

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

**DATE: MAY 18, 2021**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**OTHERS**

Mr. Robert Cohen - School Attorney  
Ms. Elizabeth Appelbaum - District Clerk

- A. Ms. Marengi, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 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 Ms. Adrian seconded by Mr. Cain and approved (7-0) that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet with legal counsel.
- B. The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:30 on a motion by Ms. Adrian seconded by Mrs. Messina and approved (7-0).

**I. PUBLIC BE HEARD – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**  
(None)

**1. Certification of Vote****RESOLUTION # 20-21-303**

**MOTION:** “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, certify the results of Proposition No. 1 (School District Budget Vote), Proposition No. 2 (Library Budget Vote) and Board member elections for the school district and library which took place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the following results:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1: LEVITTOWN UFSD ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2021-2022**

“RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2019-2020 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law and on file with the District Clerk shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefor on the taxable real property of the district.

Results:	Yes	No
	1441	829

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATES**

	Name	# of votes
	Marianne Adrian	1349
	Linda Testamark	928
	James Moran	1322

**PROPOSITION NO. 2: Levittown Library Annual Budget for 2021-2022**

“RESOLVED, that the Library budget for the year 2021-2022 proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library, and a levy of a tax therefore in accordance with Section of 259 of the Education law be approved.

Results:	Yes	No
	1513	650

**LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE**

	Name	# of votes
	John Pettit-Milonakis	1695

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

## 2. Budget Transfer

RESOLUTION # 20-21- 304

**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>
A2250.4900.00.0000	Spec Ed BOCES Svcs	\$70,000	
A5581.4900.00.0000	Transportation BOCES Svcs		\$70,000

*Reason: To cover additional BOCES routes due to driver shortage.*

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

## 3. Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA

RESOLUTION # 20-21- 305

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratify and approve the memorandum of agreement dated 5/10/21 between the Levittown UFSD and the Levittown Unit #7551 of the National Educational Local 865 of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA)."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

4. Contract for June 2021 Commencement - Hofstra University      RESOLUTION # 20-21-306

**MOTION:** “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and Hofstra University for two high school graduation rehearsals and ceremonies for Division Avenue HS and MacArthur HS to be held at the Hofstra Stuart Stadium on June 19, 2021;

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

5. Schedules      RESOLUTION # 20-21-307

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

- 1001 “Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Resignations/Terminations, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1003 “Appointments, Certified Personnel”
- 1004 “Coaching”
- 1005 “Consultants”
- 1006 “Extra-Curricular”
- 1007 “Appointments, Non-Instructional”
- 1008 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1009 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

## 6. Reaffirmation of Reserves

RESOLUTION # 20-21-308

**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, 2020;

Reserve Balances	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/20
Restricted Unemployment	\$994,095
Restricted Worker's Compensation	\$4,266,413
Restricted TRS	\$2,721,127
Restricted ERS	\$10,749,260
Restricted Capital Reserve	\$8,612,854
Restricted Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	\$3,374,845
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$30,718,594</b>

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 2020-2021 fund balance to any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

Reserves Transfers Not To Exceed	
Restricted for Workers' Compensation	\$5,000,000
Restricted for Employee Retirement	\$7,000,000
Restricted for Capital Reserve	\$7,000,000
Restricted for Teachers Retirement Reserve	\$3,000,000
Total Transfers	\$22,000,000

Reserves Transfers Not To Exceed Restricted for Workers' Compensation \$ 5,000,000 Restricted for Employee Retirement \$ 7,000,000 Restricted for Capital Reserve \$ 7,000,000, Restricted for Teachers Retirement Reserve \$3,000,000  
Total Transfers \$ 22,000,000”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

## 7. EBALR Reserve

RESOLUTION # 20-21-309

**MOTION:** “EBALR RESERVE: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District (“Board”) has determined that the moneys presently held in the District’s Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund exceeded the amount required for the payment of the monetary value of accumulated or accrued and unused sick leave, holiday leave, and vacation leave to an employee upon termination of employment and separation from service as of June 30, 2021 now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the District’s Treasurer to take the necessary action to transfer \$X,XXX,XXXX from the District’s Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund into the District’s General Fund, effective June 1, 2021.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

8. Separation Incentive - Levittown United Teachers(LUT)and  
Association of Levittown School Administrators

RESOLUTION # 20-21-310

**MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, authorize an updated retirement incentive for the Levittown United Teachers (LUT) and Association of Levittown School Administrators (ALSA)."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Moran
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Christina Lang
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

**IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0)]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jennifer Messina
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Marianne Adrian
<b>AYES:</b>	Adrian, Marenghi, Lang, Pappas, Moran, Cain, Messina

**NOTE: The Board thanked everyone for their help in passing the budget.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

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Elizabeth Appelbaum  
District Clerk

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