

**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 12, 2018 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. Marianne Adrian – excused absence  
Mr. Dillon Cain  
Ms. Christina Lang  
Ms. Peggy Marenghi  
Ms. Jennifer Messina  
Mr. James Moran  
Mr. Michael Pappas

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Mr. Bob Cohen – Legal Counsel  
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk  
Mr. David Marciano– Student Liaison MacArthur  
Ms. Emily Fuchs – Student Liaison Division

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Ms. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Ms. Messina, seconded by Ms. Lang 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 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Moran seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (6-0). Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the High School Student Liaisons. Ms. Marenghi also requested a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad and also for all the victims and the people that served us so well on 9/11.

## **II. REPORTS**

### **A. Student Presentations – Student Liaisons**

Mr. Winch commented that we are pleased to introduce our two new high school Student Liaisons, David Marcano and Emily Fuchs. He noted that Ms. Fuchs is a junior at Division Avenue High School Student and the first junior to hold the title of Student Council President in fifteen years. Mr. Marcano, a senior at MacArthur High School, is involved in many sports and is currently taking four advance placement courses as well as college credit courses. Mr. Winch thanked them for dedicating their time to serve on the Board. He stated that we welcome their input from a student perspective to help guide the Board in decision making.

### **C. Superintendent**

#### **1. Comments and Reports**

##### **A. New Website Design**

Mr. Winch introduced Mr. Connell, Director of Computer & Media Services, and Mr. Anzalone, Webmaster and asked them to talk about the makeover of the website. Mr. Connell explained that the website was redesigned from feedback from the PTA, community, and staff on what would make it more useful and helpful. He remarked that a lot of the responses were about finding resources. He noted that there was a lot of information on our website but it had been difficult to find. Mr. Connell advised that the website was streamlined with menus targeted to different audiences. He informed us that analytics were done to find out what links were clicked on the most and what data was the most sought after. Additionally, social media was incorporated into the website along with conforming to disability standards. Mr. Anzalone remarked that the purpose of the redesign was to obtain a fresh new look while maintaining a comfortable sense of what we used to know. He showcased the new website, navigating us through the changes. Mr. Anzalone noted that there is a direct twitter feed on the homepage with current articles and resources. Mr. Winch advised that the changes to the website will be evaluated throughout the year. The Board remarked that this was a time consuming task and thanked Mr. Connell and Mr. Anzalone for all their hard work. The consensus was that the website looks great and seems easy to navigate.

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

#### **3. Follow-up to Board Questions**

Mr. Winch informed the Board who the 2018/2019 honorees were for this year's Hall of Fame. He reported that a committee was formed to recommend nominees for the Hall of Fame. He stated that this year there were double the amount of nominees. Dr. McDonald read a brief summary of each honoree who will be honored at Homecoming and at the Community Dinner.

Regarding the Boards questions on GC Tech, Mr. Winch gave a short report on our process for out-reach and advertising for the program both in house and out. He handed out a packet with a schedule of Marketing Activities, letter samples to outside districts, the Course Guide and enrollment forms. He mentioned that the we are in the process of enhancing the GC Tech Program so that it invites students from other districts. Mr. Winch shared that this year a School Development Committee was being formed comprised of teachers to make recommendations on advertising, new additions, and improvements. The Board had questions on how GC Tech compares to the Nassau BOCES Joseph Barry Career and Technical Center. Mr. Winch responded that Barry Tech is not as open as we are in making sure our students follow the path that is most appropriate for them. We also do more recruiting and speak specifically to other districts. Unfortunately for us, BOCES gets state aid. The Board asked Mr. Winch to look into economy of scale for tuition. Dr. McDonald remarked that she would look into this possibility for next year.

**D. Board of Education**

**1. Board Goals**

Ms. Marengi reported that the Board recently had a Retreat which was run by EdLeadership. Additionally, Central Office and Administration had a workshop led by Doug Reeves from Creative Leadership Solutions. She noted that Central Office is in the process of reviewing all the data obtained from these workshops and presenting it to the Board so that the Board Goals can be finalized. Dr. McDonald remarked that two Goals have been created already, one on the Budget and one on Instructional Leadership.

**2. Comments and Reports**

The Board commented that the recently held Retreat was very informative and helped to show us the direction the District needs to go.

**3. Correspondence**  
(none)

**4. Student Liaisons**

Emily Fuchs, the student representative from Division Avenue High School, reported on the notable events during the first week of school: the recently implemented security system using the ScholarChip ID cards has run smoothly with quick and easy morning entry and Senior Privilege more efficient; the Pep Rally and Homecoming are coming up; two students have been selected for the NYSSMA All State Mixed Chorus and Symphonic Band; the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support System is in effect this year in which Administration has developed a system to acknowledge and encourage constructive behavior around school; and the Guidance Department sponsored a college mini fair.

