

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION • LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK**

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SPECIAL MEETING

LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Immediately following Budget Planning Session

### **Success for Every Student**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- I. PUBLIC BE HEARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
- 1. Valedictorian Division Avenue High School Inclusive Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, Aakash Veeravalli has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2023 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Aakash Veeravalli for the selection as Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

2. Valedictorian MacArthur High School Inclusive Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, Mia Frattura has earned the distinction of being selected as Valedictorian for the 2023 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Mia Frattura for the selection as Valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

3. Salutatorian Division Avenue High School

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Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, Yasseen Bayoumy has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2023 graduating class of Division Avenue High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Yasseen Bayoumy for the selection as Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of Division Avenue High School."

# 4. Salutatorian MacArthur High School

Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, Ana Compton has earned the distinction of being selected as Salutatorian for the 2023 graduating class of MacArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is reflective of high academic standards which the Levittown Board of Education has set for the public schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, commend Ana Compton for the selection as Salutatorian of the 2023 graduating class of MacArthur High School."

### 5. Annual Meeting Resolution

Inclusive

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that the annual School District election of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, shall be held in the various election districts of said school district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 A.M., for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice of meeting, the form of which is hereby approved, and that the polls will be open between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in each election district; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following notice be published once a week in four (4) of the seven (7) weeks preceding the date of the meeting in the Nassau Observer, Long Island Herald and Noticia newspapers having general circulation in the district; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Inspectors of Election be appointed in accordance with previous procedure.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND PERSONAL REGISTRATION, LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the School District, the vote on the School District budget and election of candidates for the School Board of Levittown Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and the vote on the Public Library budget and election of a candidate for the Board of Trustees for the Levittown Public Library, will be held in the several election districts of the School District at the voting places designated below on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to vote by ballot on voting machines on the proposition or propositions set forth below, as well as any other propositions which may properly come before the electorate, and to elect members

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of the Board of Education and to elect a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Shall the following resolutions be adopted:

### **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2023-2024 proposed by the Board of Education and filed with the District Clerk in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

### **PROPOSITION NO. 2**

EXPENDITURE OF THE 2013, 2017 AND 2021 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the remaining balance of the District Reserve Funds listed below in the amount of \$48,202,292.00 plus accrued interest:

- 2013 Capital Reserve in the original authorized amount of \$82,841.00 plus accrued interest
- 2017 Capital Reserve in the original authorized amount of \$23,125,451.00 plus accrued interest
- 2021 Capital Reserve in the original authorized amount of \$25,000,000.00 plus accrued interest.

In addition the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend up to the sum of \$7,791,708.00 in unassigned fund balance, so that the total expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$56,000,000.00 is hereby approved for purposes of performing school building improvement projects, including replacement of public address systems District-wide; replacement of fire alarm systems District-wide; District-wide safety system upgrades, including lock-down systems and other related security system installations; District-wide electrical system upgrades; District-wide roof reconditioning and replacement; District-wide interior and exterior masonry restoration; locker room renovations at McArthur High School and Wisdom Middle School; District-wide playground upgrades; District-wide asbestos abatement projects; District-wide athletic field and tennis court lighting; Districtwide roadway reconstruction and site improvements; District-wide bathroom reconstruction; District-wide instructional space renovations, and for any similar projects as contained in the District's five year Capital Facilities Plan adopted by the Board of Education on March 22, 2023. Expenditures from these Capital Reserves will not increase the tax levy.

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# CREATION OF THE 2023 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law, to establish the 2023 Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing District-wide capital improvements including District-wide building improvements and renovations; District-wide site work; athletic field and facility improvements; and for any other projects as contained in the District's five year Capital Facilities Plan adopted by the Board of Education on March 22, 2023; this Capital Reserve Fund shall be established in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 and the Reserve will have a probable lifespan of ten years; the Reserve will be funded by the Board of Education with surplus monies that may be available at the end of each fiscal year, and can be in accordance with existing law; and the establishment of this Reserve will not increase the tax levy; any monies that are deposited into this reserve can only be expended on specific projects approved by the voters in a future Capital Reserve Expenditure Proposition.

