

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

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2015**REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 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. Kevin Regan, Vice President, excused absence
Ms. Karen Quinones Smith, Secretary
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Mr. James Moran
Mr. Michael Pappas
Mr. Frank Ward

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Darlene Rhatigan - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Donald Sturz- Assistant to the Superintendent- excused absence

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Mr. Amaninder Thind– MacArthur High School Student Liaison
Mr. James Lunetta – 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. Moran, seconded by Mr. Ward and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following items: legal and or personnel items.

- C. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 PM at which time Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember all fighting overseas for our freedom and all those who have suffered great loss and hardship this week in Oregon.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the August 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, the August 26, 2015 Planning Meeting and the September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

IV. REPORTS**A. Recognition**1. National Merit Recognitions

Semi-Finalist -

Ashley Kim – MacArthur High School

Commended Students -

Kyle Cieslicki, Anthony DeMartino, Kyle Lampasona - MacArthur High School

Joseph Di Paola, Michael Mahoney, Arnav Sharma, Libbie Sudweeks, Sepideh Vasseghi, Anna Yoo -
Division Avenue High School

Ms. Rifkin announced that several students would be honored as a result of their high PSAT scores through the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. The principals of the two high schools, Mr. Sheehan and Ms. Lorelli, introduced their students. The Board congratulated the students and they were presented with certificates.

2. Art Display – Abbey Lane School

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

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

APPR Hardship Waiver

Ms. Rifkin informed everyone that New York State came out with new regulations for Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) governed by Education Law § 3012-d. School districts that fail to have an approved plan in place by November 15, 2015 will not be eligible to receive increased State funding. This law simplifies the APPR structure but gives Districts less discretion in the formulation of plans. Ms Rifkin explained that she met with her Committee early in the summer to discuss and negotiate some of the changes that were presented. She went over some of the key changes to this new law. However, being that it was summer it was difficult to get everyone together until the first day of school, therefore a completed plan is not in place yet. The State has informed Districts that if no plan is in place by October 1st, they can apply for a hardship waiver. This would keep us for now on the old regulations until a new plan is approved. She mentioned that every district in Nassau County is applying for this waiver. Ms. Rifkin described some of the key pieces of information the State is asking us to obtain for this waiver. Dr. McDonald shared that the committee has had meaningful discussions because eventually this is going to happen. She remarked that it was unfair of the State to ask any district to develop this plan over the summer. It was difficult to do over such a short amount of time. Ms. Rifkin advised that we have every intention of coming up with a plan to ensure that we have a fair system for our teachers and principals. She noted that this plan would be in place by the beginning of the next school year.

Food Service Committee

Mr. Pastore shared that we have had a food service committee for several years and they do a great job. He mentioned that these are dedicated people who come out once a month and visit the schools. He noted that the terms of the Committee members is limited to three years based on Board guidelines unless an exemption is given. He advised that it has been a problem recruiting new members. Mr. Pastore stated that the individuals listed on the agenda for approval have been on the committee previously. He remarked that we need to discuss whether we can have members exceed the three year limit. Ms. Quinones-Smith asked if students can join. Mr. Pastore responded that the current committee includes students but we can give them a bigger role. Mr. Ward advised that it is difficult to staff that committee and if someone wants to continue on the committee it doesn't hurt us. Mr. Pappas asked if the PTA could seek out new members. Ms. List, PTA Council President, was asked for a point of information. She remarked that it is hard to find parents that are available to volunteer on a regular bases. She feels the food service committee is an extremely important one. It is the eyes and ears of what goes on in the cafeteria. Ms. List noted that in recent years the high schools students on the committee have been a wealth of information and a huge resource for us. She pointed out that it is nice to have people on the committee that have been there a few years because they then have background knowledge. She would hate to discourage anyone who wants to volunteer. Ms. Marengi had questions on the role of the volunteers. Ms. List explained that students know the parent volunteers and feel they are approachable with any concerns. Mr. Pappas remarked that the volunteers are more like independent observers.

