

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

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION was duly called and held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 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

Mr. James Moran, President
Ms. Peggy Marenghi, Vice President
Ms. Marianne Adrian
Ms. Christina Lang
Mr. Michael Pappas
Ms. Karen Quinones-Smith
Mr. Frank Ward (in memorium)

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald - Superintendent of Schools
Mr. William Pastore – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin - Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Donald Sturz – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch - Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert H. Cohen - School Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk
Ms. Arianna Wynn, Student Liaison for MacArthur High School
Mr. Steven Reilly, Student Liaison for Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mr. Moran, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Ms. Adrian, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA.

B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Pappas second by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0). Mr. Moran asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. He asked that everyone keep in their thoughts, Linda Yearsley, a longtime Abbey Lane teacher.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Moran welcomed everyone back from the summer.

III. REPORTS

A. Recognition
(none)

B. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

State of the District: K-8 – Mr. Todd Winch

Dr. McDonald asked Mr. Winch to present his findings on the assessment results for the district. He provided a power point presentation to show how we determine if our programs are successful for our students. Mr. Winch stated that it is important to look at multiple measures especially with the changes in education, determining if students need additional support and the opt-out movement. Some of the measures used are New York State English Language Art (ELA) and Math assessments, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), AIMSweb Universal Screening and Progress Monitoring, Read 180 and System 44. Mr. Winch mentioned that for the ELA and Math test, the opt-out percentages for the district were anywhere from 50% to 80% percent of students who did not take the assessment. Therefore, with only roughly 30% of students taking the test, it is not a true representative sampling of the district. He noted that we do not know what makes up that 30%. Mr. Winch went over the results by grade level for ELA, Math and NWEA assessments. He explained that the data would be utilized for providing services through RTI meetings and for the creation of revised process for determining required Academic Intervention Services. Using multiple measures, the Administrative Teams will review the data to guide the next steps, provide additional workshops for parents through an enhanced Parent University program, increase training for differentiated instructional strategies and co-teaching methods and to continue revision and alignment of district curriculum K-12. They Board thanked Mr. Winch for a very comprehensive report.

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

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

Mr. Pastore answered Mr. Pappas's question from the last meeting regarding the school lunch program. He stated that our food service contract with Chartwells guarantees \$150,000. Mr. Pappas wanted to know if we went over that number and if so how much above. Mr. Pastore remarked that the amount is approximately \$200,000 in addition to the \$150,000 guarantee. Overall the profit was \$350,000 which is a little less than last year.

C. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi thanked Dr. McDonald and the Central Office staff for the wonderful speaker, Flip Flippen, for Superintendent Conference Day. She shared that he was one of the most enjoyable, informative and thought provoking speakers that she has heard. Dr. McDonald thanked Ms. Rifkin for finding him. She commented that he had a simple but true message which was if you do not have children's hearts; you do not have their heads.

Board Goals

Dr. McDonald mentioned that the Board Goals would be discussed at the October Board meeting. She felt that at that point the Board would have heard both academic presentations. The Board agreed.

**2. Correspondence
(none)**

3. Student Liaisons

Ms. Wynn, the student representative from MacArthur High School, congratulated the 330 members of the Class of 2016 and wished them the best of luck in their future endeavors. She reported that: the freshman parent and student orientations were held with more than 200 parents in attendance. Students were given a thorough tour of the buildings and seemed to be very excited to start their first year at MacArthur; 48 members of the Class of 1966 returned "home" for their 50th reunion tour and presentation. It was an emotional event as the returning alumni reminisced about all their great memories; two teachers were honored as survivors of the year by the Susan G. Kohman foundation for Breast Cancer Research at Central Park; a senior student was named winner of the Award of Merit from the Long Island Art Alliance for excellence in dance; another senior was named National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board and the National Hispanic Recognition Program; a college mini fair was held in the cafeteria; and the homecoming festivals will be "kicking off shortly."

