

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

**DATE: AUGUST 30, 2023**

**PLANNING SESSION**

**MINUTES**

**THE PLANNING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 in the Large Board 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 local newspapers, 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:**

Ms. Jennifer Messina, President  
Ms. Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President  
Ms. Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President  
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Trustee  
Ms. Phyllis Dalton, Trustee  
Mr. James Moran, Trustee  
Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance  
Ms. Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Beth Zirotian, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

**OTHERS:**

Ms. Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

Ms. Messina called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Ms. Lang, Mr. Moran and Mr. Pappas are excused.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [4-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marenghi, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Dalton, Messina, Marenghi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lang, Moran, Pappas

Recommended Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [4-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phyllis Dalton, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy Marenghi, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Dalton, Messina, Marenghi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lang, Moran, Pappas

Ms. Marenghi reconvened the meeting at 7:30pm. Ms. Messina, Ms. Adrian and Mr. Pappas are excused from tonight's meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [4-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phyllis Dalton, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Dalton, Lang, Marengi, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Adrian, Messina, Pappas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE - Ms. Marengi asked for all in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to observe a moment of silence to remember all those serving our Country at home and overseas.

## II. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Levittown Community Action Coalition

Dr. Suzan Walters and Hannah Moore from Levittown Community Action Coalition presented their results of the Levittown Youth Development Survey. They discussed the trends of substance abuse, cigarette and alcohol abuse, factors that may influence users, perceptions of students and parents and how the Levittown district is helping students and young people to decrease these trends. A link to the full presentation can be found on our website. Mr. Winch and Ms. Marengi thanked them for their hard work and for their continued commitment to the youth in the District.

### B. Board Goals 2023-2024

Mr. Winch briefly discussed Board Goals, which was referred to at a previous meeting, confirming with the Board that they are comfortable with the timeline laid out in the documents provided. The Board replied with a resounding yes that they were comfortable with this type of structure. The adoption of the Board goals will be on the September Agenda.

## III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Workers Exemption

Mr. Winch discussed the District's plan of lowering the time needed to be served by volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers to obtain a tax exemption from 5 years to 2 years. This tax exemption would remain at the current rate of 10% but needs board approval. As it's been communicated to many in the District, there is a dire need for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers and the District hopes that this decrease in time needed to serve would be an incentive for some to volunteer. The Board agreed to put this on a future agenda for approval.

## IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Marengi adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [4-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phyllis Dalton, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Moran, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Dalton, Lang, Marengi, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Adrian, Messina, Pappas

Suzanne Mallozzi  
District Clerk