Long Island Consortium for Excellence and Equity (LICEE)

Ms. Rifkin stated that Levittown has been asked to participate in this Consortium. She explained that this Association is made up of districts across Long Island that meet monthly for very high quality professional development provided by the University of Pennsylvania School of Education. Dr. McDonald pointed-out that we are very proud to be counted among the very best performing districts on Long Island. She shared that the training is free and our teachers can then turnkey it.

Assistant Basketball Coaches -helmets

Dr. McDonald advised that she had received several requests from parents to have assistant basketball coaches. She asked Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, to discuss this with the Board. Mr. Snyder noted that at one time there had been assistant coaches but they were eliminated during a budget crunch. He feels it is now time to have them reinstated. Mr. Snyder explained how the process works for Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) coaches. He stated that in a Varsity game the JV coach assumes the assistant coach position with no compensation. Games are usually played back to back. Mr. Snyder stated that it puts a lot of undo pressure on the JV coach. In the case of a student injury, the Varsity coach stays with the injured student while the JV coach stays with the game. If a JV coach is not at the game, the game would end. Mr. Snyder advised that assistant coaches bring rudiments and basics to the game. They enhance team play with more hands on deck. In assessing surrounding districts, Mr. Snyder reported that eight districts have assistant coaches while nine do not. He stated that the assistant coaches would be just on the Varsity level for four teams, both boys and girls. Mr. Pappas asked what other teams on the Varsity level do not have assistant coaches. Mr. Snyder responded only basketball and volleyball. Mr. Pappas asked why he wasn't asking for assistant coaches for the volleyball teams. Mr. Snyder remarked that volleyball is a non-contact sport. Mr. Pappas noted that the Board policy does not distinguish between contact and non-contact sports, just the number of players on a team. Ms. Marengi was shocked to find out that we did not have assistant coaches on the basketball teams. She asked for backup data on student injuries on the basketball and volleyball teams. Ms. Adrian suggested that we put something about contact sport vs. non-contact sport in our policy. Mr. Pappas asked if we could add stipends to the JV coaches pay. Dr. McDonald felt that assistant coaches could be helping out at practices. Mr. Snyder remarked that the more adults supervisors and coaches that work with our children, the more the team benefits. The consensus of the Board was to amend our guidelines to include wording about contact sports. Dr. McDonald suggested that Mr. Snyder look at his numbers at budget time to see what can be adjusted to include assistant coaches for basketball. Additionally, Mr. Snyder had football helmets on display from current to previous years. He noted that Newsday had recently posted a report on football helmets which he felt was a flawed study. Mr. Snyder passed around data on football helmet safety ratings. Mr. Snyder went on to discuss the report. He noted that we have had very few students with concussions. He feels this is due not just to the helmets used but also to the way our athletes are coached using proper tackling techniques. Dr. McDonald stressed that the helmets we use are certified safe. Mr. Pappas thanked Mr. Snyder for a doing a great job.

Citizens Advisory Committee on Budget (CAC)

Mr. Pastore reported that there were only three volunteers for the Committee and the Board guidelines say you need at least ten community members. Mr. Pappas stated his opinion that you should have the Committee even if you only have a few people. He noted that you give them only one area to focus on. Ms. Marengi commented that we set guidelines so that the Committee could be effective and we should adhere to them. There was a discussion on this issue. It was decided by consensus that the Budget Committee would not run this year but be offered again next year. Dr. McDonald stated that she would reach out to the individuals on the list to let them know that we will sit down with them and answer any questions or concerns they have.

Districtwide Security

Mr. Pastore provided information on our security force. He noted that we have open shifts in the late night and early morning hours, especially for the weekends. He commented that his staff was working on ways to fill these shifts because it was becoming very difficult to staff the overnight shifts. Ms. Marengi asked what was the pay structure for these hours. Mr. Pastore explained that we have ten month and twelve month security employees along with part-timers. The rate for the part-timers is significantly less than for full-time employees. Dr. McDonald commented that the plan is to come back to the Board at the next meeting with a recommendation on how to deal with this issue moving forward. Mr. Pastore thanked Mr. Carroll, Mr. Milano and all of the security staff who spend all their time protecting us and watching over the district's assets. They do a great job.