### **PROPOSITION NO. 4**

LIBRARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Public Library Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed by the Library Board of Trustees of the Levittown Public Library heretofore filed pursuant to law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of member of the Library Board of Trustees must be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM but no later than 5:00 PM on April 17, 2023. Forms of the petitions may be obtained from the District Clerk.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Three (3) members for the term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026.

A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least forty-three (43) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the 2022 election, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office. This year all nominating petitions must include 43 signatures.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Library Board of Trustees: One (1) member for the term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

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A separate petition is required to nominate a candidate for member of the Library Board of Trustees. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least forty-three (43) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the voters who voted in the 2022 election for members of the Library Board of Trustees, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each person who signed, must state the name and residence of the candidate and the length of the term of office. This year all nominating petitions must include 43 signatures.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a statement of estimated expenses for the 2023-2024 school year will be presented at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Levittown Memorial Education Center and copies of such statement, as well as the statement of the amount of money required for the 2023-2024 fiscal year of the Public Library, will be made available on the District's website and at each schoolhouse and library in the District during the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) calendar days immediately preceding the election together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and only those persons whose names appear on the register of the said school district, or who are registered pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said meeting and election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all qualified voters who have previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and have voted at any annual or special election held or conducted at any time within four (4) calendar years prior to this year are not required to register with the Board of Registration for this meeting.

All other persons who wish to vote must register. A voter may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Levittown UFSD between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 1:00 PM on school days provided that such registration is effected no later than May 11, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 13, 2023), in the office of the District Clerk and at each voting place on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots for those eligible pursuant to the provision of Section 2018a of the Education Law are available, and that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the Clerk on each of the five (5) calendar days prior to the day of election except Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00

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PM on Monday through Friday and between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12 noon on Saturday (May 13, 2023), in the office of the District Clerk. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) calendar days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that during the voting hours on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, in the various election districts, the Board of Registration will meet to receive registrations for subsequent elections. During the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on voting days, the District Clerk shall be in her office at the Levittown Memorial Education Center.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law requires the District to attach to its proposed budget an Exemption Report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value of the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. In addition, said exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on the District's website.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Education Law §2018-d, Military Voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by submitting a Military Voter Registration Application to the District Clerk, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023. A copy of the Military Voter Registration Application is available both by contacting the District Clerk by email at <a href="mailto:smallozzi@levittownschools.com">smallozzi@levittownschools.com</a> and online at the District's website located at <a href="mailto:smallozzi@levittownschools.com"></a>. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may submit an application for a military ballot. A Military Voter is entitled to designate a preference to receive a Military Voter Registration Application, Military Ballot Application or Military Ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Such designation will remain in effect until revoked or changed by the voter. If no preference is designated, the District will transmit the Military Voter Registration Application, Military Ballot Application or Military Ballot by mail. Military Voter Ballot Application forms must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023. Military Ballots will not be canvassed unless it is received by the District Clerk on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

# **SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS:**

The boundaries of the school election districts and the place of each election district for voting and registration shall be as follows:

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# ELECTION DISTRICT #1 - GARDINERS AVENUE SCHOOL

Beginning at Wantagh Parkway and Chase Lane; east on Chase Lane to Center Lane, thence south to Prairie Lane; thence east to Gardiners Avenue; thence south to Slate Lane; then east and north to Swan Lane; then east and north to Grey Lane; continuing east to Wantagh Avenue; thence south on Wantagh Avenue to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Oakfield Avenue; continuing north to Old Jerusalem Road; thence east on Old Jerusalem Road to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to the point of beginning.

