

**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, August 12, 2020 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 MEMBERS

Ms. Peggy Marengi, President
Ms. Christina Lang, Vice President
Ms. Jennifer Messina, Secretary
Mr. Marianne Adrian
Mr. Dillon Cain
Mr. James Moran, arrived after executive session
Mr. Michael Pappas

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tonie McDonald – Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Chris Dillon – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch – Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS

Mr. Robert Cohen – Legal Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad. On a motion by Mr. Pappas, seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (6-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney.

- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:38 on a motion by Ms. Lang seconded by Ms. Adrian and approved (7-0).

II. REPORTS

A. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

Dr. McDonald asked Mr. Winch to present his powerpoint presentation titled Schools Reopening Update. He pointed out that this was the third presentation on our reopening plans for the fall. He reviewed the next steps in the reopening process which are organizing our facilities; open parent forums; transportation and health screenings. Mr. Winch reported on the plans for September on the Elementary level where all students will be eligible to attend school every day; the Secondary level where students will attend in a hybrid model; and those who choose a full remote option. Additionally, he discussed what would happen if all schools are closed due to COVID-19. He shared information on testing and tracing; health protocols; face covering protocols; and cleaning protocols along with kindergarten screening; athletics; LAP and LAMP; extracurricular activities; and mental health plan. Mr. Winch stated that we are work in progress, and we have many challenges to address as we work to reopen our schools. He noted that changes may occur during this process, and we appreciate your patience. He noted that the District website is a great resource for parents especially the Frequently Asked Questions page. Dr. McDonald asked Mr. Winch if we were required to provide a remote option for students. Mr. Winch responded that New York State requires Districts to provide an option for students who are medically fragile but there is no specific language that indicates that we must provide a remote option for anyone that wants it. Mr. Cohen agreed with Mr. Winch's response.

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

2. Follow-up to Board Questions
(none)

B. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi thanked Mr. Winch for his very informative report and thanked all of the Central Office staff that have worked very diligently on developing this plan. Additionally, she wanted to let the community know that members of the Board of Education have spent the last couple of days doing walk throughs in every school in the district. She remarked that they visited classrooms, gyms, lunchrooms, nurses offices, and hallways. Ms. Marengi shared that they confirmed all the protocols put out by the Governor's Office were being followed. She thanked Chris Milano, the custodians and everyone who worked so hard to have the buildings ready for September. Mr. Pappas remarked that after seeing all the uniform and adaptive safety protocols put in place in the buildings, his mind was at ease regarding reopening. He noted that he particularly liked the increased outdoor learning opportunities. He thanked everyone for a good job.

2. Correspondence
(none)

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD –THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 20-21-98

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Organization and Regular Meeting and the July 29, 2020 Special Meeting."

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 20-21-99

MOTION: "WHEREAS, all claims, warrants and charges against the School District have been reviewed by the Claims Auditor and have been certified by the Claims Auditor for payment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the JULY 2020 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 20-21-100

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

- Claims Audit Report for the months of June and July 2020
- Credit Card statement from Citibank for statement dates 7/22/2020."

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

4. Setting the Tax Levy

RESOLUTION #20-21-101

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the following budget (\$235,219,308) of the necessary claims and expenditures in Levittown Union Free School District (#5), in the Town of Hempstead, school year 2020-2021, amounting to:

\$ 227,424,141	School Purpose
\$ 7,795,167	Library Purpose
Total \$ 235,219,308	be and the same is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of:

\$ 146,293,986	School Purpose
\$ 7,649,667	Library Purpose
Total \$ 153,943,653	be the remainder of

budget adopted as above and the amount which must be raised by taxation \$146,293,986 for School Purposes and \$ 7,649,667 for Library Purposes; total of \$153,943,653 for the Levittown Union Free School District (#5) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2020-2021 be levied upon the taxable property of said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2020-2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, New York, on or before August 17, 2020."

NOTE: A roll call vote was taken for this resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marenghi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

5. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION #20-21-102

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,

<u>Code</u>	<u>Code Description</u>	<u>Amount From</u>	<u>Amount To</u>
A2850.1520	COMP MARCHING BAND STIPENDS	\$19,000.00	
A2110.4750	TRAINING/TRAVEL		\$19,000.00

Reason: To cover cost of ASCD-Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

6. Appointment of Delegate to New York State School Boards Association RESOLUTION # 20-21-103

MOTION: “RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve, a James Moran, as Board Trustee Delegate as voting delegate to the 2020 NYSSBA Annual Convention.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

7. District Wide Safety Plan RESOLUTION #20-21-104

MOTION: “WHEREAS, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and as more fully discussed in executive session, the Board of Education hereby accepts and adopts the District’s District-wide Safety Plan and the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for each of its buildings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to file the same with the State Education Department and appropriate law enforcement officials, as required by 8 NYCRR §155.17.”

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

8. Nassau BOCES Final Contract 2019-2020 RESOLUTION #20-21-105

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the final contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$13,548,124.99 to cover services and other expenses for the 2019-2020 school year, and;

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

9. Nassau BOCES Initial Contract for 2020-2021

RESOLUTION #20-21-106

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education approve the initial contract with Nassau County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) in the amount of \$13,849,588.81 to cover services and other expenses for the 2020-2021 school year, and;

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

10. Emergency Contract with Chartwells

RESOLUTION #20-21-107

MOTION: RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve the Type II 2020-2021 Food Service Management Company Emergency contract with Chartwells for School Food Services Management; and, that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute documents related to the contract."