Weighting of Regents Exams

Ms. Rifkin announced that the district will not be having a mid-term week. School will continue as usual for high schools. She noted that there will be quarterly assessments in some classes that count as a test grade. In the past, there were six grades weighed as one sixth to determine the final grade for the student. Since we will no longer have the mid-term grade, the thought was to have each test count as 20%. She stated this creates a problem because of some new tests being given. Ms. Rifkin shared that several districts will be devaluing the weight of the Regents Exam in the student's final average. She noted that our recommendation is to change the weighting of the Regents to 10% and divide the other 90% so that it comes out to 22.5% per quarter for the four quarters. Dr. McDonald shared that many districts will be implementing the State's recommendation that the Regents exam not be counted at all in the student's final average or assessing on a student by student bases which she feels is unethical. She stated that our proposal of 10%, makes the Regents count for something and won't hurt the student. Dr. McDonald asked for feedback from the Board. Ms. Marengi commented that using scores on a person by person basis is not a fair playing field. Her personal opinion is that the 10% weighting can't hurt and may even help the student, it is more meaningful. Dr. McDonald remarked that what gives you success in this world is hard work and what shows students hard work, is their quarter averages and how much they do during the year. Mr. Pappas stated that we hired Dr. McDonald to run the district and if this is her opinion than I am on board. The consensus of the Board was to move forward.

PSEG (LIPA)

Mr. Pastore wanted to make everyone aware of a recent change made by Nassau County for PSEG. This change was supposedly made so that PSEG would not raise their rates to the homeowners. He reported that they moved from a Class 4 Commercial Property to a Pilot (payment in lieu of taxes) Program. Mr. Pastore explained the differences in the classes for Adjusted Base Proportions and Assessments. Dr. McDonald noted that Nassau County has increased the amount that single family homes will pay by 1.13913%. Mr. Pastore remarked that Utility Companies will pay less of the tax burden this year. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, shared that the County is considering allowing Utilities to pay their Pilot over time or make partial payments. This decision might affect school districts in that you might get less money in the beginning of the year so that you would have to go out for Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS). These TANS are like bridge loans to use while you wait for your tax revenues. Dr. McDonald explained that the district only has a few major sources of revenue, such as State Aid and taxes. This money does not come in right away but we always have payroll to meet. She commented that Levittown is very fortunate in the we have not had to go out for TANS for a very long time. Additionally, Mr. Cohen remarked that this change could impact next year's calculation of our tax levy cap. Dr. McDonald advised that the district would continue to update the community on this issue.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard

(none)

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

(none)

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA)

Ms. Adrian discussed the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on proposed resolutions which will be acted upon by the delegates at the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Dr. McDonald explained the process which was that the Board can choose to accept these recommendations and charge our Board voting delegate to vote that way or go over each amendment individually and vote for what NYSSBA says or against. Ms. Adrian reviewed several of the resolutions that she felt had the most discussion at a recent meeting. The Board talked about these resolutions and how to vote. Ms. Marengi thanked Ms. Adrian for her participation at the NYSSBA meetings.

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Lunetta shared that Division Avenue had a very exciting Homecoming this year with perfect weather. The highlight of the day was the Dragons victory over North Shore. He reported the following: three talented musicians have been selected to perform at the Long Island String Festival Association Annual Conference Concert; six seniors placed among top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2014 PSAT Qualifying Test; the JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams will be holding their Annual Dig Pink Fundraiser and games this week; the marching band won 2nd place in the competition at Huntington High School; and our athletic programs are doing very well.

Mr. Thind announced that all of MacArthur's ninth graders received their tablets and training on how to use them from Microsoft representatives and our IT Department. He commented that MacArthur's pep rally and homecoming was a huge success. Mr. Thind remarked that the mini-college fair was very informative with valuable information obtained from over thirty colleges. MacArthur students also performed at the Long Island String Festival Association.

V. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 15-16-93

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 September 2015 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas questioned some of the checks written for our architects, trees and Johnson Controls. He asked when Johnson Controls would begin their work. Mr. Pastore responded that they had started already. He commented that the lights in some buildings have been changed and the windows have film on them to reflect the sunlight. Mr. Pastore thanked Mr. Milano and Mr. Tosner for all their help in following up with the work from Johnson Controls.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 15-16-94

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

- End-of-Year Appropriations and Revenue Reports for the month ending June 30, 2015
- Appropriation, Revenue, Trial Balance – For the month ending July 31, 2015 and August 31, 2015
- Claims Auditors Report – Prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending September 30, 2015
- Treasurer’s Report – For the month ending July 31, 2015 and August 31, 2015

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

3. Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION # 15-16-95

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached the Corrective Action Plan in response to the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit dated June 29, 2015, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance is authorized to submit the Corrective Action Plan to New York State.”

NOTE: Mr. Pappas had many questions on the recommendations from the Auditors. He asked if we had prior years data available. Dr. McDonald stated that the information is included in the Risk Assessment Report. Mr. Pastore explained that when the Annual Review Report is completed, the Board will be able to make comparisons with the data. Mr. Pappas questioned some of the comments on the contracts from the plan. There was discussion on this subject. Mr. Pastore stated that the auditors want the districts to have the contracts completed on a timely bases, prior to the billing. Mr. Cohen, legal advisor, explained that there are many different contracts. The contracts for special education services and health and service are pretty much boiler plate with very little change. The contracts with private providers are more highly negotiated and have different provisions. Mr. Cohen noted that certain language was put into the contracts to protect the district

because contracts that are for the expenditure of money are not valid until the Board of Education approves them. Mr. Pappas asked about the charges for the outside use of facilities. Mr. Pastore explained that the auditors want to make sure that the district recoups all of the overtime charges. Lastly, Mr. Pappas wanted to know how the credit memos are being handled. Mr. Pastore noted that this is an internal control issue and the auditors wanted to make sure that we have segregated the duties. There was a discussion on this issue.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith

4. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 15-16-96

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

<u>Code from</u>	<u>Code to</u>		<u>Amount</u>
A21101300 Teacher Salaries 7-12	A20201500	Supervision - Princip.	\$ 30,000
A21101300 Teacher Salaries 7-12	A20201600	Supervision - Cler Sal	\$ 81,000
A21101300 Teacher Salaries 7-12	A21101401	Mentoring	\$ 40,100
A21101300 Teacher Salaries 7-12	A99019501	Interfund St Schools	\$ 7,900
A90558001 Emp Ben Work Comp	A90408000	Emp Ben Work Comp	\$ 228,700
A90408000 Emp Ben Soc Security	A90308000	Emp Ben Soc Security	\$ 61,500

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

5. Change Order

RESOLUTION # 15-16-97

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following Change Order:

Change order G-3.01 Tromel Construction, Division Avenue Cafeteria (1,773.00)

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

6. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION # 15-16-98

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

7. Gift to School

RESOLUTION # 15-16-99

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

A check of \$3,000 from Nassau County Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds Association, 2 Harrison Woods Court, Northport, NY 11768. The funds will be used for scholarships to be determined by the District."

NOTE: The Board thanked Mr. Milano for securing this scholarship.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith

8. Contract Auctions International

RESOLUTION #15-16-100

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Auctions International to handle the auctioning off of surplus items for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked how many districts currently use this contract, its length and how much money the district anticipates receiving. Mr. Cohen responded that there is an escape clause in the contract that says the Board can cancel it. Mr. Pastore commented that he did not expect to make a lot of money but these items may be worth something to somebody.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-1-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	James Moran
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Quinones-Smith
NAYS:	James Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

9. 2015-16 Outdoor Education Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 15-16-101

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached transportation contract with Nassau BOCES for the 2015-16 school year outdoor education trips at a cost of \$25,300.00.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

10. Transportation Contract BOCES

RESOLUTION # 15-16-102

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached transportation contract with Nassau BOCES for the 2015-2016 school year outdoor trips at a cost of \$12,501.00.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

11. Transportation Contract IMA contract from Island Trees SD

RESOLUTION # 15-16-103

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the contract with the Island Trees UFSD for transportation services for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

12. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-104

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following vendors to provide special education services for the 2015-16 school year.

