

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION • LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK

LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT • TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD • LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK
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SPECIAL MEETING

LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:30 PM Meeting convenes with anticipated adjournment to Executive Session

7:30 PM Meeting reconvenes with Special Meeting to be followed by Budget Planning Session

Success for Every Student

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC BE HEARD

III. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Education Contracts

Enclosure

Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts between the Levittown Public Schools and Tracey Delio to provide mentoring for one special education teacher for PROMPT certification in speech.

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

2. School Finance Resolution

Inclusive

Recommended Motion: “WHEREAS, every student deserves a quality public education dedicated to preparing engaged citizens, creative and critical thinkers and lifelong learners ready for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, it has always been a guiding principle that the Public schools are essential to the establishment of a free and educated country, and

WHEREAS, the financial decline in state aid to schools, coupled with a tax cap of .12% has created an environment of fiscal uncertainty within our schools, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has continued to deduct an amount from our schools known as the GAP Elimination Adjustment which was originally established to address a shortfall in the New York State budget, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has not addressed the issue of full implementation of the Foundation Aid formula, and which includes a formula that accounts for a Regional cost index, which fairly allocates resources across New York State, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has not, as yet, fulfilled its promise to provide **substantive** mandate relief, especially in the area of implementation in APPR, Part 154, New York's SAFE ACT, repeal of the Wicks Law, among other initiatives, and

WHEREAS, there has been a trend to distribute public funds to private, parochial and charter schools in the form of Private school vouchers, education or tuition tax credits, or towards the expansion of services and financial assistance to private, parochial and charter schools, it is therefore

RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education calls upon the Honorable Governor Andrew Cuomo, and other lawmakers to support its public schools by:

- eliminating the reduction to the state aid allotment known as the Gap Elimination adjustment immediately; and by
- establishing that public funds should support core public education and not be diverted for private school vouchers, education or tuition tax credits or towards the expansions of services and financial assistance to private, parochial and charter schools; and by
- addressing the deficiencies in the Foundation Aid formula in order to assure fair funding for Long Island schools; and by
- providing substantive mandate relief in existing mandates such as APPR, Part 154, New York's SAFE Act, the repeal of the Wicks Law, among other initiatives and by ensuring that when new mandates are issued, a concomitant increase in state aid will be made; and by
- providing sufficient state funding to cover established current year costs, new state initiatives and loss of local revenues attributable to New York's school tax levy cap; and by
- reforming the New York Tax Levy cap by restoring the right of a community to determine the educational opportunities it would provide for its students by:
 - repealing the financial punishment of a zero increase tax levy cap the state requires of schools that are unable to pass a school budget that exceeds the district's tax levy cap
 - restoring democratic principle of "one person, one vote," by eliminating the requirement that a supermajority is needed to pass a school budget that exceeds the district's tax levy cap
 - providing that cost increases due to citizen referenda not force a super-majority requirement upon tax cap compliant school budgets"

3. Schedules

Enclosure

"That the Levittown Board of Education approve schedule 2015-H-No. 11g, Designation, Coaching"

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN