

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

DATE: MAY 4, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 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.

CALL TO ORDER

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."

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

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

OTHERS:

Robert Cohen, Attorney
Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk

Ms. Marenghi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm Motion to adjourn meeting to confer with Counsel.

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

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Ms. Marenghi reconvened the meeting to public session at 7:30am and asked the students from Gardiners Avenue Elementary and Northside Elementary to recite the Pledge. Ms. Marenghi asked all in attendance to observe a moment of silence for all those serving our country at home and abroad and for all people suffering throughout the world.

II. REPORTS

A. Student Presentations

- i. Academic Presentation - Gardiners Avenue and Northside Schools

Students from Gardiners Avenue and Northside presented "Show Me The Money: A Lesson in Financial Literacy" stressing the importance of money management and learning about handling money at an early age. The students showcased their incredible ability to memorize parts of the presentation which was well received by all in attendance. Congratulations to Advisor Ms. Poulos and students Aldo Penaloza, Thomas Santosus, Kael Galvan, Julianna Gielarowski, Samantha Persaud & Kaelyn Ng from Gardiners and Advisor Ms. Nizinski and students Julia Calderon-Flores, Logan Estime, Liam Lahn, Harsimran Banga, Penelope Ebert and Ian Kang from Northside. Dr. McDonald and the Board thanked them for the presentation.

B. Recognition

- i. Art Display - Wisdom Lane School - Dr. McDonald asked all in attendance to admire the incredible artwork around the Large Board room and in the halls at Memorial done by the students of Wisdom Lane MS.
- ii. Science Standouts - In Auditorium

Mr. Winch introduced Mr. McDermott who thanked the Science Research Teachers at the following schools for their tireless work and support of their students: Dr. Friedman and Mr. Zausin from MacArthur, Gerar Marzigliano from Division, Douglas Neu and Paul Zaratin from Salk and Meghan Olsen from Wisdom Lane. In addition, Mr. McDermott added the following: "The Science Olympiad team this year finished third overall in Nassau County and qualified for the state tournament in Syracuse where they went on to win medals in three events and finished 18th overall in NYS. State medals were won by Meaghan Campbell and Ryan Leek in Ornithology, Catherine Purirojejananon and Kevin Tierney in Dynamic Planet, and Catherine Purirojejananon and Maida Ghali in Code Busters. I want to congratulate the team on being the most successful Science Olympiad Team at Salk ever:

Saahir Afraz
Alyssa Aquino
Madelyn Bogovic
Meaghan Campell
James DeLillo
Emma Erlich
Mario Ferruzola
Maidi Ghali

Ryan Leek
Kaelyn MacDougall
Isaac Martinez
Ramon Martinez
Liam Morria
Catherine Purirojejananon
Nicholas Sanchez
Kevin Tierney

Mr. McDermott mentioned that Ms. Olsen could not attend tonight due to illness but "I would still like to recognize her for her efforts with the Science Research program at Wisdom Lane. The Science Olympiad team this year finished first overall in Nassau County, and qualified for the State tournament in Syracuse for the 18th year in a row where they went on to win medals in four events and finish 20th overall. State medals were won by Robert Martinez and Nish Keer in Rocks and Minerals, Taranpreet Rathor & Helen Salib in Storm the Castle, and Ashley Agatepand & Nish Keer in Mousetrap Vehicle and Dynamic Planet. Nish Keer won three state medals including two first places, which I believe is a Wisdom record. I want to congratulate the entire team on being the only Wisdom Lane team to ever finish first in Nassau Country:

Ashley Agatep
Agampreet Baidwan
Jefferson Beiener
Riley Cunningham
Joseph Gallo
Nish Keer
Robert Martinez III

Hayley Pedrick
Kiera Quigley
Taranpreet Rathor
Mackenzie Restivo
Helen Salib
Shruthikalim Veeravalli
Lillian Velez

Mr. Marzigliano was unable to attend tonight due to illness, but Mr. McDermott recognized him for his efforts with the Division Avenue Science Research Program: “The Division Avenue High School Science Olympiad team in the Levittown Public School District earned their best score ever with 97 points at the Nassau East Regional, earning them third place and their 14th consecutive trip to the State Finals. Led by President Matthew Chiu, the Science Olympiad team earned medals in 20 out of 23 events. All 15 students on the team earned a medal in at least one event, a first for the Division team. The team continued their winning ways earning medal in four events at the state level. Matt Chiu and Karan Shah for Trajectory and Wifi Lab, Gary Nepravishta and Grace Lim for Bridge, and Akash Veervalli and Chris Evans for Wright Stuff