- Woodward Children’s Center
- Oyster Bay East Norwich
- Island Trees Public Schools
- Bethpage UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

13. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 15-16-105

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached tuition contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts for the purpose of Levittown providing specialized educational services at the GC Tech program to children residing in those districts:

- Bethpage School District
- East Meadow School District
- Hewlett Woodmere School District
- Plainedge School District
- Seaford School District
- Wantagh School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

14. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 15-16-106

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school district to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in these districts for the 2014-15 school year:

- Mineola Public Schools;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

15. Contract with MTI Production

RESOLUTION # 15-16-107

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with MTI Production, with terms as outlined in the attached contract for a license for an amateur production of WEST SIDE STORY at Division Avenue High School (3 performances) for the 2015-16 school year; and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

16. Contract with Lifetouch Studios - Division Avenue HS

RESOLUTION # 15-16-108

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts with Lifetouch National School Studios/Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch to serve as school photographer for Division Avenue High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to

execute the contracts."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

17. Contract with MyHealthyThing

PULLED

Recommended Motion: "Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the attached Modification and Extension Agreement for food services provided by MyHealthyThing through the 2015-2016 school year is hereby approved and the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to execute same on behalf of the District."

NOTE: Mr. Pappas requested a price list comparison from last year which was not included, therefore the item was pulled.

18. Food Service Committee 2015 - 2016

RESOLUTION # 15-16-109

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 2015-2016 school year."

NOTE: The consensus of the Board was to amend the guidelines for this year and include the wording below. It will be revisited next year.

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: add these words after RESOLVED – *that the members can serve beyond three years for this year only and.*

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

19. Annual Professional Perform Review - Teacher Lead Evaluators RESOLUTION # 15-16-110

MOTION: "RESOLVED that in accordance with Education Law 3012-c and the Commissioner's Regulations, Joseph Sheehan and John Jared Vanderbeck be added to the list of certified Teacher Lead Evaluators as approved by the Board of Education on June 11, 2014."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Pappas, Marengi, Moran, Quinones-Smith
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

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 sold at the highest possible salvage value.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

21. Obsolete Equipment

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the equipment on the attached list obsolete and that the item may be discarded and/or sold at the highest possible salvage value.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Mike Pappas
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

22. NYS Department of Health Overdose Prevention Policies and Procedures RESOLUTION # 15-16-113

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached ‘NYS Department of Health Opioid Overdose Prevention Policies and Procedures (NARCAN).”

NOTE: Mr. Moran asked who was being trained for this program. Dr. McDonald responded that nurses, drug and alcohol counselors are scheduled to be trained on Superintendent’s Conference Day. He asked if there were any legal liabilities. Mr. Cohen stated that we are covered under our insurance policy. Ms. Rhatigan remarked that she had met with the individuals involved and it was decided that the district’s doctor, Dr. Corso, would write the prescriptions and the nurses would be the overdose responders. She noted that the opioid antagonist (NARCAN) used is not in injection form but inhaled. There was a discussion on this issue.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

23. Appointment of Delegate to New York State School Boards Assoc

RESOLUTION # 15-16-114

MOTION: “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve a Board Trustee Delegate as voting delegate to the NYSSBA Annual Convention on October 18 - 20, 2015.”

