

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

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, December 8, 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 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.

Board of Education

Peggy Marenghi - President (Excused Absence)
Jennifer Messina - Vice-President.
James Moran - Secretary
Marianne Adrian - Trustee
Dillon Cain - Trustee
Christina Lang - Trustee (Via Zoom)
Michael Pappas - Trustee

Administration:

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

Others:

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm – Motion to open meeting.

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

Ms. Messina asked everyone to stand for the pledge and then asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney."

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.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER: Marianne Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

A. Pledge of Allegiance / III. B. Moment of Silence

Ms. Messina, Vice President, reconvened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She also asked to observe a moment of silence for those serving our Country at home and abroad. Dr. McDonald noted that the District was notified today that former Northside Principal, Lorraine Haviken passed away and asked that she be remembered at this meeting.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER: Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

i. MacArthur High School Wind Ensemble - Auditorium - Begins at 7:10 PM Board of Education and Central Office invited everyone to the Auditorium to enjoy the beautiful music provided by the MacArthur HS Wind Ensemble

ii. Fall Scholar Athletes - Auditorium The Board of Education and Central Office honored students from Division and MacArthur High Schools. The Board of Ed, Central Office, Mr. Sean Smith (Division AD) and Mr. J. Keith Snyder (MacArthur AD) and Principals John Coscia (Division) and Joseph Sheehan (MacArthur) presented each student with a certificate for their various designation, (All County, All Conference, Scholar Athletes, All County Honorable Mentions, Unsung Hero, and nominations for All Long Island and All State).

The meeting reconvened in the Board room following these presentations.

B. Recognition

i. Art Display - Abbey Lane School

Ms. Messina asked all in attendance to admire the beautiful artwork around the room done by the students of Abbey Lane Elementary School.

ii. 2021 Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship Winner

Mr. John Coscia acknowledged Simar Parmar, the 2021 Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship Winner: “Simar, a Senior Captain on the Division Avenue High School Varsity Soccer Team, was awarded the 2021 Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship which is only given to one senior student-athlete in New York State. Awarded by the Positive Coaching Alliance, student athletes shared how they are positively impacted by sports on three levels: personal mastery, leadership and honoring the game. As a result of her exemplary athletic service, Simar will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and was honored at a Virtual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Nov. 17. Not only is Simar an exceptional athlete in Girls Soccer and Varsity Lacrosse, she’s an outstanding person and student as well, which is why she was also named a National Merit Commended Scholar. While at Division Avenue High School she has earned the recognition of being named AP Scholar with distinction and earned an AP Capstone diploma by being enrolled, and excelling in 10 AP courses throughout high school while maintaining a GPA of over a 100. Throughout her high school career, the accolades have deservedly continued to roll in. In addition to the Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship, she also won the Judith Shapiro Parliamentary Award, medals in the New York State Regional Science Olympiads three times, was an All-Conference Soccer Player and a Scholar Athlete Award Winner”.

ii 2021 USA Lacrosse Homer R. Schwartz Leadership Award Honoree

Mike Nelson, a longtime volunteer with the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Foundation (LIMLF), has been selected as the winner of the 2021 USA Lacrosse Homer R. Schwartz Leadership Award.

Todd Winch: “Mike has served in various leadership roles for the LIMLF for over a decade and has been an active member of the Long Island lacrosse community for over 30 years. In addition to his service with the LIMLF, he has been president of the Nassau County PAL Youth Lacrosse League since 2015, and been active in leadership with Shootout for Soldiers, the Greenport Lacrosse Festival, and the Levittown Tomahawks Lacrosse Club. Additionally, Nelson is founder and director of the Nassau County PAL Special Needs Lacrosse Program and the LIMLF Wheelchair Lacrosse Program. He has also served as a youth and high school coach on Long Island for almost 35 years. Nelson’s lifelong association with lacrosse began as a player at Sewanhaka High School, where he was an All-County goalie who helped lead his team to the 1981 Long Island Championship. He continued his playing career at Adelphi University and as a post-collegiate player with the North Hempstead Lacrosse Club. He started his coaching career as a varsity assistant at Sewanhaka in 1986. In recognition of his significant contributions to the sport, Nelson has been previously honored with the LIMLF’s Harold ‘Whitey’ Henrickson Lifetime Achievement Award, the Nassau County Lacrosse Coaches Association Harvey Cohen Service Award, the Nassau County Lacrosse Officials Association James P. Condon Man of the Year Award, and the Nassau County Police Activity League Hero Honoree Award”.

C. Superintendent

1. Comments and Reports - NONE
2. Follow-up to Prior Public Be Heard Questions - NONE
3. Follow-up to Board Questions – NONE

D. Board of Education

1. Comments and Reports:

“Since our last meeting, the Governor of NY, along with the NYS Department of Health renewed the mask mandate for 90 days and the NYS Supreme Court ruled against Massapequa and Locust Valley's lawsuit against the mask mandate. Mr. Pappas thanked the Nassau County Police Department who were in attendance for this meeting.” – Ms. Messina

2. Correspondence - NONE
3. Student Liaisons :

Chris Powers, Division Student Representative: Student Council organized a highly successful Thanksgiving food drive in November, providing meals to over 30 Division HS families with additional food donated to the Wisdom Lane Food Pantry. In the next few weeks, college onsite visits will provide Seniors opportunities to visit with representatives from Hofstra, NYIT, Adelphi, St. Joseph's, St. John's, Molloy, LIU Post & Mercy and meet the counselor night for sophomore and freshman students to prepare for graduation. Student achievements: Emily Leicht - Coca Cola semifinalist, Dragon Pioneer Award winners for 2021 are Amani Rodrigues & Emily Leicht. College letters of intent were signed for the following: Juliana Stanley (University of Richmond, Women's Lacrosse), Jordy Pasqueralli (Adelphi University, Softball), Michael Knapp (Molloy College, Baseball), Alyssa Weinberg (Fairfield University, Softball), and Maggie McCable (Eastern Michigan University, Women's Lacrosse). Congratulations to all.

