

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

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, September 10, 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENT:

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President
Mr. Ed Powers, Vice President
Mr. Frank Ward, Secretary
Mr. James Moran – left the meeting at 9:25 PM
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
Ms. Grace Shin – MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Ms. Christina Reilly – Division Avenue High School Student Liaison

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

- B. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:15 PM. On a motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Powers and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following items: contracts and personnel matters.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM at which time Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women who are serving overseas and at home protecting our freedoms, especially as we near September 11th.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marengi was happy to see a full house and thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting. She welcomed the new Student Liaisons, Grace Shin and Christina Reilly.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting which were held on July 9, 2014, the Special Meeting of July 23, 2014 and the Regular Meeting which was held on August 13, 2014." April 9, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and April 24, 2014 (Special Meeting)

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

IV. REPORTS**A. Recognition****1. Art Display - East Broadway School**

Ms Marengi acknowledged the beautiful art work in the Board Room and hallway from East Broadway. She remarked it is always wonderful to see.

2. Student Recognition

Paul An - MacArthur High School: NYSSMA All-State Violin – alternate

Brianne Giuliano - MacArthur High School: NYSSMA All-State, Double Bass – alternate

Whitney Sun - MacArthur High School: NYSSMA All-State, Violin, alternate; Viola , String Orchestra

Jenna Thomas - MacArthur High School: NYSSMA All- State Symphonic Band, Trombone

Kara Burke: Division Avenue: NYSSMA All-State, Alto II - alternate

John Genzale - Division Avenue: NYSSMA All-State Bass I - alternate

Jillian Power - Division Avenue: NYSSMA All-State Snare Drum -alternate

Jack Sawula: MacArthur High School: All-National Honors Choral Ensemble: Mixed Chorus

The students listed above were given certificates and recognized by the Board. Dr. McDonald remarked that we are very proud to honor the musical accomplishments of our students. She thanked all the parents and students for their patience and said that they can now celebrate how much they have achieved. Ms. Marengi commented that it is wonderful to see that we have so many students in our musical department being honored. She stated that Levittown is a district that truly values the arts in education, and we have a music program that serves hundreds of children. She noted that it is wonderful to see our children recognized in our town, county, state and nationally.

NOTE: There was a consensus of the Board to have Public Be Heard taken out of order and discussed at the beginning of the meeting. These comments appear at the end of the minutes. Additionally, the Transportation Presentation was presented before the NYS Assessments Results.

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

a. Presentation: Review of NYS Assessments Results

Ms. Rifkin provided a power point presentation of a review of the 3 – 8 NYS Assessments along with multiple measures. She noted that the following multiple measures will be discussed:

- **NYS Assessments – what value they have and how we will use that data**

In discussing this data, Ms. Rifkin pointed-out that the wording in the performance levels that are designated by NYS have changed. She mentioned that throughout the presentation our data will be compared with Nassau County and our surrounding districts. She went over the highlights of the data. She reported that on Long Island, math tests scores rose and English scores were down. The tests administered for grades 3-8 this spring reflected a heavy impact from a statewide opt-out movement with about 10% of Long Island students missing this year's tests and 5% statewide. Regarding Individual Score Reports, Ms. Rifkin announced great news in that we are now able to post these reports on the Parent Portal in Power School as soon as the data becomes available to BOCES. She advised that this is the last year that student's individual reports will be mailed home since we now have this tool. Regarding accountability status, Ms. Rifkin mentioned that Levittown has been identified as a district in good standing; however Gardiners Avenue has been identified as Local Assistance Plan School (LAP). A LAP School is a school that: failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP); has large gaps in performance between subgroup and non-subgroup students; and low performing subgroups. Ms. Rifkin stated that Gardiners Avenue was cited as a LAP school because there were large gaps in performance between subgroup and non-subgroup students. She noted this label was not expected because Gardiners Avenue performed relatively well as compared to the rest of the district, however this school has a large population of students with disabilities and while the general education students scored high, the special education students scored lower, providing the large gap. Ms. Rifkin mentioned that many top rated districts on the Island are on this watch list. She discussed the steps that will be taken to meet the requirements that are mandated. She noted that a Local Assistance Plan would be presented to the Board for approval. Dr. McDonald commented that some parts of this plan could also be used for the district's other schools.