The Student Liaison for Division, Steven Reilly, announced that: the Football Team started the year with a victory; the boys Soccer Team has started their season with a 1-2 record; the Marching Band will compete in their first competition at Brentwood High School; three mini fairs are scheduled for September; a financial aid night is slated for September also; a parent workshop for parents looking for information about college essay writing; a one to one tablet workshop for all 9th grade students; and a pep rally and homecoming are coming up.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 16-17-121

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move for the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 16-17-122

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 2016 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 16-17-123

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

- Appropriation and Revenue reports for the month ending 6/30/16 and 7/31/16
- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the month ending August 2016
- Treasurer's report for the month ending June and July 2016
- Credit card statement from Citibank for period ending 8/22/16

NOTE: Mr. Pappas remarked that the Business Department did a great job with the Claims Audit Report especially with the confirming purchase orders. Dr. McDonald commented that credit should be given to our Business Official and Purchasing Agent. Mr. Pastore remarked that we also have a very efficient, hardworking Accounts Payable Department.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: Marianne Adrian
AYES: Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT: Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

4. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 16-17-124

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

Code	Code Description	\$ From	\$ To	Reason
A55105710	Fuel	\$150,000		To cover cost of contracted transportation
A55404000	Contracted Transportation		\$100,000	
A55404001	Athletics		\$30,000	
A55404002	Field Trips		\$20,000	
A55101600	Bus Driver's Salary	\$25,000		
A55814900	BOCES Services		\$25,000	

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

NOTE: Mr. Pappas had concerns on the transfer of money from the fuel code. Dr. McDonald noted that the code was split to cover athletic runs by contracted buses. Mr. Pappas questioned what would happen when fuel prices go up and we don't have left over monies. Dr. McDonald stated that when we use contracted buses we do not pay for the fuel but we may have an issue when we have to budget differently for fuel.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: Marianne Adrian
AYES: Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT: Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

5. Zoning Abbey Lane School

RESOLUTION #16-17-125

MOTION: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby “RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall have the discretion, upon application of the parents, to allow students attending Abbey Lane Elementary School to move up to Wisdom Lane Middle School and then Division Avenue High School absent the need for a showing of hardship as set forth in current District policy.”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: Marianne Adrian
AYES: Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT: Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

6. Transportation Contracts

RESOLUTION #16-17-126

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 2016-17 transportation contracts/extensions:

Contractor's Name	Date of Contract	Cost
Acme Bus Corp	8/16/2016	\$0
Educational Bus	8/16/2016	\$33,780
First Student	8/16/2016	\$34,780
We Transport	8/16/2016	\$0

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER: Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER: Marianne Adrian
AYES: Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT: Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

7. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #16-17-127

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 2016 - 17 school year.

- Lexington School for the Deaf
- United Cerebral Palsy
- Springbrook
- Kidz Therapy Service LLC
- Hebrew Academy for Special Children
- Harmony Heights
- The Devereux Foundation
- Developmental Disabilities Foundation
- Cleary School for the Deaf
- Woodward Children's Center
- ACDS
- The Variety Child Learning Center - Sedcar
- The Variety Child Learning Center – Tuition

- The Hagedorn Little Village School
- Brookville Center for Children's Services - Sedcar
- Bethpage UFSD - Tuition
- Hicksville UFSD
- Woods Services - Sedcar
- Dr. Suanne Kowal Connelly
- Mill Neck Manor School - Sedcar
- Henry Viscardi School - Sedcar
- The Summit School
- Gersh Academy Inc.
- Dr. Stuart Rothman

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

8. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

RESOLUTION # 16-17-128

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:

- Massapequa Union Free School District
- Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District
- Bethpage Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

9. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION # 16-17-129

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract 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 2015-16 school year:

- Bellmore UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

10. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION #16-17-130

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 [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

11. Schedules

RESOLUTION #16-17-131

MOTION: “That the Levittown Board of Education approve Schedules:

- 1001 Resignations/Terminations, Instructional Personnel
- 1002 Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1003 Appointments, Certified Personnel
- 1004 Appointments, Consultants
- 1005 Designation, Coaching
- 1006 Appointments, Extra-Curricular
- 1007 Salary Change, Instructional
- 1008 Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1009 Leave of Absence, Instructional Personnel
- 1010 Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1011 Students w/Disabilities

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Change effective date on Schedule 108.1, #8 to September 29, 2016 instead of October 1, 2016.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Karen Quinones-Smith
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Teachers' Center Policy Board Liaison

RESOLUTION #16-17-132

“**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Peggy Marengi be appointed as a representative of the Levittown Board of Education to the Levittown Teachers’ Center Policy Board for the 2016-2017 school year.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

2. Appointment of Delegate to New York State School Boards Association RESOLUTION #16-17-133

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 27 - 29, 2016.”