Khalil Garrett, MacArthur Student Representation: a lot of exciting things going on in the past month, including drama productions of Murder in the HEIR, virtual parent-teacher conferences, and AP Bio students who attended the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor. MacArthur administered LEADD (Levittown Educators Against Destructive Decisions) assemblies for 9th and 10th grade students. Thanks to Office John Groshans for his presentation on cyber safety and cyber bullying. Upcoming LEADD events include assemblies for 11th and 12grade students focusing on distracted driving. Congratulations to Science Research students Matthew LaSusa, Summer Looney and Erin Lung for their projected related to COVID-19 and New York Pause. MacArthur will celebrate the season by showing the annual winter concert in the auditorium on December 21. Good luck to all our Varsity & JV Winter Sports as they begin their season.

III. PUBLIC BE HEARD: NoneIV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION #21-22-502

Recommended Motion: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the November 3 regular meeting and the November 17 audit committee meeting, planning session, and special meeting."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

2. Warrants

RESOLUTION #21-22-503

Recommended 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 2021 report of the Claims Auditor be accepted."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

3. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION #21-22-504

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 period 7/1/21 to 10/31/21
- Trial Balance Reports for the period 7/1/21 to 10/31/21 Treasurers Reports for the months ending October 2021
- Claims Audit Report for October 2021
- Credit card statement from Citibank for statement ending 10/22/21"

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

4. Records Retention and Disposition

RESOLUTION # 21-22-505

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of Levittown Schools that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum period."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

5. Appointment of Additional Member of the Food Service Committee

RESOLUTION #21-22-506

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, appoint Ilene Furman as a member of the Food Service Committee as a representative for Summit Lane School for the 2020-2021 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Marenghi, Lang, Messina

6. Approval of School Club

RESOLUTION #21-22-507

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached Extra Classroom Activity Club Charter for the 2021-2022 school year."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

7. Contract with Music Theatre International (MTI) RESOLUTION # 21-22-508
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED that the Levittown Board of Education approve a contract with Music Theatre International (MTI), with terms as outlined in the attached contract for licensing for "Willy Wonka Kids" for Lee Road School;
and that the President of the Board of Education is, hereby, authorized to execute same."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

8. Waive Second Read of Policies RESOLUTION # 21-22-509
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy #1410, the Board of Education hereby waives the second reading for proposed revision of Board Policy #6160 Professional Growth/Staff Development."

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

9. Approval of Board of Education Policy RESOLUTION #21-22-510
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following revised policy:

Policy No. 6160 Professional Growth/Staff Development

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER:	Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

10. Special Education Contracts RESOLUTION #21-22-511
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:

- Family Pediatric Home Care
- Westbury UFSD
- Fontanetta Neuropsychology

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
 MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
 SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
 AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
 ABSENT: Marenghi

11. Out of District Contract for Health and Welfare Services RESOLUTION #21-22-512
 Recommended 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 school in this district for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Seaford UFSD

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
 MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
 SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
 AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
 ABSENT: Marenghi

12. Transportation Contracts RESOLUTION #21-22-513
 Recommended 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 2021-2022 Transportation Contracts:

2021-2022 BOCES Contracts

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Bid Date</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New	N/A	Nassau BOCES-Summer	\$38,318.50
New	N/A	Nassau BOCES-2021-2022	\$726,065.00
New	N/A	Nassau BOCES-Outdoor Learning	\$25,000.00
New	N/A	Eastern Suffolk BOCES	\$10,000.00

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

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

13. Obsolete Books/Calculators RESOLUTION #21-22-514
Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby,
declare the books/calculators 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]
MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

14. Obsolete Equipment RESOLUTION #21-22-515
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 [6-0]
MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

15. Settlement Agreement RESOLUTION #21-22-516
Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the attached Resolution Agreement between the
District and the parents of a certain student is hereby approved and the Superintendent of
Schools is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.”

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER: James Moran, Secretary
SECONDER: Dillon Cain, Trustee
AYES: Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT: Marenghi

16. Schedules RESOLUTION #21-22-517
“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 “Extra-Curricular”
- 1005 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1006 “Permanent Status, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1007 “LOA, Certified Personnel”
- 1008 “LOA, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1009 “Salary Change, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1010 “Students with Disabilities”

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business: Mr. James Moran, Secretary asked to be approved as the Levittown representative for the Nassau BOCES Budget Review Committee. All present voted yes (6-0).

1. Gift to Schools

RESOLUTION #21-22-518

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

- Three hundred and sixty canisters of XL wipes to be donated to Wisdom Lane School from HuFriedy Group, 3232 North Rockwell Street, Chicago, IL 60618.”

VI. AD HOC - none

VII. UPCOMING DATES

A. January 12 - Regular Meeting

B. January 26 - Budget Planning Session #1

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [6-0]
MOVER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Moran, Secretary
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Cain, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Marenghi

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Suzanne Mallozzi
District Clerk

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