Mr. Pappas questioned if the majority of opt-out students would have fallen into the upper levels. Ms. Rifkin answered that it is difficult to say especially since many of our students have opted out two years in a row. Ms. Marengi asked for the breakout of percentages for students of level 1 and 2. Ms. Rifkin advised she would provide that data.

- **AIMSweb** – Universal Screening and Progress monitoring instrument used in K – 3

Ms. Rifkin reported that AIMSweb is a Universal Screener given to all students in grades K-3, three times a year (fall, winter and spring) that helps us identify the students that need additional assistance. She mentioned that progress monitoring is also done every few weeks for the students that are identified to make sure that they are making progress. Ms. Rifkin commented there are data analysis meetings to see where each student needs assistance to determine what intervention is needed. She remarked that our goal is early intervention, so that we prevent students from being classified later on.

Mr. Marengi questioned how many times the screening and monitoring was used. Ms. Rifkin explained that AIMSweb is a universal screening and progress monitoring tool. The universal screening is administered to the entire population. Progress monitoring is given to identify students regularly to ensure students are making progress. She noted that for K-3, AIMS Web is used and for grades 4 – 6 North West Evaluation Association (NWEA). Mr. Ward asked when these measurements are being given. Ms. Rifkin responded during class time in September, January and May.

- **NWEA for Reading**
- **NWEA for Math**

Ms. Rifkin noted that NWEA is an adaptive assessment which finds where the student's level of comfort is in answering questions. She explained that it is administered to all students in grades 4 – 6 in the fall and spring. It measures the students' growth against himself/herself and against a national norm. Ms. Rifkin pointed-out that the NWEA data tell us that our mean score is typically at or above the national mean. It provides us with a lot of instructional information such as the strengths and weaknesses of each child and gives us a roadmap for learning. Ms. Rifkin went over the data.

Dr. McDonald questioned if you can only receive national information from NWEA. Ms. Rifkin responded yes, that they set the norms and the targets. Dr. McDonald asked for an explanation on some points since the measurements seemed odd. Mr. Powers commented that these reports reflect that you grow less as you grow older. Ms. Rifkin remarked that the greatest gains are made in the younger grades.

- **Developmental Reading Assessment II - Individually administered reading test**
- **Read 180, System 44**
- **District Benchmark Assessments**

Ms. Rifkin mentioned that each piece of data has value and it's important that we look at each piece that is available and that we use each one for what it is worth instructionally. Ms. Rifkin discussed in detail how the data was analyzed. She talked about what is available for the students moving forward and what the challenges are ahead. With regard to student testing, Ms. Rifkin noted that we still have some challenges as to the effects of the test length, frequency and time devoted to student testing; the timely availability of the test results, and the misconception that the Common Core and student testing are one and the same. Ms. Rifkin stated that we are invested in the Common Core and there are some great parts to it. She shared that it is important to remember that we have to continue to teach the skills the children need to be successful in today's society.

Mr. Ward asked where the Curriculum Associates (CA) fit in. Ms. Rifkin noted that it varies in each content area. She went on to explain that this year the CA for Reading and Intervention Services works most closely with the elementary students on the whole RTI process and the implementation of Journeys; the Social Studies CA has been very involved in adopting the new Social Studies program and will continue with training and turn keying teachers; the Science CA has field trips to the high schools for the students to visit the science labs, the CA's for Math and Language Arts will be meeting with the Advisory Committees to speak about their content areas. Ms. Rifkin shared that the CA's are very busy with the two high schools and middle schools, but she tries to have them as involved as much as possible at the elementary level to keep the continuity of instruction for K -12.

