

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board Minutes – 11/19/14
Special Meeting – Harding Avenue Elementary School

Subject to Board Approval at Subsequent Meeting.

Approved Board of Education - December 2, 2014
Members of the Board Present:

- Donna Hochman, President
- Mary Ellen Cunningham, Vice President
- Patricia Ames
- Linda Aniello
- Valerie McKenna
- Sean McNeilly
- Edward J. Murphy, Jr.
- Robert Vitiello

Also present at the Meeting:

- Daniel E. Giordano, Superintendent
- Vincent A. Caravana, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Personnel
- Jacqueline Scrio, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- John Marek, Plant Facilities Administrator
- Robert Cohen, School Attorney

Members of the Board not Present:

- Edward Langone

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mrs. Hochman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Ames, seconded by Mrs. McKenna, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
	No:	None
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Ames, the Public Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
	No:	None
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

MOVE TO COMMUNITY FORUM

Mrs. Hochman opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

BACK TO SPECIAL MEETING

Mrs. Hochman adjourned from the Community Forum and returned back to the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Giordano made a presentation on the Bond Referendum. Questions were presented and answered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Vitiello, the following minutes were approved:

November 5, 2014 – Business Meeting

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
	No:	None
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY:

INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS:

The meeting was opened to those individuals and delegations who wished to speak.

TRUSTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**FIELD TRIPS**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the following resolution is offered:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following field trips:

Senior High School

Wednesday	February 4, 2015	Approximately 38 students will travel to New York City to see Matilda at the Shubert Theatre. Transportation will be via LIRR.
Tuesday-Friday	February 17-20, 2015	Approximately 40 Ski Club Students will travel To Sunday River, Maine. Transportation will be via bus.
Wednesday	March 4, 2015	Approximately 56 students will travel to New York City to see Les Miserables at the Imperial Theatre. Transportation will be via bus.

Middle School

Friday	May 8, 2015	Approximately 65 7 th and 8 th Grade Select Chorus And Jazz Band students will travel to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ to compete in the Music in the Parks Competition. Transportation will be via bus.
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Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
	No:	None
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE VETERANS' EXEMPTION I

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Ames, the following resolution is offered:

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill, Chapter 518 of the Laws of 2013, to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 518 requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to provide the relief set forth in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 458-a;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's Board of Education adopts the exemptions provided for in RPTL § 458-a(2)(a), (b) and (c), as follows:

\$12,000 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(a);

An additional \$8,000 for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as that term is defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(b);

An additional \$40,000 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as that term is Defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(c).

RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's Board of Education adopts the expanded definition of the term "qualified owner" to include a "Gold Star Parent" as those terms are defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a.

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
	No:	None
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE VETERANS' EXEMPTION II

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the following resolution is offered:

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill, Chapter 518 of the Laws of 2013, to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 518 requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to provide the relief set forth in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 458-a;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's Board of Education adopts the exemptions provided for in RPTL § 458-a(2)(a), (b) and (c), as follows:

\$12,000 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(a);

An additional \$8,000 for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as that term is defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(b);

An additional \$40,000 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as that term is Defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(c).

RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's Board of Education will allow a cooperative apartment corporation to be eligible to receive an exemption pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(6)(d).

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
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No:	None
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Abstained:	None
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Motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE VETERANS' EXEMPTION III

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Vitiello, the following resolution is offered:

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill, Chapter 518 of the Laws of 2013, to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 518 requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to provide the relief set forth in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 458-a;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's Board of Education adopts the exemptions provided for in RPTL § 458-a(2)(a), (b) and (c), as follows:

\$12,000 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(a);

An additional \$8,000 for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as that term is defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(b);

An additional \$40,000 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as that term is defined pursuant to RPTL § 458-a(2)(c).

RESOLVED, that the Lindenhurst Union Free School District will allow a veteran, the spouse of the veteran or unremarried surviving spouse already receiving an exemption pursuant to RPTL § 458-a to transfer, on a pro-rated basis, his or her exemption to another home purchased within the Lindenhurst Union Free School District.

Vote on the motion:	Yes:	Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello
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No:	None
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Abstained:	None
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Motion carried.

SCHEDULE (14-15) – A-2-No. 8

**PERSONNEL, INSTRUCTIONAL –
LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Board of Education Policies or, other Board action, and in accordance with TAL and/or LASA Contracts, the following Instructional personnel have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for a Leave of Absence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and are hereby granted a leave of absence as set forth below, to be effective on the dates indicated below, without pay.

Name	Position	Dates	Reason
1. Ales Kelly	Elementary West Gates Ave.	12/15/14 to 6/30/15	Family Medical/ Childrearing Leave
2. Heaney Shannon	Guidance Senior High	12/12/14 to 2/09/15	Family Medical/ Childrearing Leave

SCHEDULE (14-15) A-3, NO. 42

**PERSONNEL, INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENTS-EXTRA
CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES –
ELEMENTARY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law of New York State, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended the appointment of the following names persons to the instructional staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons be and are Hereby appointed to the position indicated for the (2014-2015) school year.

