

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 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.

Recommended Motion: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, move to Executive Session for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney."

1. CALL TO ORDER

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Tonie McDonald, Superintendent
Ms. Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Todd Winch, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS:

Mr. Robert Cohen, Attorney
Ms. Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

- A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Marengi, President, called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:30pm. She asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee and Mr. James Moran, Secretary were excused from tonight's meeting. Motion to adjourn to executive session:

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

A. Pledge of Allegiance/B. Moment of Silence

Ms. Marengi introduced Dan Gonzalez, student at Division Avenue HS to lead us in the pledge. Ms. Marengi also asked for a moment of silence for all those serving our Country at home and abroad. She thanked all those present for attending.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

i. Academic Presentation - Division Avenue High School

Mr. John Coscia, Division Principal, introduced the very talented faculty and students from Division High school who presented a video showcasing all the exciting electives programs available for all students at Division Avenue. He thanked teachers Mr. Engels, Mr. Marzigliano, Ms. Miller, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Sellars as well as students Gurvir Bhatti, Joseph Bonsignore, Oscar Bran, Giovanni Coppola, Ilaria Davniero, Dan Gonzalez, Skye Khan, Winnie Liu, Abigail Montes, Rebecca Petrellese, Katherine Reetz, Gianna Rosado-Gomez, and Thomas Summer. The video was produced and edited by Nicholas Genovese with assistance from Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Board thanked all for a well done presentation.

B. Recognition

i. Art Display - Northside School

Ms. Marengi asked those in attendance to look around the room at the spectacular artwork done by the students of Northside Elementary and extended the Board's gratitude to students and faculty members who participated in this.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports

Dr. McDonald and the Board congratulated Division Avenue Student Liaison Christopher Powers on being named "Homecoming Prince" at the ceremony on October 29th.

2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions

Dr. McDonald read her response to Mr. Hudak's Public Be Heard question from the October 13th meeting regarding purchase of night vision goggles (there was no record of order being made) and security department employees (factors leading to decisions to discipline employees is strictly confidential and cannot be discussed).

3. Follow-up to Board Questions

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports

Ms. Marengi, President, congratulated Board Member, Christina Lang, Trustee, for receiving the NYS Assembly Award for being a Woman of Distinction.

In addition, Ms. Marengi read the following statement from the Board regarding COVID cases at Salk Middle School:

"We would like to take this opportunity to bring the community up to date regarding the recent cases of COVID at Salk Middle School. We began to see a rise in cases in the 6th grade at Salk

during the week of October 18. After contract tracing and consulting with the Department of Health on October 25th, a decision was made to place 108 students on remote learning until November 5th.

On October 26th, again, in consultation with the Department of Health, we enacted a protocol whereby students who provided a negative COVID test on October 27th or later, could return to school immediately. The District set up testing at Salk for the convenience of parents, but accepted test results from other sources, such as a pediatrician. Parents were also given the option to have their children remain on remote learning until November 5th. As of today, of the 108 students, 18 subsequently tested positive for COVID and have been officially quarantined by the Department of Health. 60 students provided negative tests and have returned to school. 30 students will continue on remote education until Thursday, November 4th, returning to in person education Friday, November 5th."

2. Correspondence - NONE

3. Student Liaisons:

Khalil Garrett, student representative from MacArthur, spoke about breast cancer awareness month. Through various fundraising efforts, MacArthur donated over \$17,000 to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Research Hospital, a personal best for the HS. Other events included Masked Entertainer Talent Show, virtual field trip to the Glen Cove Holocaust museum, MSAAG Conference, upcoming SAT's and parent-teacher conferences, and AP Bio students attending the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor. November 12th and 13th, the drama production of Murder in the Heir will be showcased, directed by Mrs. Levenberg and produced by Mrs. Wellenreuther. Finally, congratulations to Boys and Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball for making the playoffs. Good luck to our football team, as well, making the playoffs, first round match against Long Beach. Go Generals!

Christopher Powers, student representative from Division, spoke about college information night, Captain's breakfast, Dig Pink, Halloween dance attended by peer pals and CD students, LEADD week initiatives and upcoming onsite college interviews with Hofstra, NYIT, Adelphi, St. Joseph's College, St. John's College, Molloy, LIU Post and Mercy College. Homecoming Spirit week kicked off on October 25th with students participating in dress days, pep rally, all leading up to Homecoming on Friday, October 29th. It started with a parade from Northside elementary, led by the Grand Marshal Patty Leavey, including dignitaries, students, and staff, ending up at the high school where senior members of the football, cheer, marching band and kickline were honored. Members of the 1996 DAHS football team were honored on the 25th anniversary of them winning the Rutgers Cup. Ms. Marenghi and several members of Central Office were on hand to honor Dr. McDonald, thanking her for all she's done for the Community. Lastly, girls soccer senior captain, Simar Parmar, has been awarded the 2021 Triple Impact Competitor scholarship from the Positive Coaching Alliance which recognizes student athletes who are positively impacted by sports. Good luck to our football team as they enter playoffs this week against Plainedge.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD

The guidelines pertaining to Public Be Heard were read.