Ms. Marengi thanked Ms. Rifkin for her report. She stated that the Board has some concerns regarding the scores and that they would review the data with Dr. McDonald. She noted that as the Board formulates its goals for the school year, curriculum is something that we will keep in the forefront of our minds to be able to see what has to be done.

b. Presentation: Transportation – Follow up from August 13, 2014 Board Meeting

Ms. Reeves, Supervisor of Transportation, and Mr. Howard, Assistant Business Manager, addressed the questions that were asked at the previous Board Meeting with respect to Ms. Reeves' presentation. She spoke about the following: the recovery plan for taking back bus routes; the projected cost of the actual contracted routes vs. in house; students transported in wheelchairs; the SENTCO bid; test drilling on Levittown streets; Gas Boy; Natural Gas/Propane vs. Diesel/Unleaded Buses and the NYSERDA Grant; and the average cost per student, per day for transportation.

The Board discussed the above topics and had the following questions:

Mr. Pappas asked about the grant obtained by a specific school district. Mr. Howard mentioned that grant funding changes frequently and the current grant does not have any funding for the initial infrastructure investment for compressed natural gas. Mr. Pappas wanted to know if propane gas was \$10,000 per bus with \$7,500 back and if that was pre-aide. Mr. Howard answered yes it was pre-aide. Additionally, Mr. Howard mentioned that another advantage of propane is that it fills quickly, like diesel fuel. Dr. McDonald stated that natural gas is not a viable alternative for the district, but propane is something we could definitely look into. She mentioned that there are some companies that will fill your buses with propane as opposed to having a tank. Mr. Pappas asked if they could be retrofitted for CNG and propane. Mr. Howard answered that it is cost prohibitive to retrofit engines. Dr. McDonald stated that if we went with a propane fleet, we would still have to hold some diesel buses because propane cannot go over bridges or through tunnels. Mr. Ward was concerned about the safety of the propane buses. Dr. McDonald noted that at her previous district, they bought propane buses and they work very well. Dr. McDonald noted that propane buses cost more as opposed to diesel buses but there are other advantages. Mr. Pappas asked for a report on transportation giving you projections of where we are, where we are going and comparisons to other districts. Dr. McDonald advised that she would provide this report but that the data is always a couple of years behind. Mr. Pappas asked how old the TAS Report was. Ms. Reeves responded January 2012. Mr. Pappas commented that we are using old numbers to buy new contracts. Mr. Pastore noted that for this presentation current salary, health insurance and retirement information was used. Regarding the question on test drilling, Ms. Reeves remarked that she used alternative ways to get through the streets. Ms. Pastore reported that drilling should be completed by the end of this week.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard

a. Discussion: Taping of Athletic Games

Dr. McDonald announced that Mr. Snyder, the Athletic Director, would speak about a question that was raised at a recent Board meeting regarding taping of athletic games. He reported that presently both high schools' varsity football teams film all their games, home and away. He commented that at Division Avenue High School a service, called Varsity Media, is used. This service charges about \$210 per game and that includes a person filming and several copies of the game film. Mr. Snyder mentioned that the district belongs to a group that shares films of opponents that we will eventually be playing.

At MacArthur High School someone comes in to film the games. Mr. Snyder noted that between the two schools, the district pays approximately \$3,000 to film the games. He remarked that some coaches have family members that film the games and they are sometimes shared. He stated that without filming our football program we would be at a disadvantage. Mr. Snyder provided the Board with a breakdown of the cost to film all regular season athletic games which is \$125,370. He stated that all films are used for training purposes to improve our student athletics in their individual sport. Additionally, they can be used for college recruitment.