Grace Lim
Simar Parmar
Isabelle Saint
Izma Akbar
Nabiha Khan
Sofia Ferreiro
Maya Reetz
Muskan Kumar
Samantha Vedder
Chris Powers

Matt Chiu
Karan Shah
Aakash Veervalli
Guruansh Kohli
Gary Nepravishta
Yasseen Bayoumy
Chris Evans
Daniel Collins
Cole Stellman
Ronan Postance

Mr. McDermott acknowledge Mr. Zausin and Dr. Friedman, inviting them to recognize the accomplishments of the MacArthur Science Students. In preparing for tonight’s presentation I read through all the press releases on the school website . MacArthur boasts multiple students published this year, as well as wins in various competitions such as Chemagination and Exloravision. Additionally, multiple students were accepted to prestigious research programs.

Summer Looney
Erin Lung
Matthew LaSusa

Lindsey Barr
Mia Frattura

All honorees were presented with a certificates by the District.

iii. Musical Standouts - In Auditorium

A presentation in the Auditorium began with Mr. Winch congratulating the Music Standout students throughout the District. "Tonight we are proud to recognize our music standouts. As you know, the last several years have not been traditional school years due to COVID, and this has also led to a modification in the selection process of music standouts, so we are thrilled to honor the following students for their excellence in music. This comes on the same day that we were notified that the Levittown Schools District was re-designated as a Best Community for Music Education district for 2022 by the National Association of Music Merchants. As with all other student recognitions, we are proud of their efforts as well as the efforts of their families and teachers who make it possible. Let’s give a round of applause for those who help support our students in their passion for music every day."

NMEA All County Selectees:

Abbey Lane Elementary School

Morgan Kelly - Violin

Gardiners Avenue Elementary School

Evangeline Morrison - Vocal Soprano	Devyn Morris - Flute
Holly Zolla - Vocal Soprano	Maria Giusto - Flute
Lola Kean - Vocal Soprano	George Hakim - Trumpet
Samantha Terracciano - Vocal Soprano	Erin Anderson – Bb Clarinet
Brynn Lemaire - Flute	Hari Lee - Flute
Frank Carbonell - Trumpet	Sophia DePasquale - Violin

Division Avenue HS

Alejandro Castano - Cello

NMEA All State Alternate**MacArthur High School**

Eunice Lee - Cello

LI String Festival Association Selectees:**Gardiners Avenue Elementary School**

Katherine Tymecki - Double Bass	Skyler Untener - Cello
Brianna Peduzzi - Violin	Brooke Untener - Cello
Cara Campell – Cello	Holly Zolla - Viola

Salk Middle School

Sofia Di Pasquale - Violin	Evan Murphy – Violin
Giavanna Riker - Violin	Felicia Garramone - Cello
Gianna Vu - Violin	Meaghan Campbell - Cello
Catherine Purirojejananon	Samantha LaMantia - Viola
Kate Steigleider - Double Bass	Iris Chowdhury - Violin
Paul Silva - Double Bass	

MacArthur High School

Sarah Finger – Violin	Emma Mignone - Violin
Benjamin Campbell – Cello	Joshua Mendives - Viola

iv. Tenure Recognition - In Auditorium

The following teachers were awarded tenure, which is defined by the District as "an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher of building principal must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of "Highly Effective" or "Effective" in at least three of the four preceding years.

Abbey Lane Elementary School

Jennifer Clarke - Social Worker	Brea Nelson – Teaching Assistant
Marissa Hall - Reading Teacher	Bridgette Macaluso – Teaching Assistant

Division Avenue High School

Alexandra Euler - Science Teacher	Gregory Larkin – Special Education Teacher
Ivana Fuentes - Foreign Language Teacher	Kelsey McLaughlin - Psychologist
Jaclyn Giudice - Assistant Principal	John Towers – Director of Math & Business
Allison Hinke - Social Worker	

East Broadway Elementary School

Danielle Bantileskas - Social Worker	Maryanne Greco – Teaching Assistant
Carri DaRin - Reading Teacher	Nichole Fischetto – Elementary Teacher
Laura Nizinski Dauila - Elementary	

Gardiners Avenue Elementary School

Dyanne Case - Assistant Principal	Robyn Marie Genovese – Teaching Assistant
Jennifer Engel - Reading Teacher	Matt Nobile – Music Teacher
Kara Grace Fichtelman - Social Worker	

Lee Road Elementary School

Jennifer Lores - Elementary	Trina Vrachnas – Elementary Teacher
Brittany Musante – Elementary	Kimberly Vitacco – Reading Teacher
Helen Papayannakos - Music Teacher	