GROUP	ACTIVITY	SPONSOR	SALARY
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Schedule C:

Group E

Daniel

1. Kindergarten	T. Kraemer	\$420.50
Enrichment Club	J. D'Amalio	\$420.50
ELA		
(shared stipend)		

SCHEDULE (14-15) – A-3, No. 43

PERSONNEL, INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Education Law of New York State, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended the appointment of the following named persons to the instructional staff. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and are hereby, appointed to the position indicated for the period set forth below:

Name	Subject	Salary
<u>ALC/15:2 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM</u>		
1. DiTomasso Michael	Substitute	\$71.47/hour
2. Savastano John	Substitute	\$71.47/hour

PARENT EVENING PRESENTATIONS – GUIDANCE DEPARTMENTMIDDLE SCHOOL

3. Harris Tara	Incoming Freshman Orientation – 12/11/14	\$100.00 per presentation
4. Kast Allison	Incoming Freshman Orientation – 12/11/14	\$100.00 per presentation

(Ms. Harris and Ms. Kast were approved on Schedule A-3, No 15 on September 17, 2014. The date of orientation has been changed from 1/15/15 to 12/11/14.)

OWL FALL 2014 PROGRAM

(To be paid for by OWL Teacher Center Grant)

5.	Co-Facilitator Professional Circle: Literacy Task Force Gr. 9-12 15 hours, 1 in-service credit	\$300.00
6.	Co-Facilitator Professional Circle: Literacy Task Force Gr. 9-12 15 hours, 1 in-service credit	\$300.00

TRANSLATION SERVICES

(Paid from Title III Grant)

7. Milone Rocio	Spanish Translation	\$25 per hour on an as needed basis
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SCHEDULE (14-15) AS -1, NO 6**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL
INSTRUCTIONAL-RESIGNATIONS &
TERMINATIONS**

WHEREAS, the following named persons have tendered their resignations or whose employment has otherwise been terminated
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resignations and terminations of employment be and are hereby accepted to be effective on the dates indicated.

NAME	SUBJECT	DATE	REASON
1. Shewchuk Danielle	Consultant Support Staff Senior High School	11/6/14	Personal

(Ms. Shewchuk was appointed at the November 5, 2014 Board meeting.)

SCHEDULE (14-15) - AS-3, NO 12**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Education Law of New York State, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended the appointment of the following named persons of the substitute instructional staff.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the positions indicated for the 2014-2015 school year.

NAME	APPOINTMENT	PERIOD	SALARY
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The following name(s) are Permanent Substitute Teachers that are employed for the purpose of coverage of class. These substitutes fill the first absence of the day in the building to which they are assigned. If there are no absences in the assigned building, they are sent to another building that may need coverage. In the event of no absences, the principal will then assign duties to these substitutes. The following Consultant Support Staff Teachers will work with Special Education students.

1. Pusateri Mariann	Permanent Substitute Harding Avenue	11/7/14 until Mr. MacPherson returns	\$125 per diem
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(Ms. Pusateri was approved as a CSS at the August 6, 2014 Board Meeting and has been filling in for Charles MacPherson from 9/3/14, which is in excess of 45 days.)

2. Hollweg Leighann	Permanent Substitute Alleghany Avenue	11/7/14 until Ms. Lohman returns	\$125 per diem
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(Ms. Hollweg was approved as a Permanent Sub at the August 27, 2014 Board Meeting and has been filling in for Jonel Lohman from 9/3/14, which is in excess of 45 days.)

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| 3. | Sexton
Kira | Permanent Substitute
William Rall | 11/7/14 until
Ms. Miller-Tiscone
returns | \$125 per
diem |
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(Ms. Sexton was approved as a Permanent Sub at the August 6, 2014 Board Meeting and has been filling in for Christina Miller-Tiscone from 9/3/14, which is in excess of 45 days.)

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| 4. | Macmonigle
Anna | Consultant Support Staff
Middle School | 11/20/14 thru
6/26/15 | \$110 per
diem |
| 5. | Aigbekaen
Patrick | Consultant Support Staff
Albany Avenue | 11/20/14 thru
6/26/15 | \$110 per
diem |
| 6. | Frost
Jessica | Permanent Substitute
William Rall | 11/20/14 until
Ms. Tagliaferri
returns | \$150 per
diem |

(Ms. Frost is filling in for Psychologist Cristina Tagliaferri)

SCHEDULE (14-15) B-2, NO.PT-5

**NONINSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL -
LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Board of Education policies or other Board Action, the following noninstructional employees have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for a leave of absence.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be and are thereby granted a leave of absence as set forth below, to be effective on the dates indicated, without pay, as prescribed by law.

