

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

**DATE: JANUARY 27, 2022**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, was duly called and held virtually on Thursday, January 27, 2022 via Zoom.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The District Clerk certified that pursuant to Section 104, Open Meetings Law, notice of meeting was posted on the district's website. Further, all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting.

Board of Education

Peggy Marengi, President  
Jennifer Messina, Vice-President  
James Moran, Secretary  
Marianne Adrian, Trustee –Recused (see statement below)  
Dillon Cain, Trustee - Absent  
Christina Lang, Trustee  
Michael Pappas, Trustee

Administration:

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

Others:

Richard Zuckerman, Attorney  
Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

A. Pledge of Allegiance/ B. Moment of Silence

Ms. Marengi called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:46pm. She asked all attending to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and to observe a moment of silence for all those serving at home and abroad, remembering the NYPD Officers who died in the line of duty this past week.

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."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [5-0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>James Moran, Secretary</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Michael Pappas, Trustee</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Moran, Pappas, Marengi, Lang, Messina</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Cain</b>
<b>RECUSED:</b>	<b>Adrian</b>

I. AGENDA

1. Amicus Brief

RESOLUTION #21-22-534

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown School District hereby retains, at no cost to the district, Nicholas Rigano, Esq of Melville, NY file an Amicus brief in the matter of Demetriou, et al vs the NYS Department of Health, et al."

A motion was made Mr. Michael Pappas to amend Resolution #1 - "Recommended resolution, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown School District hereby retains, at no cost to the District, Nicholas Rigano, ESQ of Melville NY, to request permission from the Court for the District to join the Amicus Brief in the matter of Demetriou, et al vs the NYS Department of Health, et al."

Ms. Marengi read a statement from Board of Education Trustee, Marianne Adrian. "I, Marianne Adrian, recuse myself from discussion and vote, due to ethical considerations related to my employment in the New York State Court."

Roll call vote was taken to approve this amended resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [4-1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Pappas, Marengi, Lang, Messina</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>Moran</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Cain</b>
<b>RECUSED:</b>	<b>Adrian</b>

Ms. Marengi requested to add an additional resolution # 2:

2. MASK WEARING.

RESOLUTION #21-22-535

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, when the New York State Mandate on mask wearing in schools expires, mask wearing will be optional for all students while students are in class."

Roll call vote was taken to accept this additional resolution.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED [5-0]</b>
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Michael Pappas, Trustee</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>James Moran, Secretary</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Pappas, Marengi, Lang, Messina, Moran</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Cain</b>
<b>RECUSED:</b>	<b>Adrian</b>

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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