Levittown Memorial Education Center

Dr. Susan Farber - Director of Pupil Services
 Michael Gibbone - Chairperson - I.T.
 Dawn Wang - Assistant Director of Special Education

MacArthur High School

Sherice Naimool-Chadee – ESL	Helen Russo - Family & Consumer Science.
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Northside Elementary School

Dyanne Case - Assistant Principal	Christopher Pappas – Elementary Teacher
Kaitlyn Lombardo - Elementary Teacher	Samantha Romano – Social Worker
Melissa Nunes - Special Education	

Salk Middle School

Amanda Farina – ENL	Nicole Paul – Teaching Assistant
Catina Martinez - Teaching Assistant	Danielle Sorrentino – Music Teacher
Amy O'Grady - Assistant Principal	
Nicole Paul - Teaching Assistant	

Wisdom Lane Middle School

Meghan Mastronardi - Elementary Teacher

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 - NONE
2. Correspondence - NONE

III. **BUDGET HEARING/PUBLIC BE HEARD**

There were no Public Be Heard speakers.

Dr. Dillon discussed the Budget breakdown indicating a 2.95% budget increase for the 2022-2023 school year. The budget newsletter has been sent home as required by law. Dr. Dillon reminded everyone that these budget items will be up for a vote on May 17, 2022, voting hours are 7am-8pm at Division Avenue HS, East Broadway Elementary School, Gardiners Avenue Elementary School and Levittown Memorial Education Center.

Dr. McDonald thanked Dr. Dillon and his Business Office staff for their hard work in putting together the budget. Mr. Pappas noted that the Dr. Dillon made the budget very clear and easy to read. The Board of Education concurred.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION # 21-22-612

Recommended Motion: "Make the necessary corrections and move the approval of the minutes of the April 26 regular meeting."

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

2. Business Office Reports

RESOLUTION # 21-22-613

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 3/31/22
- Trial Balance Reports for the period 7/1/21 to 3/31/22
- Treasurers Reports for the months ending March 2022
- Credit card statement for period ending 4/6/22"

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

3. Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION # 21-22-614

Recommended 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>
1621.1670.00.1610	Maintenance Summer Workers Sal	\$40,000	
1420.4000.00.0000	General Counsel Expenses		\$40,000

Reason: To cover legal expenses.

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

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

4. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Senior Prom RESOLUTION #21-22-615
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Crest Hollow Country Club as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Senior Prom on June 9, 2023.

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

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

5. Contract for Prom Venue - Division Avenue Junior Prom RESOLUTION # 21-22-616
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with the Verdi's Of Westbury as the venue for the Division Avenue High School Junior Prom on April 1, 2023.

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

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

6. Uncharted Learning NFP RESOLUTION # 21-22-617
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, enter into an agreement with Uncharted Learning NFP for an educational business study program at the high schools from 7/1/22 through 6/30/24."

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

7. Out of District Contracts for Health and Welfare Services RESOLUTION # 21-22-618
 Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following school districts to provide health and welfare services to students attending schools in these districts for the

2021-2022 school year:

- Garden City School District
- Floral Park - Bellerose School District

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

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

8. Special Education Contract

RESOLUTION # 21-22-619

Recommended Motion: “RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract between the Levittown Public Schools and the following vendor to provide special education services as indicated:

- Green River Literacy

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

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

9. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLUTION #21-22-620

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:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
AYES:	Moran, Pappas, Adrian, Marengi, Lang, Messina
ABSENT:	Cain

10. Schedules

RESOLUTION # 21-22-621

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

- 1001 “Resignations/Terminations, Certified Personnel”
- 1002 “Appointments, Non-Instructional Personnel”
- 1003 “Appointments, Administrators”

Ms. Lang moved to accept schedule 1003 as adjusted, seconded by Mr. Moran. Approved 6-0.

Dr. McDonald noted that as Mr. Winch will be moving into the Superintendent position in July, the District will be welcoming Ms. Beth Ziropiannis as the new Superintendent of Instruction. She comes to us from Oceanside School District, where she held the positions of: Director of English, Reading and Library Media Services. In addition, as Dr. Dillon will be leaving the District in July, Mr. Michael Fabiano will be joining the Levittown Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance. He joins us from the Floral Park-Bellerose School District where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Business.. The Board of Education and Central Office wish all the very best of luck.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Business - None

VI. AD HOC – NONE

VII. UPCOMING DATES

May 17 - Budget Vote/Special Meeting to Certify Vote

June 8 - Regular Meeting

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Suzanne Mallozzi
District Clerk

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