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, December 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. Peggy Marenghi, President

Ms. Marianne Adrian, Vice President

Mr. Dillon Cain

Ms. Christina Lang

Ms. Jennifer Messina

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

Mr. David Marcano - Student Liaison MacArthur High School

Ms. Emily Fuchs – Student Liaison Division Avenue High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ms. Marenghi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On a motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the LUT.
- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Cain seconded by Ms. Lang and approved (7-0). Ms. Marenghi asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Brandon Smith, a Coca Cola Semi-Finalist. She requested a moment of silence for all the men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

NOTE: Recognitions were taken out of order and presented in the Auditorium before the Audit Committee Meeting.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

(none)

B. Recognition (in Auditorium)

i. MacArthur High School Wind Ensemble

Dr. McDonald thanked the musicians who performed several holiday songs for a wonderful performance.

ii. Coca Cola Scholarship Semi-Finalist Recognition

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship offering college scholarships to exceptional high school students dedicated to leadership, service, and action that positively affect others. This year Levittown had four Semi-Finalists, two at Division and two at MacArthur High School. Mr. Winch asked the Principals from each high school to come up to present the candidates with certificates and speak about their achievements. Dr. McDonald noted that most schools do not get any Semi-Finalists; and we have four!

iii. Fall Sports Recognition

Mr. Winch introduced Mr. Snyder, Director of Physical Education, Athletics, Chairperson of Physical Education MacArthur, who introduced the students who were to be honored tonight for their achievements in the following Fall sports: Cheerleading; Cross Country Track; Football; Boys and Girls Soccer; Girls Tennis; Swimming; Boys and Girls Volleyball and Golf. He noted that this was a banner year for these sports and that a lot of the team members are multi-sport athletes. Mr. Snyder thanked all the coaches for doing an unbelievable job of coaching and teaching the students life lessons that will help them become better citizens. Additionally, he thanked the parent for coming out and supporting the teams.

iv. Art Display – Wisdom Lane School

Ms. Marenghi commented on the beautiful art display by the students at Wisdom Lane School.

NOTE: The Board returned to the Large Board Room at 8:00 pm and Ms. Marenghi called the Audit Committee Meeting to order.

III. Audit Committee Meeting

Dr. Dillon introduced Mr. Hoffman from Cullen and Danowski, our Internal Auditor. Mr. Hoffman explained that the role of the Internal Auditor is to focus on processes, procedures and internal controls and to accomplish that two types of engagements are done each year. One is an Annual Risk Assessment Review and the other is detailed testing in some area of the operation of the Business Office. For this meeting, Mr. Hoffman discussed the draft of the Risk Assessment Report which prior to this meeting the Board was given copies of to review. He touched on the highlights of the report which is a follow up on all prior recommendations from last year's Risk Assessments as well as any recommendations made in any report that is at least a year old. He noted that overall interviews went well with the staff and that there were no new findings as result of the risk assessment work. Mr. Hoffman commented that his recommendation for areas for detailed testing over the winter would be to go back to the Transportation Departmen,t specifically the

Garage, to review the implementation as it is starting off to make sure that the processes, procedures and controls are appropriate and they address the open issues we have identified. In addition, he would like to review the purchasing operation and security access in our new accounting system. Mr. Coffey noted that the next step in the process is to finalize the report and prepare a Corrective Action Plan which has to be approved by the Board of Education within 90 days and filed with New York State Education Department. Mr. Pappas had questions on the Lunch Program, Unemployment Reserves, and the rollover to nVision. There was a discussion on these questions and responded to by the Auditor and the Superintendent.

NOTE: At 8:15 PM the Audit Committee Meeting was adjourned. Ms. Marenghi called the Regular Meeting to order on a motion by Ms. Lang and seconded by Mr. Moran.

