

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 9, 2015
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 8, 2015, Regular Meeting of February 12, 2015, Work/Study Meeting of February 23, 2015 and Special Meeting of February 25, 2015 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by C. Dell'Erba.(7-0)
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for January 2015 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded E. Altbacker. (7-0)
- MOTION TO CHANGE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS** A motion to change the regular order of business, moving items #VIII and #IX after Item #VI(A) Student Delegate report was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0)
- STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT** Student Council Delegates reported that auditions for BHS Presents were held for the April 17-18 performance dates. They also reported on activities in the Art, Science World Languages departments. Babylon students performed well at the NYS DECA Career Conference held in Rochester with 15 top ten awards and the Babylon chapter received Community Service and Membership Awards.
- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

New Business

- APPOINTMENT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**
1. **APPOINTMENT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ms. Linda J. Rozzi as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2015, at an annual salary of \$225,000 for the 2015-2016 school year and approves an Employment Agreement between the Babylon Board of Education and Ms. Rozzi setting forth the terms and conditions of said employment as more fully discussed in executive session. The President of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-2)
Voting Yes: L. McKeown, D. Bencivenga, D. Montalto, L. Jurs, C. Dell'Erba
Voting No: E. Altbacker. A. Donaldson
- RESIGNATION**
2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Frank Suriano, custodial worker, effective March 30, 2015 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E Altbacker, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of John W. Cooke, art teacher, effective July 1, 2015 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by C. Dell’Erba, seconded by L. Jurs, Resolution 3 was approved. (7-0)

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Anne Morris, elementary teacher, effective July 1, 2015 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 4 was approved. (7-0)

RESIGNATION

5. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Judith T. Procaccini, science teacher, effective July 1, 2015 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 5 was approved. (7-0)

RESIGNATION

6. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Clare L. Savage, school psychologist, effective July 1, 2015 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by L. Jurs, seconded A. Donaldson, Resolution 6 was approved. (7-0)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

7. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Teachers’ Association and the Babylon Board of Education effective March 10, 2015 regarding Separation Incentive and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.
On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 7 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker a motion to omnibus Items 8-18 was approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba Items 8-18 were approved (7-0).

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

8. **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the annual meeting and election of the Babylon UFSD, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Memorial Grade School in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of the Babylon Union Free School District and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the Babylon Beacon and South Bay/Neighbor Newspaper, two papers having general circulation in the District.

ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT

9. **ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that Nancy Sharapata is designated as the permanent chairperson of election to be held on May 19, 2015 in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

10. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Christopher Tordy as Grade 3 Club Invention Advisor, Michael Breiner as Grade 4 Club Invention Advisor and Cecilia Galbraith as the junior high softball coach for the 2014-2015 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointment for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract.

Grade School

- Club Invention Grade 3 - Danielle Vedder
- Club Invention Grade 4 - Christopher Tordy

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
APPOINTMENT**

12. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Cecilia Galbraith as a Varsity Softball volunteer coach for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers.

**SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL
WORKER**

13. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Brian Ryan as a substitute custodial worker effective March 10, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$11.00/hour.

**SUBSTITUTE
FOOD SERVICE
WORKER
APPOINTMENT**

14. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Grace Macaluso as a substitute food service worker effective March 10, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$10.00/hour.

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

15. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:
1. From: A 9760.7300-00-000 Debt Service-Tax Anticipation Notes (25,000)
To: A 1620.4191-00-000 Operation-Emergency Repair 25,000
This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of deductible from the emergency project at the ES and HS as a result of the August, 2014 rain/flooding event.
 2. From: A 2251.4900-00-000 Spec Ed-BOCES (100,000)
To: A 2251.4700-00-000 Spec Ed-Tuition 100,000
This transfer is necessary for realignment of budgeted funds to expenditure code.
 3. From: A 2251.4900-00-000 Spec Ed-BOCES (30,000)
To: A 2251.4102-00-000 Spec Ed-Other 30,000
This transfer is necessary for realignment of budgeted funds to expenditure code.
 4. From: A 2110.1283-02-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr (8400)
To: A 2110.1383-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr 8400
This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of mid-year retirement benefit.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACTS**

16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contracts between the Babylon UFSD and Brentwood UFSD (SEDOL-1) and Wyandanch UFSD (SEDOL#3) for the 2014-2015 school year, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Deer Park UFSD for the 2013-2014 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
RECEIPT OF
FEDERAL PART B
FLOW-THROUGH
ALLOCATIONS**

17. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2014-2015 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Mountain Lake Academy. (SEDCAR#9).

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND CPSE**

18. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated January 2015-March 2015, be approved.

DONATION

19. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Babylon Lions Club.
On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 19 was approved. (7-0)

RECESS

At this time, the Board took a brief recess for the community and staff to meet Mrs. Rozzi, newly appointed Superintendent of Schools.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Polney-Marinello provided an update on the technology status of the district and introduced several teachers who explained how the different levels are

embracing technology. Ms. Galbraith, Ms. Hirten and Ms. Kiriakopoulos gave examples of technology usage in the classroom discussions at the elementary school, Mrs. Weis expanded on usage in the grade school through exposure to coding and usage of google apps, and at the junior-senior high school, Mrs. Schappert and Mrs. Callahan displayed the usage of technology as an avenue for career and college readiness by using google classroom. Dr. Daly presented a draft of the 2015-2016 proposed school budget which outlined the impact of the decreased TRS contribution and impact of staff retirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit cycle review will continue. A meeting will be scheduled in late spring or early June. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed current budget status. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a meeting to address questions about the installation of artificial turf will be rescheduled for late March 23. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that Mr. Rozakis is looking at other district bullying policies and will gather information to report to the Board. All meetings will be posted on the district's website. As there was no report from other committees, the Board moved to the next item.

OTHER BUSINESS

A board member requested that a topic for the Work/Study meeting on March 23rd include a discussion on State testing.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mrs. Durler, K-6 PTA representative, reported that the PARP program started. She also reported on upcoming PTA events.

**COMMENTS FROM
VISITORS**

Comments from visitors included questions regarding the new superintendent's contract, a request to be fiscally responsible as the budget process in underway, a request for substitute teachers to have access to the district network and resources, and exploring efficiencies and savings working with the Village.

**FUTURE
BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Special Work/Study Meeting on March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Resident's presentation on transportation. A Work/Study Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015 Topic: Budget Presentation and a Regular Meeting on Monday April 13, 2015 Topic: Budget Presentation and Adoption of Budget & Property Tax Report Card. Meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

At 9:30 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose to seek advice from counsel regarding the May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. 7-0

**PUBLIC SESSION
RESUMES**

Public session resumed at 9:53 p.m. at which time the following Resolution was presented:

**TRANSPORTATION
DOCUMENT**

20. **TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENT: WHEREAS**, the district clerk has informed the Board of Education that Ms. Robyn Silvestri has submitted to the district clerk at approximately 8:15 p.m. this evening a document purporting to be a petition for the placement of a transportation proposition to be placed on the ballot of the May 19, 2015 annual meeting; **WHEREAS**, said document does not comply with the law and district policy regarding the submission of voter petitions for placement of a proposition on the ballot; it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rejects the document submitted to the district clerk this evening for failure to comply applicable laws and district policy regarding the submission of petitions for propositions on the May 19, 2015 ballot.

On motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 20 was approved. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:07 p.m., there being no other items of business, a motion to adjourn was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved. (7-0)