Student Liaison, David Marcano, shared the events at MacArthur High School: the concerns of the new school ID Chip System were quickly resolved and now run very smoothly; Freshman will be receiving their tablets that will be incorporated in their coursework; a college Mini Fair is scheduled along with our Annual Back to School Night and Homecoming; a senior was named College Board Nation Merit Semifinalist and three students were named 2018 NYSSMA All State Musicians.

**IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD**

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

18-19-110

**MOTION:** "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018 and the Special Meeting of August 22, 2018."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

2. Warrants

18-19-111

**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 2018 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

3. Business Office Reports

18-19-112

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

- Claims Auditors Report prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP for the months ending July and August 2018."
- Credit Card statement from Citibank for statement date August 6 and August 22, 2018."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

4. Budget Transfers

18-19-113

**MOTION:** "WHEREAS, in compliance with New York State Government Accounting practices, the attached budget transfers have 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>
A1620.1650	O&M Groundskeepers Salaries	\$14,941.84	
A1620.1664	O&M Custodial OT/Athletics/Extracurricular Activity		\$14,941.84
A1620.1630	O&M Custodial Salaries	\$32,253.19	
A1620.1667	O&M Custodial OT/Coverage		\$32,253.19
A1620.1630	O&M Custodial Salaries	\$54,980.43	
A1620.1670	O&M Summer Custodial Grounds		\$54,980.43
A1620.1630	O&M Custodial Salaries	\$11,005.43	
A1620.1817	O&M Groundskeepers OT/Special Project		\$11,005.43
A1622.1600	Security Aides	\$20,000.00	
A1621.1600	Maintenance Salaries	\$9,706.71	
A1620.1600	O&M Office Salaries	\$3,000.00	
A1622.1640	Security Substitutes		\$32,706.71
A2020.1840	Clerical Substitutes	\$10,423.19	
A2020.1841	Supervision School Monitor Subs		\$10,423.19
A2110.1200	Teachers' Salaries K-6	\$16,092.81	
A2110.1270	Curriculum Improvement		\$16,092.81
A2110.1400	Substitute Teachers	\$25,947.18	
A2110.1309	Extra Pay Periods 6-8		\$25,947.18
A2110.1930	Graduate Credit Incentive	\$11,500.43	
A2110.1910	Health Insurance Incentive		\$11,500.43
A2855.4000	Interscholastic Athletic Contractual Expenses	\$30,218.00	
A2855.1510	Interscholastic Athletic Coaching Salaries		\$30,218.00
A2855.4100	Interscholastic Athletic Participation Fee	\$16,618.20	
A2855.1600	Interscholastic Athletic Game Supervision		\$16,618.20

A9901.9501	Inter-Fund Transfer to State Support Schools	\$28,805.14	
A9901.9300AI	Inter-Fund Transfer to School Lunch Fund		\$28,805.14

Reason: Year-End adjustment - To adjust budget to actual expenditures

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

5. Board Meeting Calendar - 2018-19 School Year - Revised

18-19-114

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, adopt the attached revised calendar of Board of Education meeting dates for the Levittown Public Schools for the 2018-19 school year."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

6. Nassau BOCES Final Contract 2017-2018

18-19-115

**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 \$10,483,414.22 to cover services and other expenses for the 2017-2018 school year, and;

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

7. Nassau BOCES Initial Contract for 2018-2019

18-19-116

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 \$8,195,705.39 to cover services and other expenses for the 2018-2019 school year, and;

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

**NOTE: Mr. Pappas questioned why the BOCES contract amount was down 20%. Dr. McDonald explained that the Initial Contract amount is always less in the beginning and can be added to later.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

8. Contract with Kaplan

18-19-117

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Kaplan, Inc., to provide a complete SAT Classroom Prep course for the period August 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at the same cost as last year of \$8,350.

