it might become a Title 9 issue in that you must be equitable between boys and girls sports. Dr. McDonald noted she would investigate this issue.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Powers, Ward, Moran, Pappas, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

## VIII. AD HOC

### Contracts to be posted

Mr. Pappas mentioned that he had previously inquired about posting all vendors and employee contracts for the district on our website. He wanted to know if there was a follow up on this request. He feels that tax payers should know who and what their taxes are paying for. Mr. Cohen remarked that all this information is available under FOIL except those related to Special Education services where you can identify the student. Dr. McDonald stated that she would look into this matter.

### Student Activity Accounts

Mr. Powers noted that at the July Board meeting he had noticed that the Student Activity Accounts had large balances. He was told that the balances would come down as of the August account reconciliations because large collections had gone through but not the payments. He requested an update on those accounts. Dr. McDonald explained that they are usually provided quarterly. Mr. Powers said he only wanted to see the August month end. Dr. McDonald suggested that he wait until the end of September because the teachers that reconcile those accounts are not in yet. Mr. Powers agreed to that.

## IX. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kevin Regan, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Ward, Secretary
<b>AYES:</b>	Ward, Powers, Pappas, Moran, Regan, Marengi, Quinones-Smith

**NOTE: The Regular Board was adjourned at 9:17 pm**

Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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

**PUBLIC BE HEARD**

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

**Kathleen Vaughan Ware**

**824 Pineneck Rd, Seaford, NY**

Ms. Vaughan Ware welcomed Dr. McDonald back and Ms. Smith to the Board . She asked if the district could provide resources to tape Girl's Lacrosse games as they do football games for recruiting purposes. Another question Ms. Vaughan Ware had was what the district has done to prepare our teachers and boost their moral for the rigors of teaching common core math in the coming year.

**Tom Kohlman**

**808 Brent Drive, Wantagh, NY**

Mr. Kohlman asked if the Board of Education meetings would be going to a live webcast, as he had requested at the Meet the Candidates Night.

**RESPONSES**

In answer to Ms. Vaughan Ware's first request , Dr. McDonald stated that if there was a demand for taping, it could be discussed further. On the question of Common Core Math, Dr. McDonald noted she would get back to her.

In response to Mr. Kohlman, the Board noted they would investigate this matter and respond back.