

**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, November 14, 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. Peggy Marengi, President
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Vice President
Mr. Dillon Cain
Ms. Christina Lang
Ms. Jennifer Messina – excused absence
Mr. James Moran
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. Bob Cohen – Legal Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum – District Clerk
Ms. David Marcano – Student Liaison MacArthur High School
Ms. Emily Fuchs – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Ms. Marengi, 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 for the purpose of negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the LUT.

B. After viewing the school play Hello Dolly in the auditorium, the Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:50 PM a motion by Mr. Cain seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (6-0). Ms. Marengi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by the two high school mascots, the General and the Dragon. Ms. Marengi requested a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

i. Academic Presentation – Lee Road – Digital Media Club

Mr. Winch asked Mr. Goss, Principal of Lee Road School, to introduce the six inaugural members, along with the advisors, of the Digital Media Club. The students outlined the highlights of the club, why it was started, and how it has been assisting students in honing their skills. They stated that the advisors had seen how successful the club was in another district and decided to recruit reporters. The students started brainstorming ideas, interviewing guests for stories, and publishing their finished works on the school's webpage. The entire process has reinforced important speaking, listening, and teamwork skills for students, as well as incorporating technology use and an awareness of mindfulness practices. The group shared a presentation of their work with the Board and Administration.

ii. State Assessment Model

Dr. McDonald asked Mr. Winch to explain the State Assessment Model called Measure of Interim Progress (MIFS). Mr. Winch shared that New York State, through the Federal Government's Every Student Succeeds Act, has changed how schools are accountable. They have added to the multiple measures system to compare against. Instead of just ELA, math and graduation rates, they have now included a variety of measures such as science, social studies, chronic absenteeism, college, career and civic readiness, and student growth. Mr. Winch advised that we were told in the summer that this was taking effect but they have just released some of the data. He reported on the areas that we need to focus on: academic progress, composite performance, and opt-out levels. Mr. Winch went on to explain the new schools identification system and the timeline for implementation. He noted that with all of the new measures, the State has an end goal. They want to reach 20% improvement in the next five years. Mr. Winch announced that a detailed presentation will be presented when more data is available. The Board asked questions.

B. Recognition

i. Student Art Presentation - Lee Road School

Ms. Marengi thanked the students from Lee Road for the beautiful art work in the Board Room and hallway.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports (none)

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

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

Dr. McDonald stated that a Board member had inquired about benches to be used as a barrier in front of all the schools. She distributed pictures of round concrete benches and planters. Dr. McDonald asked, Chris Milano, Director of Facilities, to report on the benches. He noted that the benches could have multiple purposes in that they serve as a bench, act as a barrier, are decorative, and you can purchase plaques for them dedicated to loved ones. He commented that they weigh 600 pounds each, come in different colors and would be installed permanently at entrance points to the buildings. The Board discussed this item and asked questions such as how many were needed and exactly where they would be placed.

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi remarked that the entire Board and Central Office attended the Annual New York State School Boards Convention in New York City last month. She noted that these events are informative and productive. Also, she mentioned that it helps us connect with others, bring back ideas, and it is affirming to realize that we are doing so much more than other Districts. Ms. Marengi asked each Board Member to give a short synopsis of the workshops they attended. Dr. McDonald shared that Levittown Schools made a presentation on the last day of the Convention. She commented that the teachers who presented did an amazing job and we are very proud of them. She remarked that the audience seemed very interested. Additionally, Dr. McDonald reported that we would be presenting at the national level in March at the National School Board Convention in Philadelphia.

2. Correspondence
(none)

3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Marciano the student representative from MacArthur High School, reported that kick line and color guard all performed at the Annual Newsday Festival; the yearly LEAD week was conducted; the Macs Got Talent Competition was held; 47 new students were welcomed to the MacArthur Family with a continental breakfast; 17 musicians qualified for the honor of All County; the Girls Varsity Soccer Team make it to the County Championship Game; and the girls Swim Team finished their season as undefeated Conference Champions.

The Student Liaison for Division, Ms. Fuchs announced that: the school united for Breast Cancer Awareness with scheduled activities such as a "Feed the Cause" luncheon, "Sisters in Health" Presentations, Pink Out Football Game and a Basketball Tournament. In total, \$5,162 was raised from these events for the United Breast Cancer Foundation. In addition, the DIG PINK Volleyball Rally raised \$2,600 for the Side-Out Foundation for Breast Cancer Research; a Halloween Dance was held; during LEADD Week, students were educated on making good decisions; 13 students were accepted into the Nassau Music Educators' Association, All-County and PEAK Festivals; 2 students were selected to participate at the HOBY Seminar; Juniors from Student Council and Class office delivered presentations to every class in Summit Lane regarding the new PRIDE Program; the Marching Band received 5th place overall at the State Competition in Syracuse and the Thanksgiving Food Drive collected food to be delivered to over 40 families.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-19-145

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION #18-19-146

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 OCTOBER 2018 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 18-19-147

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

- ~~• Appropriation and Revenue reports for the period 7/1/17 through 6/30/18 and 7/1/17 and 7/1/18 through 9/30/18~~ **PULLED**
- Claims Auditors Report October 2018
- Treasurer's report for the month ending June 2018 and September 2018
- Credit Card statement from Citibank for statement date 10/6/2018 and 10/22/2018
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/17 through 6/30/18."