C. Superintendent

1. K12 Insights Presentation

Mr. Winch reported on a survey that was conducted with all District staff and students in grades 6 - 12. He stated that questions were taken from a Federal Climate Survey that New York State will eventually require of Districts. He noted that we partnered with a company, K12 Insight, to conduct the survey and help analyze the data. Mr. Winch introduced Dr. David Blaiklock, Head of Research for K12 Insight, who would walk the Board through the survey and talk about some key findings. Mr. Blaiklock commented that his company works with over 200 schools across the country. He remarked that he took a survey that was already in existence that covers a variety of different aspects. Mr. Blaiklock pointed out that this survey was not a random sample but there was very strong participation so the argument could be made that it is fairly representative of the perceptions of those across the District. He discussed the key findings from the survey and where we are right now with using this data. The Board and Superintendent had many questions for Mr. Blaiklock on the findings. Dr. McDonald stated you need feedback to grow. It was decided that the data needs further review.

2. Mindfulness

Mr. Winch advised that one of the Board Goals this year was developing a Mindfulness initiative for the upcoming school year. He reviewed a presentation on this subject. He shared that Mindfulness is learning to become curious about our relationship with our emotions, thoughts, and with how we relate to our present moment experience, with a kind, compassionate awareness. Mr. Winch pointed out the benefits of Mindfulness practice and why it is especially helpful now. He talked about what the plan was moving forward with the District's Multi-Year Plan for implementation and the components of the initiative. Mr. Winch stated that we are trying to change the culture of the District. The Board was excited regarding this proposal.

3. Comments and Reports

A. Budget topics By Month 2019-2020

Dr. Dillon reviewed the preliminary Budget Calendar for the 2019 – 2020 school year. He went over the topics to be discussed.

4. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. McDonald responded to Mr. Sheridan's request at the last meeting for the Board to consider creating days on the school calendar to honor other holidays such as Diwali and Eid al-Fitr. She read an updated letter she plans to send to Mr. Sheridan in which she states that neither of these two holidays fall within days that are in our calendar for the next two years. Therefore they need not be addressed at this time.

5. Follow-up to Board Questions (none)

D. Board of Education

- 1. Comments and Reports (none)
- 2. Correspondence (none)
- 3. Student Liaisons

Mr. Marcano, the student representative from MacArthur High School, reported that the AP Government students had their annual trip to Washington D.C.; the Guidance Department administered the 10th/11th Grade Parent Workshop; Science Research students attended the 2018 Long Island Smart Growth Summit; members of the Community hosted the Danish Basketball Team; our Science Olympiad Team competed in the Long Island Science Olympiad; and congratulations to the actors and actresses of Hello Dolly for the exceptional performances.

The Student Liaison for Division, Ms. Fuchs announced that: members of the Chamber Choir performed at the LI Festival of the Trees; the Marching Band recently earned fifth place in the Small School 2 category at the 45th annual NYS Field Band Conference; the cheerleaders earned a bid to compete at the Universal Cheerleading Association National High Schools' Cheerleading Championship in Orlando; the cast of this year's musical, thoroughly Modern Millie has been finalized; and congratulations to our two Semi-Finalists in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

IV. PUBLIC BE HEARD

Comments appear at the end of the minutes.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 18-19-166

MOTION: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Meeting of November 28, 2018."

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

RESOLUTION #18-19-167

2. Warrants

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 NOVEMBER 2018 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

RESOLUTION # 18-19-168

3. Business Office Reports

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 7/1/18 ending 10/31/18
- Claims Auditors Report for November 2018
- Treasurer's report for the month ending October 2018
- Trial Balance for the period 7/1/2018 to 10/31/2018
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement date 11/6/2018."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

4. Risk Assessment Update Report - Corrective Action Plan RESOLUTION #18-19-169

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Risk Assessment Update Report and the Corrective Action Plan in response to the External Auditor's recommendations contained in the report dated June 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance is authorized to submit the Corrective Action Plan to New York State."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

5. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION 18-19-170

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>	Code Description	Amount From	Amount To		
A20201600	Supervision-Clerical Salaries	\$44,733.00			
A28101600	Guidance-Non Instructional Salaries		\$44,733.00		
A26301500	Computer Instruction T/Assists	\$64,211.00			
A26301510	Computer Instruction IT Staff	# 000 074 00	\$64,211.00		
A22501350	Spec. Ed Chairpersons	\$23,671.00	000 074 00		
A26301510	Computer Instruction IT Staff		\$23,671.00		
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A21101400	Substitute Teachers	\$25,000.00			
A10104750	Bd of Ed Training/Travel	Ψ=0,000.00	\$25,000.00		
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Reason: To cover the cost of the Board to attend conventions/workshops					
A1620, 4080	O&M Electricity	\$60,000.00			
A1620, 4620	O&M Contractual Expenditures	\$22,266.44			
A1620. 1666	O&M Custodial OT/Special Projects	ΨΖΖ,ΖΟΟ	\$82,266.44		
A1620.1650	O&M Groundskeepers Sal	\$21,181.42	Ψ02,200.11		
A1620.1670	O&M Summer Custodial/Grnds	Ψ=1,101112	\$21,181.42		
A1620.4620	O&M Contractual Expenditures	\$10,077.69	V =1,1 V 111=		
A1622.1660	Security Overtime	. ,	\$10,077.69		
A5510.5710	Transportation Fuel for Buses	\$50,000.00	. ,		
A5581.4900	BOCES Transportation Services	•	\$50,000.00		

Reason: To adjust budget to actual salaries. To cover BOCES Transportation Services

A21104500PE	PE Supplies & Materials	\$20,000.00	
A28554500	Athletic Supplies & Materials	\$20,000.0	00

Reason: Purchase of football uniforms/to take advantage of special pricing offer

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

6. Reserves Adjustment

RESOLUTION #18-19-171

MOTION: "WHEREAS, by action of the Levittown Board of Education, the Levittown Union Free School District has previously established certain reserves having the following balances as of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018;

	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/17
Restricted for Workers' Compensation	\$ 5,064,732
Restricted for Unemployment Insurance	\$ 952,391
Restricted for Employee Retirement	\$11,850,104
Restricted for Employee Benefits Accrued Liability	\$ 4,044,874
Restricted for Capital Reserve	\$ 5,462,000
Total Reserves	\$ 27,374,101

and WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education wishes to utilize and/or contribute additional funds where appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education, hereby, authorizes transfers of 2017-2018 fund balance to any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

Reserves Transfers Not To	
Exceed	
Restricted for Workers'	
Compensation	\$1,000,000
Restricted for Employee	
Retirement	\$2,000,000
Restricted for Capital Reserve	
	\$ 6,000,000
Total Transfers	
	\$ 9,000,000"

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

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7. Change Order

RESOLUTION #18-19-172

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following Change Orders (contract decreases):

Change Order #1 East Broadway Elementary School

JNS Heating - Credit Allowance for Money Not Used \$-8,000.00

Change Order #1 Gardiners Avenue Elementary School

JNS Heating - Credit Allowance for Money Not Used \$-8,000.00

Change Order #1 Summit Lane Elementary School

JNS Heating - Credit Allowance for Money Not Used \$-4,000.00

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

8. Agreement with CSEA

RESOLUTION #18-19-173

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with the CSEA dated December 5, 2018.

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

9. Memorandum of Understanding - Supervisor of Operations RESOLUTION #18-19-174

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratifies the agreement with the CSEA regarding the terms and conditions of employment for a bargaining unit position;

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

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

10. Employee Agreement

RESOLUTION #18-19-175

MOTION: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with Employee No. 5276 regarding her separation from employment."

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

11. Contract with Heartland Payment Systems

RESOLUTION #18-19-176

MOTION: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve the K-12 merchant processing agreement with Heartland Payment Systems (formally Nutrikids) to provide payment processing services;

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

12. National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.

RESOLUTION #18-19-177

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. to provide curricula and course materials for use by Levittown Schools in a summer education enrichment program from July 15 through July 26, 2019 at no cost to the District.

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

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

13. Approval of Board of Education Policies

RESOLUTION #18-19-178

MOTION: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following revised policies:

Policy No. 4211 - Organizational Chart

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

Policy No. 5660.1 - Meal Charge and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming Policy

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

14. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #18-19-179

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 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019...