NOTE: Mr. Ward was appointed as voting delegate.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

24. Approval of Board of Education Policy #7420

RESOLUTION # 15-16-115

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

Policy #7420 Sports and the Athletic Program

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Karen Quinones-Smith, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

25 .Schedules

RESOLUTION # 15-16-116

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

1001	2015-G- No. 6	Resignation/Termination - Certified Personnel
1001a	2015-GG-No. 6	Resignation/Termination-Non-Instructional Personnel
1002	2015-H-No. 6	Appointments- Certified Personnel
1003	2015-H-NO. 6al	Salary Change- Certified Personnel
1004	2015-H-No. 6c	Designation, Consultants
1005	2015-H-No. 6g	Designation, Coaches
1006	2015-H-No. 6h	Appointments – Extra Curricular
1007	2015-HH-No. 6	Appointments, Non-Instructional
1008	2015-HH-No. 6al	Salary Change, Non-Instructional
1009	2015JJ-No. 4	Permanent Status, Non-Instructional
1010	2015-K-No. 3	Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Frank Ward
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

Add an Agenda Item

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, suspend the policy rules to add an agenda item, #26.”

NOTE: Dr. McDonald noted that the reason why this motion was added late was because the decision upon which this resolution was based was given late last night.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

26. Resolution Implementing Disciplinary Decision and Award RESOLUTION # 15-16-116

MOTION: “WHEREAS, the Board of Education is in receipt of a decision and award, dated October 6, 2015 of Ira Cure, Esq. (the “Hearing Officer”) concerning Section 3020-a charges preferred against a tenured school district teacher with employee I.D. no. 552 (“the teacher”); and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer found the teacher guilty of the three Charges and each of the Specifications set forth in the April 14, 2015 Charges; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer further found the teacher guilty of the two Charges and each of the Specifications set forth in the May 5, 2015 Charges; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer determined that the teacher be terminated from his employment with the District; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hearing Officer’s decision will be implemented effective immediately and that the employment of the teacher is hereby terminated effective immediately.”

NOTE: Mr. Pappas asked when this teacher will be off the school’s payroll. Dr. McDonald stated as of tomorrow.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

VII. AD HOC

Board Policies - First Read

- Policy No. 5512 - Reserve Funds Policy

Mr. Pastore explained that this is a new policy that we are including because it is referenced in another policy. He felt that the district should have this policy for the sake of good order. Mr. Pappas asked if we could include language in the policy regarding a time line for reviewing. Dr. McDonald commented that we could add the words “during the budget review process in the spring.”

- Policy No. 5580 Fund Balance Policy

Mr. Pastore shared that this policy was modified slightly to update some of the accounting terms. noted that we included the statement regarding not to exceed the 4% Fund Balance. Mr. Pappas asked if it was wise to put that in the policy even though it is state law. Mr. Pastore and Dr. McDonald agreed that they should remove it.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Frank Ward
AYES:	Adrian, Ward, Quinones-Smith, Pappas, Marengi, Moran
EXCUSED:	Kevin Regan

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

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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

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 by the Board President.

Matty Buchys 1297 Shaw Place, Seaford, NY

Mr. Buchys suggested we get a particular actress to speak to our students.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein thanked Dr. McDonald for signing a petition petitioning Congress to abolish the requirement for annual testing of students in grades three to eight. On another note, she wanted to speak about the Algebra Regents. She reported that other districts have decided to only teach Algebra II/Trigonometry and opposed to the CC Algebra. Ms. Finkelstein went on to discuss this issue. She advised that she was unable to find a tutor for her son for this Regents. She feels this is because teachers do not feel comfortable to tutor this class because they are not confident in the coursework. Ms. Finkelstein remarked that there is confusion as to which Regents will be given. She would appreciate any information on this topic. Additionally, Ms. Finkelstein wanted to discuss the inequities in the grading policy within the district in terms of what teachers offer their class to succeed. She feels that for every student to succeed they need to have the same opportunity and not disparity. Ms. Finkelstein stated that the self-esteem for the Class of 2017 has been damaged.

RESPONSE:

Regarding the Regents, Dr. McDonald commented that Ms. Rifkin has been doing a lot of research on this subject. Ms. Rifkin explained that our teachers are in the process of teaching Algebra II Common Core. She noted it is our intention of giving both. She commented that we are trying to gather as much information as possible to figure out what is best for our students. Ms. Rifkin stated that we need to make sure our students are prepared. Dr. McDonald remarked that the State has neglected to include certain topics we need to move forward.