NOTE: James Moran was appointed voting delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Convention.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

3. Gifts to School

RESOLUTION #16-17-134

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

- School supplies totaling \$70.00 to be donated to Abbey Lane School from Mr. Robert Wilson, 6 Farm Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
- Backpacks and schools supplies totaling \$250.00 to be donated to Abbey Lane School from VFW Post 9592, 55 Hickory Lane, Levittown, NY 11756.”

NOTE: Dr. McDonald shared that the donors where excited to contribute these items.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Peggy Marengi, Vice President
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

4. Laser Industries

RESOLUTION # 16-17-135

MOTION: “BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract between Laser Industries and the Levittown School District and authorizes the Board President to sign the same.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang
ABSENT:	Karen Quinones-Smith left the room

VII. AD HOC

Board Policies - First Read

Policy No. 5630 - Facilities: Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance

Mr. Pastore commented that this policy was changed because some items were outdated. The policy now reflects the changes in the law and the requirements from State Education.

VIII. DATES

September 21, 2016 - Regular Meeting

October 19, 2016 - Regular Meeting

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Peggy Marengi
AYES:	Pappas, Moran, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Quinones-Smith

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:00 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.

Maria Xenios 2 Hallow Lane, Levittown, NY

Ms. Zenios congratulated Dr. McDonald on an amazing job transitioning the fifth graders to sixth grade. She wanted to know how the summer reading book was picked. She thought the book assigned was much too depressing. Ms. Zenios felt that the children were receiving the wrong message from the book. She wanted a book picked that would encourage children to read and be more engaged. She noted that several other parents felt this way also.

Dr. McDonald responded that the book is selected by a committee of teachers along with the Levittown Public Library Librarian. She commented that the book should be on grade level but challenging. She remarked that children love Harry Potter books which also has parents dying .

Mr. Winch explained that this particular book won many awards. It has a wonderful message of the uniqueness of people and it is a story of love. He advised that we also welcome feedback in regards to whether or not the children enjoyed the books.

Angela Mumolo 27 Dell Lane, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Mumolo expressed her love for living in Levittown and thanked the Board for doing a wonderful job for the District. She had concerns about the Connect Ed message regarding the water testing results from the district. Ms. Mumolo reported that she printed out all of the material available on-line and had questions on it such as: who is the main District contact person; missing sampling plan; dates when testing was done; what was the process used; how often do we have to test; is this the first time we have done water testing; did we test for lead only; what were the site locations; what is the remediation plan; who is responsible to make sure a plan is in place.

Dr. McDonald noted that Mr. Pastore is the point person on water testing. She reported that every outlet that tested above the EPA recommended level has been shut off and over the summer every water outlet in the school was tested at the same time. Dr. McDonald stated that the website contained the sampling plan which was over 400 pages. She commented that this is the first time that we are doing testing but that we were proactive and started before the law came out. She advised Ms. Mumolo to contact Mr. Pastore for more information. Dr. McDonald stated we have taken this in the spirit of the law and our major concern is that our children are safe.

Mr. Pastore further explained that prior to the sampling of the water, a plumber surveyed all the fixtures and we tested all those from which we would get drinking or cooking water. He noted that those sources that exceeded that limit were shut off. The protocol is to replace those units and then do another test. He mentioned that faucets were producing the lead.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer Drive, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein thanked Mr. Winch for a great presentation. She commented that in regards to the NWEA, we have to take into consideration that the students do not perform up to their capabilities and are aware of the gaming on the tests. Ms. Finkelstein mentioned that in general, we should be concerned in obtaining the data whether it drives instruction and what it is used for. Additionally, she had questions regarding substitute teachers such as: how many substitute teachers do we currently have; how many permanent subs; what is the difference between a sub and a permanent sub; what does initial/permanent/provisional mean; how do we pick subs and how many teachers who received the retirement incentive two years ago are now in the sub pool?