- The Opportunity Pre School
- Oyster Bay East Norwich CSD
- Heart Share
- West Islip UFSD

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

15. Transportation Contract

RESOLUTION #18-19-180

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 2018-2019 School Year transportation contracts/extensions:

Contractor's Name	Date of Contract	Cost
Acme Bus Corp	8/23/18	\$0
Educational Bus Transportation	8/23/18	\$0
First Student	8/23/18	\$0
We Transport	8/23/18	\$0

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

16. Out of District Contract for Health and Welfare Services

RESOLUTION #18-19-181

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 2018-19 school year:

Seaford UFSD

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

17. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 18-19 -182

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

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RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

18. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION # 18-19-183

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 (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

19. Schedules RESOLUTION # 18-19-184

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

- 1001 "Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel"
- 1001a "Appointments, Administrators
- 1002 "Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1003 "Appointments, Certified Personnel"
- 1004 "Designation, Coaching"
- 1005 "Designation, Consultants"
- 1006 "Extra-Curricular"
- 1007 "Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1008 "Salary Change, Certified Personnel"
- 1009 "Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1010 "Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel"
- 1011 "Leave of Absence, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1012 "Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel"
- 1013 "Students with Disabilities"

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: James Moran SECONDER: Jennifer Messina

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

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V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Gifts to Schools

RESOLUTION # 18-19-185

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

- A check in the amount of \$100.00 to be awarded to two graduating fifth graders from the class of 2019 (The James Woolwhich Award) at East Broadway School from Mrs. Kerry Couture, 160 Poplar Street, Garden City, NY 11530
- A 2003 Volkswagon Jetta to be donated to Mr. Luna's GC Tech Automotive Class from Ms. Ruth Castellani, 14 Wildwood Road, Rocky Point, NY 11778
- A 1998 Honda Motorcylce to be donated to Mr. Luna's GC Tech Automotive Class from Mr. Joseph Pernick, 245 Kings Park Avenue, No. Massapequa, NY 11758
- Two checks in the amounts of \$175.00 and \$84.00 to be donated respectively to Ms. Bonomo's class at East Broadway for the butterfly program and Ms. Nulty's class at East Broadway for the mammal study program from NEFCU, 1000 Corporate Drive, Westbury, NY 11590."

NOTE: The Board thanked all the generous donors.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)
MOVER: Marianne Adrian, Vice President

SECONDER: Dillon Cain

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

VI. AD HOC

(NONE)

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)

MOVER: Christina Lang SECONDER: Dillon Cain

AYES: Adrian, Lang, Marenghi, Pappas, Cain, Moran, Messina

The Board wished everyone Happy Holidays and adjourned the public meeting at 10:05 PM.

Elizabeth Appelbaum District Clerk

NOTE: Tapes of the meetings 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.

Jane Finkelstein 848 Mayer, Wantagh, NY

Ms. Finkelstein stated that she attended tonight's meeting to hear the presentation on Mindfulness. She thanked the Board and staff for realizing how important this subject is. Additionally, she had comments on the Climate Survey. She remarked that she appreciated that the District participates in these surveys. She questioned the use of "Don't Know" on the study. Ms. Finkelstein asked if the presentation would be available to the public. Ms. Finkelstein was also interested in a survey that was done on exiting seniors to see if there was a correlation to this study.

Dr. McDonald responded that the data has been shared with the schools and when the parent piece of the survey is completed it will be shared.

Lael Daniel 149 Center Lane, Levittown, NY

Mr. Daniel, a 15 year resident of Levittown, thanked the Board for their presentations. He remarked that he would like to see the survey broken up into middle school and high school feedback. He thought the comments from the Board and Superintendent were very insightful. Additionally, he was happy to see the District participating in the Mindfulness Program. He stated that he partakes in Mindfulness with his family. He is also pleased that the District is considering other holidays for its school calendar.

Dr. McDonald responded that it is hard to compare the survey since not everyone does them.