Dr. McDonald asked if Mr. Snyder had surveyed other districts to see what sports they film. He responded that some districts film lacrosse, soccer and swimming and they are subsidized by the schools or the booster clubs. He mentioned that some of the film clubs will film the games. Mr. Regan asked if the figures given were for professional services. Mr. Snyder answered yes they were. Mr. Snyder reported that to film in-house, we would need to buy more sophisticated equipment and have someone film. Mr. Powers asked if any coaches from our sports teams expressed a need or interest to have their games filmed. Mr. Snyder answered no, that if any team member wants to be filmed they find a family member to film them. Dr. McDonald stated that she felt the Board now has significant information to make a decision on this issue.

b. Discussion: Procedure to use for follow-up of Public Be Heard questions

Dr. McDonald requested the Board give her directions on how they would like Public Be Heard questions answered. She stated that at times there needs to be a discussion in public about a topic raised at Public Be Heard; other times, for factual information a response by letter is more appropriate. Mr. Pappas gave a brief history of responses to Public Be Heard questions. He explained that questions were asked by residents at Board meetings and they expected an immediate answer from Administration. He noted that was changed to answering the questions at the next meeting to allow time to research the information. There was discussion from the Board on this matter. Mr. Powers advised that the issue is that at this time, the answers are not given in public. Mr. Regan commented that some questions can be answered right away and some you need to gather more information. He was under the impression that all questions were answered in public at the next Board meeting and feels there is no reason to change that format. Ms. Marengi summarized the procedure to be followed in that a resident will ask a question at Public Be Heard and if it can be answered directly, it will be addressed; if it requires additional information, a response will be sent home prior to the next Board meeting where the answer will be shared in public. There was additional discussion on: group questions, lengthy answers, no dialogue/debate. Dr. McDonald pointed out that some questions require

discussions in public with the Board and some can be addressed quickly. She noted that she will answer all questions in writing unless it needs to be discussed in public by the Board, in which case that resident will be informed of when that subject will be talked about. Additionally, the answers will be addressed in public at the next meeting. The Board agreed with this procedure.

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

a. Overtime Procedures

Dr. McDonald thanked Mr. Milano, Director of School Facilities & Operations, and his staff for the wonderful job they did in preparing the schools for the start of school. On behalf of the Board, Ms. Marengi complemented Mr. Milano and stated that all the buildings were in great shape when they did their walk-through. Mr. Regan remarked that he was impressed with the custodial staff and the great job they did during the hot summer months. He stated that they had two months to prepare these buildings after ten months of wear and tear. Additionally, Mr. Regan spoke about the Levittown Soccer Club opening at MacArthur field which draws over 2,000 people. He commended Mike Gunn, Head Custodian at MacArthur, for a fantastic job of making sure the event ran smoothly.

Dr. McDonald asked Mr. Milano to speak about the current overtime procedures. Mr. Milano noted that these procedures have been in effect since March 2014. He said that there are two categories of overtime, planned and emergency. The process for approval for planned overtime is that the request must be submitted to Mr. Milano's office prior to the overtime being worked and after being denied or approved, the form is sent back to the requestor to be submitted with their payroll time sheets. Emergency overtime is when the need arises with little or no notice. This procedure is that the requestor must complete an emergency form and seek immediate approval from Mr. Milano via telephone or email and then the approved form is sent to payroll with a timesheet. Mr. Pastore reported that our Internal Auditors were asked to review our procedures for overtime to see if they could find any improvements. This process will include looking at the amounts of overtime and the shifts that we have. Mr. Pastore commented the auditors will report back to the Board with any recommendations. Additionally, Dr. McDonald announced that her staff is working on a very detailed analysis on this subject which she hoped to present at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Pappas wanted to know what the auditor could tell us about the planned and emergency overtime. Dr. McDonald noted that they will look at our procedures from a critical point of view and tell us if what we are doing is sufficient in terms of shifts and staffing. She commented that she welcomes audits because their criticism helps us to be better and to grow as a district along with being transparent. Mr. Pastore spoke about the advantages of having auditors in that they bring insight to help us improve our system, especially since they see the procedures and problems that other school districts have. Dr. McDonald stressed that this audit will require us to develop a corrective action plan that will address any of the audit comments that are made. Mr. Pappas stated that most of the auditors comments should be regarding things that our supervision should be picking up on their own. He did agree that it is always good to have an extra set of eyes. He asked if the audit report would show if we are tracking the overtime in the proper period. Dr. McDonald assured him it would especially since she will be reviewing the time sheets. Mr. Ward asked how far back she would be reviewing. Dr. McDonald advised that she will start with July of this year and then go back into last year. She noted that the process is extremely labor intensive. Mr. Pappas commented that we need to get a handle on overtime. Dr. McDonald remarked that it is a systemic problem but she is confident that a solution can be found.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