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

**NOTE: Mr. Pappas wanted to know if Administration could look into an economy of scale for this course to lower the costs or possible have another school join us. Mr. Winch noted he would examine the per pupil ratio and advised that he was looking into other options for flexibility.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

9. GC Tech Tuition Contracts

18-19-118

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

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

10. Special Education Contracts

18-19-119

**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 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.

- The Summit School
- Linda Krostich, Plainview Speech Center
- Westbury UFSD
- Sail at Ferncliff Manor
- Hicksville UFSD
- Farmingdale UFSD
- Bethpage UFSD
- Wyandanch UFSD
- Dr. Hilary Gomes
- West Hills Academy
- Gersh Accademy, Inc.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marengi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

13. Transportation Contracts

18-19-120

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the following 2018-19 transportation contracts/extensions:



<b>2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSPORTATION SENTCO CONTRACTS</b>			
<u>EXTENSIONS:</u>	<u>BID DATE</u>	<u>APPX. COST</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>
E800650	6/2/2000	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E411039	5/31/2007	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E412446	6/23/2010	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E412449	8/25/2010	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E413276	5/13/2013	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E271615	8/12/2013	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E272986	8/6/2014	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E414925	8/16/2016	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
514612	8/7/2017	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
NEW	5/16/2018	\$0	Acme Bus Corp
E412442	5/6/2010	\$0	Educational Bus
E412447	6/23/2010	\$0	Educational Bus
E270442	5/8/2012	\$0	Educational Bus
E270447	8/15/2012	\$0	Educational Bus
E413279	5/13/2013	\$0	Educational Bus
E271612	8/12/2013	\$0	Educational Bus
E272990	5/15/2014	\$0	Educational Bus
E414708	5/12/2015	\$0	Educational Bus
E273930	8/11/2015	\$0	Educational Bus
E414932	5/16/2016	\$0	Educational Bus
E414927	8/16/2016	\$0	Educational Bus
514611	5/22/2017	\$0	Educational Bus
514615	8/7/2017	\$0	Educational Bus
514778	10/10/2017	\$0	Educational Bus
NEW	5/16/2018	\$0	Educational Bus
E412443	5/6/2010	\$0	First Student
E414930	5/16/2016	\$0	First Student
514614	8/7/2017	\$0	First Student
NEW	5/16/2018	\$0	First Student
E410146	5/25/2005	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E256989	5/30/2006	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E411041	5/31/2007	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E266549	5/6/2011	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E270440	5/8/2012	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E414710	5/12/2015	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
NEW	5/16/2018	\$0	SUBURBAN BUS
E256988	5/30/2006	\$0	WE Transport
E411042	5/31/2007	\$0	WE Transport
E412451	8/25/2010	\$0	WE Transport
E266550	5/6/2011	\$0	WE Transport
E266551	8/18/2011	\$0	WE Transport
E270448	8/15/2012	\$0	WE Transport

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E413278	5/13/2013	\$0	WE Transport
E271614	8/12/2013	\$0	WE Transport
E272988	5/15/2014	\$0	WE Transport
E272985	8/6/2014	\$0	WE Transport
E414711	5/12/2015	\$0	WE Transport
E273932	8/11/2015	\$0	WE Transport
E414931	5/16/2016	\$0	WE Transport
E414928	8/16/2016	\$0	WE Transport
514613	8/7/2017	\$0	WE Transport
514779	10/10/2017	\$39,347	WE Transport
NEW	5/16/2018	\$16,950	WE Transport

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

20. Schedules

18-19-121

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

- 1001 “Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional”
- 1002 “Appointments, Certified Personnel”
- 1003 “Appointments, Administrators
- 1004 “Designation, Coaching”
- 1005 “Designation, Consultants”
- 1006 “Extra-Curricular Appointments”
- 1007 “Salary Change, Certified Personnel”
- 1008 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1009 “Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel”
- 1010 “Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional”
- 1011 “Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1012 “Students with Disabilities”

**AMEND AS FOLLOWS: PULL Schedule 1002, #8; Schedule 1002.1, #22; Schedule 1002.2 #39 and Schedule 1008 under Part-time #2.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mike Pappas
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

**VI. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

**(NONE)**

**VII. AD HOC**

**(NONE)**

**VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jennifer Messina
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dillon Cain
<b>AYES:</b>	Marenghi, Cain, Pappas, Lang, Messina, Moran
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marianne Adrian

**The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:35 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.

**Marci Lane    44 Weaving Lane, Wantagh, NY**

Ms. Lane thanked the Board for all they have done for the District. She was grateful for the progress that her children have made in their schools. She was speaking tonight regarding a transportation issue. Ms. Lane asked the Board to revisit the mileage allowance for busing. She has concerns about the safety of the children during drop off and pick up at Wisdom Lane. She commented that there is a lot of traffic congestion at the circle which may need to be rerouted. She feels an accident is waiting to happen. She stated that if more children were bused you would have less cars on the road. Ms. Lane wanted the Board to be aware of this situation.

Ms. Marenghi asked Mr. Cohen, school attorney, to address the issue of changing the mileage allowance for busing. He advised that it would have to be changed by public referendum during voting. The Board does not have the power to make a change. Dr. McDonald suggested that if Ms. Lane was interested in starting a petition, she should call the District Clerk for instructions on the procedure.