Mr. Christopher Sackman, 88 Cord Lane, Levittown requested a response from the Board re: "a certain theory that is there in the public and school. I've been assured and believe that assurance, that it's not in our curriculum. After the NSBA (National School Board Association) wrote a letter to the Department of Justice, referencing those parents like me who stand in front, raise their voices, not the ones that threaten, absolutely not, do you support that letter that was written by the NSBA and the subsequent memo that was sent to the FBI & NSA?"

Ms. Marenghi replied that the Board will meet to discuss and cannot answer as individuals, as they act as a group when responding. The Board thanked Mr. Sackman for his comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes RESOLUTION # 21-22-483
 Recommended Motion: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

2. Business Office Reports RESOLUTION # 21-22-484
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the following reports from the Business Office:

- Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the periods 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021; 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2021 (revised); 7/1/2021 to 8/31/2021; and 7/1/2021 to 9/30/2021
- Trial Balance Reports for the periods 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021; 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2021 (revised); 7/1/2021 to 8/31/2021; and 7/1/2021 to 9/30/2021
- Treasurers Reports for the months ending June 2021, July 2021 (revised), August 2021 and September 2021
- Credit card statements from Citibank for statements ending 9/22/21 and 10/6/21"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

3. Food Service Committee 2021-2022 RESOLUTION # 21-22-485
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint the individuals on the attached list to the Levittown School District Food Service Committee for the 2021-2022 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

4. Approval of School Clubs RESOLUTION # 21-22-486
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Extra Classroom Activity Club Charters for the 2021-2022 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

5. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Treasurer's Reports RESOLUTION # 21-22-487
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, accept the attached Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the period July 1 to September 30, 2021."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

6. Bid Approval - BID # LPS-19-009 - Ext #2 Cafeteria/Kitchen RESOLUTION # 21-22-488
 Equipment, Installation, Repairs & Service
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, award the BID # LPS-19-009 Extension #2 : Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment, Installation, Repairs & Service as per attached specifications.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

7. Memorandum of Agreement -Todd Winch RESOLUTION # 21-22-489
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and Mr. Todd Winch, as per the terms of the attached agreement;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Employment Agreement."

Dr. McDonald congratulated Mr. Winch on his appointment as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 2022 and thanked him for his over 20 years of service to the District.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

8. Modification of Employment Agreement - Dr. Tonie McDonald RESOLUTION # 21-22-490
 Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Modification of the Employment Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and Dr. Tonie McDonald, as per the terms of the attached agreement;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Modification of Employment Agreement.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

9. Memorandum of Agreement - Dajuana Reeves RESOLUTION # 21-22-491
 Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Levittown Union Free School District and Dajuana Reeves, as per the terms of the attached Memorandum of Agreement;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

10. Memorandum of Agreement - Bus Drivers RESOLUTION # 21-22-492
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, ratifies the agreement with the Levittown School District Bus Drivers regarding the terms and conditions of employment;

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

11. Employee Agreement RESOLUTION # 21-22-493
 Recommended Motion: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies an agreement with Employee No. 42 regarding employment.”

Motion made by Marianne Adrian, Seconded by Dillon Cain, Approved to be pulled 5-0.

RESULT:	PULLED
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12. Contract for Prom Venue

RESOLUTION # 21-22-494

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Crest Hollow Country Club as the venue for MacArthur High School Senior Prom on Friday, June 10, 2022.

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

13. Contract with Concord Theatricals Corp.

RESOLUTION #21-22-495

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Concord Theatricals Corp., with terms as outlined in the attached contract for licensing for "Hello Dolly" for Division Avenue High School for March 24 through 26, 2022;

and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED (5-0)
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

14. Contract with CoDance Co., Inc.

RESOLUTION # 21-22-496

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and CoDance Co., Inc. as outlined on the attached contract for the 5th grade students at East Broadway to participate in a 20 session Ballroom Dance residency;

and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

15. Special Education Contracts

RESOLUTION #21-22-497

Recommended 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 as indicated:

- NPORT
- Gersh Academy_Agreement Extention

- Gersh Academy_Tuition
- Clinical Staffing Resources
- Metro Therapy, Inc.
- West Hempstead UFSD

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

16. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION # 21-22-498

Recommended 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.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

17. Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION #21-22-499

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

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

18. Schedules

RESOLUTION #21-22-500

“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 Personnel”
- 1008 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1009 “Salary Change, Certified Personnel”
- 1010 “Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1011 “Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1012 “Students with Disabilities”

All schedules approved with the exception of 1010.1 which was approved to be pulled 5-0.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business

RESOLUTION #21-22-501

1. Gifts to Schools

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

- Two checks in the amount of \$5.00 and \$75.00 to be deposited in the Northside School Student Activity Fund to be used for various student activities from The Blackbaud Giving Fund c/o Your Cause, 65 Fairchild Street, Charleston, SC 29492.”

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
SECONDER:	Christina Lang, Trustee
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

VI. AD HOC

1. Board Policy - First Read

Policy No. 6160 Professional Growth/Staff Development

Policy # 6160 will be put on December 8 Regular Meeting Agenda for approval.

VII. UPCOMING DATES

November 17 - Planning Session

December 8 - Regular Meeting – MacArthur Band will be in the auditorium before the meeting providing music for all.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [5-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER:	Jennifer Messina, Vice President
AYES:	Adrian, Cain, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Moran, Pappas

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Suzanne Mallozzi
District Clerk

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