

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

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, was duly called and held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education:

Ms. Jennifer Messina, President
Ms. Peggy Marenghi, 1st Vice-President (Excused Absence)
Ms. Christina Lang, 2nd Vice-President (Excused Absence)
Ms. Marianne Adrian, Trustee
Mr. Dillon Cain, Trustee (Excused Absence)
Mr. James Moran, Trustee
Mr. Michael Pappas, Trustee

Administration:

Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance
Ms. Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Beth Ziropiannis, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Others:

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

Ms. Messina called the Special meeting to order at 5:30pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-0]
MOVER:	Marian Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Moran , Trustee
AYES:	Messina, Moran, Pappas, Adrian,
ABSENT:	Cain, Marenghi, Lang

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Ms. Messina asked all in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to observe a moment of silence for all those fighting to protect our freedom, at home and overseas.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-0]
MOVER:	Marianne Adrian, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Messina, Moran, Pappas, Adrian,
ABSENT:	Cain, Marengi, Lang

There was no discussion.

Motion to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-0]
MOVER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Moran, Trustee
AYES:	Messina, Moran, Pappas, Adrian,
ABSENT:	Cain, Marengi, Lang

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Increased Annual Household Income Exemptions for the 2023/2024 RESOLUTION #122122-001
Tax Year

Recommended Motion: **“WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2022, the Nassau County Executive signed Local Law 8-2022 increasing the maximum allowable annual household income requirements from \$37,399 to \$58,399 to qualify for a Senior Citizens/Persons with Disabilities Real Property Tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education can opt into the new increased income limitation scale for the 2023/2024 tax year by adopting a resolution to do so no later than January 2, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, by recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education chooses to opt into the new income limitations scale for resident taxpayers qualifying for a senior citizens/persons with disability limited income Real Property Tax exemption beginning with the 2023/2024 tax year.”

Mr. Pappas commented "it is very unfair that New York State and Nassau County put the burden on the school district, school boards redistributing wealth to the community. If you're going to come up with an idea in Albany, in the County, in Mineola, wherever it might be, come up with means and motives and opportunities to do it properly. But I am in favor of helping senior citizens out and those with disabilities"

Ms. Adrian agreed with Mr. Pappas' statement regarding the burden being put on the schools. She also agreed that she is in favor of helping our seniors and those with disabilities, but noted that it is a big ask of school districts to have to vote on this option for our senior citizens. She asked to confirm the age to be considered a Senior Citizen. Mr. Winch replied that the age has not changed, it is still 65 years old.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Messina, Moran, Pappas, Adrian
ABSENT:	Cain, Marengi, Lang

III. AD HOC

Ms. Messina announced that Mr. Pappas has been named one of 15 winners of the 2023 Nassau BOCES Education Partner award. This prestigious award recognizes individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to make a measurable impact on public education in Nassau County. There will be a gala on April 27th, 2023 celebrating the winner. The entire Board of Education and Central Office Administration congratulate Mr. Pappas on this tremendous lifetime achievement and thank him for his many years of service to the children of the Levittown School District.

Mr. Pappas thanked everyone saying he is humbled by this award but noted that we all do the same thing and we are here to help to children and help the school district to be a place where our kids can grow emotionally, socially and educationally.

Ms. Rifkin - in our ongoing effort to recruit bus drivers, we came across a radio station KJOY/WHLI that put together an ad for the district for free. Ms. Rifkin asked that the Board and Central Office listen to the Ad before any commitment was made. The Board listened and agreed that the advertisement was good with the exception of "stay at home Moms. Mr. Pappas recommended that the line be changed to "stay at home parents". The monthly option is forty five 30-second spots would run for \$2700. There is also an option for digital ads that would pop up on phones while people are using FB and other social media sites for an additional \$750 per month. The Board agreed that it is worth the investment to see what type of response the District receives.

The Board of Education thanked the District Clerk, Suzanne Mallozzi, for her dedication and for everything she does for the District all year. Ms. Mallozzi thanked the Board for their generosity.

And finally, Ms. Messina, on behalf of the entire Board of Education, wished all the members of Levittown School District, as well as the entire community, a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

RESULT:	MOTION CARRIED [4-0]
MOVER:	James Moran, Trustee
SECONDER:	Michael Pappas, Trustee
AYES:	Messina, Moran, Pappas, Adrian
ABSENT:	Cain, Marengi, Lang

Suzanne Mallozzi, District Clerk