NAME/POSITION	FROM	TO	REASON
1. Dolores Otten PT Clerk MS	11/20/14	Intermittently	FMLA

SCHEDULE (14-15) - B-3, NO. PT 13-

NONINSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENTS - PART TIME

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended the appointment of the following named persons for the positions indicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these persons be and are hereby appointed to the positions indicated at the hourly salary and beginning with the date set forth below

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY RATE	HOURS/DAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
1. Valerie Schmidt Spec Ed Aide SHS	Support Staff	\$9.50/hr	7hrs/day	11/20/14
Ms. Schmidt is transferring from another position in the district.				
2. Victoria Layton Spec Ed Aide (#NI-52) SHS	Support Staff	\$10.10/hr	4hrs/day	11/20/14
Ms. Layton is transferring from another position in the district.				
3. Tiffany Burgan Spec Ed Aide Daniel Street School	Support Staff	\$9.50/hr	6hrs/day	11/20/14
Increase in hours from 5 ½ hrs/day to 6 hrs/day as per students IEP.				
4. Michelle Gouedy Hall Monitor (#NI-59) Middle School	School Monitor	\$9.40/hr	3hrs 50 min/day	11/20/14
Ms. Gouedy is replacing Gina Pawa who had accepted the position and then changed her mind. (Pending fingerprint clearance.)				
5. Bonnie Allison Hall Monitor (#NI-53) SHS	School Monitor	\$9.40/hr	3hrs 50 min/day	11/20/14

Ms. Allison is replacing Victoria Layton who has transferred to another position.
(Pending fingerprint clearance.)

**SCHEDULE (14-15) - B-3, NO. PT 14-
ADDENDA****NONINSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENTS - PART TIME**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended the appointment of the following named persons for the positions indicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these persons be and are hereby appointed to the positions indicated at the hourly salary and beginning with the date set forth below

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY RATE	HOURS/ DAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
1. Anita Sorrenti PT Clerk Typist (#NI-55) Admin Bldg	Support Staff	\$11.50/hr	17 ½ hrs/wk	11/20/14
Ms. Sorrenti is filling a new position.				
2. Angela Leary Spec Ed Aide MS	Support Staff	\$9.50/hr	7hrs/day	11/20/14

Increase in Ms. Leary's hours from 5 ½ hrs/day to 7 hrs/day as per students IEP.

Schedule (14/15) – D. No. 17

**Board Date: November 19, 2014
(EXHIBIT 14-15#93)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education has reviewed and accepts all recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education listed below in accordance with regulations of the Commissioner of Education part 200 P, NYS Law Article 89, and Federal Law IDEA. The CSE and CPSE recommendations were based on a variety of psychological, academic and medical records. All parents were informed and had an opportunity to express their concerns. The records and IEP's of these students are located in the Pupil Personnel Office and are available for Board review for purposes of making decisions concerning placement.

October 8, 2014 – CPSE
 October 16, 2014 – SHS CSE
 October 17, 2014 – MS CSE
 October 20, 2014 – CSE
 October 21, 2014 – MS CSE
 October 22, 2014 – CPSE
 October 22, 2014 – MS CSE
 October 23, 2014 – SHS CSE
 October 24, 2014 – CSE
 October 24, 2014 – OD CSE
 October 27, 2014 – SHS CSE
 October 28, 2014 – CSE
 October 28, 2014 – MS CSE
 October 28, 2014 – SHS CSE
 October 28, 2014 – OD CSE
 October 29, 2014 – CSE
 October 29, 2014 – SHS CSE
 October 30, 2014 – CSE
 October 30, 2014 – SHS CSE
 November 3, 2014 – CSE
 November 3, 2014 – MS CSE
 November 5, 2014 – CPSE
 November 5, 2014 – CSE
 November 5, 2014 – MS CSE

SCHEDULE (14-15) – OA/C NO. 12

OUTSIDE AGENCIES/CONSULTANTS

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, HEREBY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE CONSULTANT(S)/AGENCIES AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

NAME	SUBJECT	SALARY
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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2014

1. Lombardo Jane	Workshop: Peer Coaching Skills One 90 minute workshop	\$200.00 (Down from \$400)
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(Ms. Lombardo was approved on Schedule OA/C No. 10 for one workshop for \$100.00. That was an error. It should have been for \$200.00.)

OWL FALL 2014 PROGRAM

(To be paid for by the OWL Teacher Center Grant)

2.	ELA Consultant Literacy Task Force \$75 per hour – maximum 8 hours	600.00
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SCHEDULE (14-15) – OA/C NO. 13

OUTSIDE AGENCIES/CONSULTANTS

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, HEREBY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE CONSULTANT(S)/AGENCIES AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

NAME	SUBJECT	SALARY
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1. Cheryl Mendelsohn	CPSE Psychological Evaluations	\$205/per eval
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SCHEDULE (14-15) – V No. 8

VOLUNTEERS

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, HEREBY RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

Name	Subject	Services
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1. Van Tassel David	Speaker Science Research Class Senior High School	Students are entering an essay contest regarding water quality on Long Island
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(Mr. Van Tassel is a horticulturist, arborist and is pesticide certified.)

Vote on the motion: Yes: Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames,
 Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly,
 Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello

No: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

The board acknowledged receipt of:

Warrants #4 – Regular – October, 2014

(EXHIBIT 14-15 - #94)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Ames, the board moved to executive session to discuss personnel at 9:30 p.m.

Vote on the motion: Yes: Mrs. Hochman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ames,
 Mrs. Aniello, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. McNeilly,
 Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vitiello

No: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.



 Denise Butler, Board Secretary



 Maria Alessi, District Clerk