### ELECTION DISTRICT #2 - EAST BROADWAY SCHOOL

Beginning at north side of Southern State Parkway and east side of Wantagh Avenue; north on Wantagh to Miller Place; thence east to Exit Lane; thence south to Elm Drive; thence west to Elbow Lane; thence southwest to End Lane; south to End Lane and Elm Drive East to Pope Street; thence east to District Line; thence south to Regent Lane; thence east to Red Maple Drive; thence northeast, and south to Regal Lane; east on Regal Lane and Cordwood Lane to Arlington Drive; thence southeast to Town Line; thence south to Southern State Parkway; west along Parkway to point of beginning. Beginning at south side of Southern State Parkway and west side of Town Line; south on Town Line to Jerusalem Avenue; thence west to Wantagh Avenue; thence north to Southern State Parkway; thence east to point of beginning.

### **ELECTION DISTRICT #3 - LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER**

Beginning at east side of Wantagh Parkway and south side of Hempstead Turnpike; east on Hempstead Turnpike to Silver Lane; thence south to Forge Lane; thence east to Cotton Lane; thence southeasterly to Wantagh Avenue; then south to Grey Lane; thence west to Swan Lane; then southwesterly to Slate Lane; then south to Gardiners Avenue, thence north to Prairie Lane; thence west to Center Lane; thence north to Chase Lane; thence west to Wantagh Parkway Line; north along Line to point of beginning.

### **ELECTION DISTRICT #4 - DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL**

Beginning at north side of Hempstead Turnpike and west side of Jerusalem Avenue; west on Hempstead Turnpike to District Boundary Line at Wantagh State Parkway; thence northeast to northerly border of School District; east on Boundary Line (Flamingo Rd., Magpie Lane, Blacksmith Rd) to Jerusalem Avenue; thence south to point of beginning.

Dated: Levittown, New York

March 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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6. Transfer Between Reserve Funds

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, District legal counsel and District auditors, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$2,208,292 from the surplus that currently exists within the District's employee benefit accrued liability reserve fund (EBALR) directly into the 2021 Capital Reserve Fund previous authorized by the voters of the District, it being anticipated that the \$2,208,292 will be approved for expenditure by the voters of the District for use to fund Capital Improvement Projects."

7. Transfer and Appropriation of Surplus Funds **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and District legal counsel and District auditors, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$2,704,377, plus accrued interest and earnings, from the debt service sub-account of the General Fund into the General Fund's unassigned fund balance; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appropriation of up to \$7,791,708 from the unassigned fund balance for expenditure on Capital Improvement Projects pursuant to anticipated voter approval of Proposition No. 2 on May 16, 2023."

8. Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget for May 16, 2023 Annual Vote Inclusive Recommend Motion: "WHEREAS, a proposed school district budget for the 2023-2024 school year has been prepared by the Levittown Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of a public hearing which will be held on the proposed budget on May 3, 2023, it is

RESOLVED, that the estimated expenses of the Levittown School District, as set forth in the proposed budget in the amount of \$251,792,906 is hereby approved. Copies thereof shall be made available at each school building, district office, and public library. A proposition for the approval thereof shall be presented to the school district voters on May 16, 2023, at the annual meeting of the school district."

9. Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan

Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, the Levittown Board of Education has requested the
District Architect, John Grillo, to develop a five-year capital facilities plan, including an
executive summary, as required by law; and

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Whereas that five-year capital facilities plan has been developed by the District Architect with the input of the superintendent of schools and the director of facilities;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the five year capital facilities plan dated March 22, 2023 is adopted by the Board of Education for use in capital projects planning."

10. Transportation Cooperative BOCES Enclosure Recommended Motion: "WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2023-2024 school year (and any renewal

period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Levittown Union Free School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Levittown Union Free School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education."

11. SCOPE Education Services

Enclosure

Recommended Motion: "RESOLVED, that the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the attached contract with SCOPE Education Services to provide a summer Enrichment program from July 10, 2023 through August 4, 2023.

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

12. Schedule Enclosure

"RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Levittown Board of Education does, hereby, approve the following schedule:

1001 "Consultants"

### III. MOTION TO ADJOURN