There were no comments or reports at this time.

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

3. Student Liaisons

Ms. Marengi asked the two students liaisons to introduce themselves and inform the audience what is happening at each high school.

Ms Reilly, a senior and President of Student Counsel at Division, gave a brief summary of the many activities she pursues. She reported on information for Homecoming. Additionally, she noted that the brick walkway and archway have been completely installed.

Ms. Shin, a senior, President of the National Honor Society and National Merit Scholar from MacArthur, spoke about her many interests. She advised that the boys Varsity Soccer Team had recently won the Levittown Cup against Division Avenue. Ms. Shin recognized the musically talented students that were honored along with a recently awarded research student who received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal. She reported that the high school was preparing for Homecoming.

NOTE: Mr. Moran left the meeting at 9:35 PM.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 14-15-97

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 August 2014 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

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

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 14-15-98

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the following reports from the Business Office.

- Appropriation, Revenue, Trial Balance – For the month ending July, 2014
- Claims Auditors Report – Prepared by Albrecht, Viggiano and Zureck and Company, P.C. for the month ending August 2014

NOTE: Mr. Pappas pointed out that the Board never had the Claims Audit Reports for discussion in a timely fashion until last August. He noted that the number of confirming purchase orders has gone down significantly. He was pleased with this result. Mr. Pappas commended Mr. Pastore and his staff.

- Treasurer's Report – For the month ending July, 2014

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

3. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 14-15-99

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014."

NOTE: Mr. Powers questioned the Classroom Activity Funds. He noted that he had previously asked about these funds which had high balances and now seem to have come down a bit but in a few instances are still surprisingly large.

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

4. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-100

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

- a. a grant of \$2,000 from Target Corporation, PO Box 1296, Minneapolis, MN 55440-1296. The funds will be used to pay teachers and purchase books to facilitate book clubs for students in all six elementary schools. The appropriate revenue and expenditure codes will be adjusted accordingly.
- b. clay for the varsity baseball field at Division Avenue High School, donated by the Division Avenue Diamond Club, c/o Abbate, 377 Oak Street, Suite 209, Garden City, NY 11530"

NOTE: Mr. Marengi thanked everyone for their generous donations.

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

5. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 14-15-101

MOTION: "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfers have been prepared and recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance,

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

NOTE: Dr. McDonald reported that these were the end of year transfers. She noted that the report was a new format and asked if the Board approved. Mr. Pappas commented that when there is a large number of transfers this arrangement is fine but when there is only a few, he would like to see more detail.

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

6. Transportation Contracts

RESOLUTION # 14-15-102

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:

<u>Contractor's Name</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Cost</u>
First Student	8/6/14	0
Acme/Baumann Bus	8/6/14	0
We Transport Inc	8/6/14	0

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract(s)."

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

7. Transportation Contract - Shared Services

RESOLUTION # 14-15-103

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 shared services transportation contracts wherein Levittown Public Schools will provide transportation to students in the Island Trees School district on a per-bus, per-diem, per-mile or other unit cost basis for providing such transportation on a suitable conveyance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute the contract(s)."