NOTE: The Board pulled the Appropriation and Revenue Reports until the next meeting.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

4. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Reports

RESOLUTION #18-19-148

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

5. Medical Evaluation of an Employee

RESOLUTION #18-19-149

MOTION: "WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Law Section 913, Employee No. 1089 is hereby directed to submit to a medical/psychiatric examination before a physician of the District's choosing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby directs that Employee No. 1089 submit, at or before the examination/evaluation, all relevant records from all health care providers with whom he has consulted or received treatment during the last three years, or such other time period as is deemed appropriate by the District's designated physician(s)."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

6. Appointment of Additional Members to the Food Service Committee

RESOLUTION #18-19-150

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Bill Saccone as a representative for Wisdom Lane School, Tina Deninno as a representative of Northside School and Deanna Tropeano as a representative of Division Avenue High School as additional members of the Food Service Committee for the 2018-2019 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

7. Destruction of Surplus Election Ballots

RESOLUTION # 18-19-151

MOTION: “Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby RESOLVED that the District Clerk is authorized to destroy and discard surplus ballots from the May 2018 annual election.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

8. Nassau BOCES CIT Technology Services

RESOLUTION #18-19-152

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the contract between the Levittown Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES: Technology Programs Contract Project #8-648716, for hardware and software support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Levittown Board of Education, is, hereby, authorized to sign the attached agreement."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

RESOLUTION # 18-19-153

9. Bid Approval – BID # LPS-16-011 Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment
Installation, Repairs & Service

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the Bid #LPS 16-011 for Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment Installation, Repairs & Service to Summit Restaurant Repairs as per attached specifications.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

10. Contract with Jostens Yearbook 2020-2022

RESOLUTION # 18-19-154

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Jostens Yearbook to provide yearbook services for Wisdom Lane Middle School.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

11. Contract with Heritage Club

RESOLUTION#18-19-155

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with Heritage Club for the Salk Middle School 8th Grade Dance on June 14, 2019.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

12. Contract with Newsela Blended PRO

RESOLUTION #18-19-156

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contracts with Newsela Blended PRO to provide instructional content and professional development for the 2018-19 school year for MacArthur High School, Division High School, Salk Middle School and Wisdom Lane Middle School.

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

the contract."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

13. Inter-municipal Agreements - Transportation

RESOLUTION # 18-19-157

MOTION: "RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached Inter-municipal Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and the following school district for the purpose of Levittown providing transportation services to students in that school district;

- Island Trees School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

14. GC Tech Tuition Contract

RESOLUTION # 18-19-158

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, does, hereby, approve the attached tuition contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school district for the purpose of Levittown providing specialized educational services at the GC Tech program to children residing in the following district:

- Bethpage Union Free School District

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

15. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION # 18-19-159

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

- Dr. Stephen Honor
- ACDS, Inc.
- The Charlton School
- Martin De Porres High School
- ANDRUS
- Hempstead UFSD
- Harmony Heights
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc.
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Cleary School for the Deaf
- Center for Developmental Disabilities
- Brookville Center for Children’s Services, Inc.
- All About Kids/Mid Island Therapy Assoc.
- Henry Viscardi/National Center for Disabilities
- Kidz Therapy Services, Inc.
- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center
- Just Kids Early Childhood
- Metro Therapy
- SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights
- Mill Neck Manor School
- New York Therapy Placement
- School for Language and Communication
- The Summit School
- Variety Child Learning Center
- United Cerebral Palsy

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

16. Transportation Contract BOCES

RESOLUTION #18-19-160

MOTION: "Resolved that pursuant to Article 156.5 of the New York State Education Law, the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached transportation contract with Nassau BOCES from July 9 through August 17, 2018 at a cost of \$35,445.00; and,

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

17. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 18-19-161

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, declare the books on the attached lists obsolete and that the items may be discarded and/or donated as possible or sold at the highest salvage value.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

18. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 18-19-162

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 (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

19. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 18-19-163

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

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

AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

On Schedule 1007, #10 change step and salary to: Step 6 and salary of \$89,836 with a stipend of \$10,000.

On Schedule 1007b, #12 change the school from Division to MacArthur.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	James Moran
SECONDER:	Mike Pappas
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gift to School

RESOLUTION #18-19-164

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

- One plaque to be donated to Lee Road School installed below the American Flag in the first floor stairwell highlighting that in 1978 the American Flag was flown over the U.S. Capital in Washington, D.C. from Crown Trophy, Mr. Bill Weisenfeld, 3108 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Christina Lang
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policies - First and Second Read

First Read

Policy No. 5660.1 Meal Charge and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming

Dr. Dillon explained that changes were made to this policy to comply with the new shaming laws.

Policy No. 4211 Organizational Chart

Ms. Rifkin reported that the District Organizational Chart was updated to reflect changes made over the past year to make it current.

Second Read

Policy No. 5551 Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District

Policy No. 7134 Education of Students in Foster Care

Policy No. 7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Policy No. 7222 Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

There were no changes to these policies from the first read.

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Vice President
SECONDER:	Christina Lang
AYES:	Adrian, Lang, Marengi, Pappas, Cain, Moran
ABSENT:	Jennifer Messina

The Board adjourned the public meeting at 9:05 PM.

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.

Michael Sheraton 95 Woodcock Lane, Levittown, NY

Mr. Sheraton requested that the Board consider creating days on the school calendar to honor other holidays such as Diwali and Eid al-Fitr. He mentioned that there is a growing number of Hindu, Indian and Moslem families moving into the District. In this way, Mr. Sheraton feels that these children do not have to miss school for these holidays. He remarked that neighboring schools districts now celebrate these holidays.