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

11. Contract with Sound Actuarial Consulting

RESOLUTION #20-21-108

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Sound Actuarial Consulting with terms as outlined in the attached contract, to perform an actuarial review of the District's Workers Compensation Program;

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

12. Contract with Global Fueling Systems

RESOLUTION #20-21-109

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Global Fueling Systems - Basecamp, with terms as outlined in the attached contract for licensing for computer programs that provide access to BaseCamp for fuel inspections and maintenance management; and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

13. Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meal Program

RESOLUTION #20-21-110

MOTION: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education accepts the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program policy, including the annual Family Eligibility Criteria for Free and Reduced Meals as described in accordance with the guidelines established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the New York State Education Department, Bureau of School Food Management and Nutrition.”

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

14. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #20-21-111

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 2019 - 20 school year.

- Woodward Children’s Center
- Variety Child Learning Center
- Harmony Heights
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- Greenburg North Castle
- Beyond Boundaries Autism Specialties ABA
- Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Service
- Eden II/Genesis
- Springbrook
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- St. Christopher’s Inc.
- Baldwin UFSD
- Sail at Ferncliff Manor
- Dr. Stephen Perret
- North Merrick UFSD (2018-2019)
- North Merrick UFSD (2019-2020)
- Plainedge School District
- Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc.

- Crystal T. Miller, PT. DPT
- Heart Share
- SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights
- Tiegerman
- Brookville Center for Children's Services
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- Abilities
- Bilinguals/Achieve Beyond
- Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc.
- St. James Tutoring
- Anderson Center for Autism
- West Hills Academy
- TraceyTalk Speech Pathologist

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

15. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION # 20-21-112

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 2020-2021 transportation contracts/extensions:

2020-2021 Contract Extensions

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Bid Date</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
E515607	5/16/2018	Suburban Bus	\$0
E412444	5/6/2010	Suburban Bus	\$45,700.60
E414929	5/16/2016	Suburban Bus	\$12,731.60
E414710	5/12/2015	Suburban Bus	\$0
E266550	5/6/2011	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E251838	5/22/2003	WE Transport Inc.	\$12,390.20
E256988	5/30/2006	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E266551	8/18/2011	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E270439	5/8/2012	WE Transport Inc.	\$28,087.60
E271614	8/12/2013	WE Transport Inc.	\$0

E272985	8/6/2014	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E272988	5/15/2014	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E273932	8/11/2015	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E411042	5/31/2007	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E412445	5/6/2010	WE Transport Inc.	\$103,855.08
E412451	8/25/2010	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E413278	5/13/2013	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E414711	5/12/2015	WE Transport Inc.	\$43,216.80
E414931	5/16/2016	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E414928	8/16/2016	WE Transport Inc.	\$24,628.10
E416486	8/14/2018	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E514613	8/7/2017	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E514779	10/10/2017	WE Transport Inc.	\$40,496.30
E515608	5/16/2018	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E414933	5/25/2016	WE Transport Inc.	\$467,554.20
E416124	4/24/2018	WE Transport Inc.	\$100,000
E515073	4/24/2018	WE Transport Inc.	\$29,451.80
E417405	8/21/2019	WE Transport Inc.	\$0
E417402	5/22/2019	WE Transport Inc.	\$0

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

16. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 20-21-113

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:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

17. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 20-21-114

MOTION: “RESOLVED, That the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following schedules”:

- 1001 “Resignations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Appointments, Certified Personnel” (#2 **PULLED**)
- 1003 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1004 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1005 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel
- 1006 “Permanent Status”
- 1007 “Students with Disabilities”

AMEND AS FOLLOWS: Schedule 1002, #2 **PULLED**.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED (7-0-0]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION #20-21-115

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

- A check in the amount of \$233.53 to be donated to Division Avenue High School’s Extra Curricular Activity Fund from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program, PO Box 7200, Carlisle, PA 17013
- A check in the amount of \$439.19 to be donated to Northside School for T shirts for incoming students from Retail Business Services A+ Rewards, c/o Ahold Delhaize USA, Carlisle, PA 17013
- Three checks in the amount of \$10.00 each to be donated to Northside School for T Shirts for incoming students from Your Cause LLC Trustee or Neiman Marcus Group Associate Giving Program, 611 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano, TX 75093
- A check in the amount of \$1181.16 to be donated to MacArthur High School; Extra Curricular Activity Fund from Ahold USA Financial Services, PO Box 7200, Carlisle, PA 17013.”

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Vice President
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Secretary
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their generous donations.

VI. AD HOC

(None)

NOTE: Ms. Marengi commented that the Board is extremely grateful and appreciative for all the hard work and dedication from Central Office to make the best of a situation for all the students in Levittown School District.

MOTION: “That the Board go into Executive Session at 8:22 PM seeking advice from attorney.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

The Board reconvened in public at 8:40 PM.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Marengi, Moran, Cain, Messina, Lang, Pappas

NOTE: The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:42 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum
District Clerk

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