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

8. Contract with Life's Worc

RESOLUTION # 14-15-104

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Life's Worc, with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to cover Special Education services 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, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi,
EXCUSED:	James Moran

9. Contract with Central Park Therapy

RESOLUTION # 14-15-105

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Central Park Therapy, with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to cover Special Education services 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, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi,
EXCUSED:	James Moran

10. Contract with Eden II School

RESOLUTION # 14-15-106

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Eden II School, with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to cover Special Education services 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, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi,
EXCUSED:	James Moran

11. Authorization Foreign Field Trip

RESOLUTION # 14-15-107

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize students at Division Avenue and MacArthur High Schools to participate in a foreign field trip to Montreal from March 3 to March 10, 2015 "

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Change the dates on the trip to read: **March 8 to March 10, 2015.**

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

12. Food Service Committee 2014-15

RESOLUTION # 14-15-108

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint the people on the attached list to the Levittown School District Food Service Committee for the 2014-2014 school year."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas commented that there were still openings for food service representatives at a few of the schools. He mentioned that the Board had established a three year limitation on service to the committee. Mr. Ward stated that it is difficult to fill this committee therefore some members are serving for more than three years. Ms. Marengi asked if attempts were made to get other people on the committee. Mr. Ward responded affirmatively and reported that signup sheets were circulated at a recent PTA meeting and there was no response. Ms. Genco had a point of information in that as the PTA units have their meetings, there is hope that more people will sign up for the committee.

Mr. Pappas asked if the new pricing schedule for the MyHealthyThing contract was available since it was approved pending the contractual prices. Mr. Pastore noted that they had just come in. Mr. Cohen explained that this pricing list must be presented to the Board. Dr. McDonald remarked that it will be at the next meeting.

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

13. Agreement - Impartial Hearing

RESOLUTION # 14-15-109

MOTION: "RESOLVED: That an agreement resolving an impartial hearing involving a certain student is hereby approved."

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

14. Compensation for Per Diem Substitute Teachers

RESOLUTION # 14-15-110

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the increase in compensation for per diem substitute teachers from \$90 per day to \$100 per day, commencing September 2, 2014"

NOTE: Mr. Pappas questioned if the all the money in the code for substitute teachers was used last year. Ms. Rhatigan responded no and that the figures were calculated in this year's budget. She noted that the money was underspent. Dr. McDonald reported that at budget time there was a plan to raise the fee but the resolution never took place until now. She commented that the figures will be provided to the Board.

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

15. Resolution of a Grievance

RESOLUTION # 14-15-111

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Levittown Unit #7551 of the Nassau Educational Local #865 of the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc., regarding Grievance number C001 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Settlement Agreement.

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

16 Schedules

RESOLUTION # 14-15-112

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

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| 1001 | 2014-G-No. 4 | Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel |
| 1002 | 2014-GG-No. 4 | Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1003 | 2014-H-No. 4 | Appointments - Certified Personnel |
| 1004 | 2014-H-No. 4a | Appointments - Certified Personnel |
| 1005 | 2014-H-No. 4g | Designation, Coaches |
| 1006 | 2014-H-No. 4h | Appointments – Extra Curricular |
| 1007 | 2014-HH-No. 4 | Appointments, Non-Instructional |
| 1008 | 2014-K-No. 3 | Leave of Absence - Certified Personnel |
| 1009 | 2014-KK-No. 3 | Leave of Absence - Non-Instructional Personnel |
| 1010 | 2014-O-No. 3 | Students with Disabilities |

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

VIII. AD HOC

Revision Policy # 3330 Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security - first read

Some Board members were missing their copy of the policy. Ms. Rhatigan explained that most of the policy is straight forward, codifying most of what is already done. She mentioned that something new to the policy is the supplemental information regarding third-party contractors. Ms. Rhatigan commented that there is significant discussion on this subject. Mr. Cohen reported that his firm was working on a boiler plate language to include in the policy. He noted that he was waiting for the State Education regulations. The Board had no further changes.

MOTION: “That the Board go into Executive Session at 9:55 PM.” **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mr. Ward, Secretary
SECONDER:	Kevin Regan, Trustee
AYES:	Ward, Powers, Pappas, Quinones-Smith, Regan, Marengi
EXCUSED:	James Moran

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 10:30 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

PUBLIC BE HEARD

Ms. Marengi read a statement from the Board of Education and Superintendent in response to inquiries from residents to reduce the mileage requirements for children living south of Hempstead Turnpike.

Marianne Adrian 17 Woodcock Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Adrian had questions on the state test results such as what outcome is the district hoping to derive from the results of the tests, will the individual student's results be used to drive instruction for that student, do teachers utilize last year's results to help drive instruction for the individual student and if not, how do you see these test results helping the students to grow.

RESPONSE: Dr. McDonald stated she would send her response to Ms. Adrian and the information will also be repeated, in public, at the October 8th meeting.

Tom Kohlman 806 Brent Drive, Wantagh, NY

Mr. Kohlman stated that there was no response to his request at the last Public Be Heard session regarding live webcast for the Board meetings. He wanted the subject discussed and hoped to have this feature for future Board meetings.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein stated that she had previously spoken about the 9th grade students regarding getting extra help. She wanted to know what the regents failure rate was for 9th grade students in Common Core Algebra Regents as well as the regular Algebra Regents. She commented that the high school students are suffering greatly due to the demands put on them by the New York State mandates. Additionally, Ms. Finkelstein again asked how much money the district spends on unfunded mandates for testing and computer software. Another question from Ms. Finkelstein was regarding Public Be Heard and if was going to be changed. She remarked that she would like to receive her answers in public so that everything is transparent. She noted that the library did not have the current minutes or audio tapes of the meetings.

RESPONSE: Dr. McDonald shared that there would be a presentation on the Regents results at the next Board Meeting. Regarding the comments on Public Be Heard, she reported that the Board would be discussing this topic at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC BE HEARD (CONTINUED)

Wendy Lantigua 7 Sparrow Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Lantigua spoke about the mileage issue for bus transportation. She advised that the what was told to the Superintendent's office was not a .5 distance change but a change from 1.5 to 1 mile. Ms. Lantigua remarked that all the information given regarding dollar amounts and wording were incorrect.

She didn't understand why as parents they did not have the ability to petition this matter. She stated that a lot of information was given to her regarding how to go about implementing a petition which she found confusing. Ms. Lantigua would like to have the right petition so that she can go about it the correct way and be able to change the mileage rule. Ms. Lantigua expressed her concern that children have to be safe.

RESPONSE: Dr. McDonald pointed out that Ms. Lantigua was given the correct petition. She reported that the 1 mile limitation will not cover all the children south of Hempstead Turnpike, it has to be .5 mile. Dr. McDonald shared that her understanding was that Ms. Lantigua's desire was to have all the children south of Hempstead Turnpike receive busing so that they would not have to cross Hempstead Turnpike.

Pamela Mojica 17 Ranch Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Mojica also wanted to speak about a change in the transportation mileage. She noted that reducing the mileage limit to 1 mile would save the children from crossing Gardiners Avenue. She mentioned that if the state changed Hempstead Turnpike to a Child Safety Zone, and only the children south of Hempstead Turnpike were bused, you would no longer need the mileage limit to be .5 mile. Additionally, Ms. Mojica wanted to address rounding up the mileage.

RESPONSE: Dr. McDonald responded that the Proposition for mileage was 1.5 and therefore cannot be rounded. It is not a viable option. Ms. Marengi remarked that we are guided by law to follow the parameters set by the community residents of Levittown. She stated that neither the Board of Education nor the Superintendent has the power to make any changes without voter approval. Ms. Marengi commented that the procedures to follow for a petition have been discussed and we will make sure she receives more information if needed.

