

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 12, 2018

**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

### Members Present

Mrs. Tricia Pané, President  
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga  
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien

### District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

### Central Office Administration

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. Pané, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, contractual matters and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. Pané, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 8, 2018 and Work/Study Meeting of January 22, 2018 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by E. O'Brien. (7-0)

### **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2017 and Internal Claims Audit Report for December 2017 were approved on motion by D. Montalto seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegates reported that BHS Presents was an enormous success on Saturday evening. Thank you to all who attended, helping us raise \$2,600 for senior scholarships. The Babylon DECA Club sent 110 members to compete at the Suffolk DECA Career Competition on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had over 50 students who won trophies and qualified to go onto the New York State DECA Career Competition. The also reported on activities in the Fine Arts, English and Science Departments.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

- **Parent University Update:** Mrs. Rozzi thanked all BOE trustees and Mr. D'Amico for assistance making the 1<sup>st</sup> District Parent University evening events successful. We had a workshop discussion of how to teach your child to self-advocate, in which three Trustees participated in a panel discussion and were able to provide their insight as experienced parents in the Babylon system. The survey feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive and your help was truly appreciated! When able, please take a look at the "new" Parent University link which can be found on our website, in which keynote and breakout workshop presentations are now assessable to all parents and community members. Overall, it was a great first attempt to promote adult education. We really have a terrific District SDM Team in place who made both nights happen.
- **Technology Professional Development:** Mr. David Dileo and his team have been busy delivering professional development to all three schools. PD is focusing on the basics of Windows 10 and the Surface Pro. Teachers are also learning about applications such as Notebook and Teams which will allow them to connect, communicate, and share content with their students. The PD and new technology is being received with enthusiasm and excitement!!! Also, our Smart Schools Application was approved recently by NY State!
- **Update on the SCOPE Summer K-6 Enrichment Program:** Mrs. Rozzi has been working with program administrators from SCOPE Educational Services in the last number of weeks. Last week, we posted various job postings to all existing staff who may wish to work in the 4-week summer enrichment program as SCOPE employees. After approvals through SCOPE occur, the District along with SCOPE leadership crafts a summer enrichment brochure to promote. Registration then takes place sometime in late March/early April. The programs are contingent on registration numbers.

- January Regents Testing: Mrs. Rozzi gave an overview of testing week.

Mrs. Lisa Consolo, District Director of Special Education, presented a PowerPoint on special education.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented Presentation #1 of the Proposed 2018-2019 School Budget to the Board of Education and Community.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and the first draft of the budget is being presented this evening. The second budget presentation will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board will open the floor to community residents with comments/questions regarding the budget. The next finance committee meeting will be held on March 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the district is entering into the last phase of the bond project. Bids were sent out last week to close out the project. The next meeting will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that Mrs. Rozzi updated the Board and community in her report. The next meeting will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. working on mini grants. Ms. O’Brien, policy committee chair, reported that two policies are on the agenda for a first reading this evening. The next meeting will be held on March 1 at 3:00 p.m. There were no other committee reports. All meetings are posted on the website.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items. The Board of Education discussed Item #13.

New Business

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-20 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by E. O’Brien an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-20 were approved (7-0)

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Babylon Teachers’ Association effective February 13, 2018 regarding Separation Incentive and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Gail Farley, account clerk, for an unpaid leave absence effective June 25, 2018 to June 29, 2018.

**RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

3. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the following casual appointments effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	-	Ed Aromando
JH Girls Lacrosse Coach	-	Brenda Mayo

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

4. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers’ Contract:

Coaching

Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	-	Anthony Imparato	(\$5538)
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Junior-Senior High School

All School Production Director	-	Jessica Gill	(\$5443)
All School Production Set Construction	-	Linda Napolitano	(\$1447)

**Grade School**

Intramurals (Open Gym Club) - Hans Wiederkehr (\$1447)

**PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT**

5. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time monitor appointment of Diane Papeo from February 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2017-2018 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$16.65, Step 2-\$16.95, Step 3-\$17.30)

**PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT**

6. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time aide appointment of Tremaine Nero effective February 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2017-2018 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$17.90, Step 2 - \$18.20, Step 3 - \$18.55)

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

7. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following per diem substitute teachers effective February 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for these assignments to be \$110.00/day.

Carissa Kaplan	Elizabeth Dieterich	James Punzone
Nicholas Frizalone	Maria Reyes-Ramirez	Samantha Czczotka

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS**

8. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute aide/monitor appointments effective February 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for these assignments to be \$13.60/hour.

Jill Jacow	RosaAnna Vittorio
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**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS**

9. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute custodial appointments effective February 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for these positions to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay of \$11.00/hour.

John Jeheber	Mike Otte
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**STUDENT TEACHER**

10. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teacher placement for Spring 2018:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>		
Jamie Preziosi	Early Childhood Special Education	St. Joseph’s College	ES

**FIRST READING POLICY 1530-SMOKING & OTHER TOBACCO USE**

11. **FIRST READING POLICY 1530-SMOKING & OTHER TOBACCO USE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 1530-Smoking & Other Tobacco Use and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 1530-Smoking & Other Tobacco Use, as attached.

**FIRST READING POLICY 5420R – STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION**

12. **FIRST READING POLICY 5420-R STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 5420-R Student Health Services Regulation and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 5420-R Student Health Services Regulation, as attached.

**STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP**

13. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an overnight field trip for student participation to attend the Museum of Glass, Corning, New York from May 20-21, 2018.

**OBSOLETE ITEMS**

14. **OBSOLETE ITEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of one (1) Laminating Machine Tag #20091251.

**SEQRA  
RESOLUTION**

15. **SEQRA RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District declares the District as the lead agency under SEQRA for the refurbishment of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria Courtyard and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education has determined this project is a Type II Action and is therefore exempt from further Environmental Review under Section 617.5(c) (6) of the State Regulations.

**CHANGE ORDER**

16. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for plumbing with Hirsch & Company, LLC, Shelter Island, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$3,698.00, as the result of credit for unused unforeseen conditions allowance.

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFERS**

17. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appropriation transfers for the 2017-2018 school year:

1. From: A 2251.4900-00-000 Special Ed-Boces (13,893.90)  
To: A 2251.4700-00-000 Special Ed-Tuition 13,893.90  
This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of a Prospective Rate Adjustment for DDI for the summer of 2015 through 2016-17 school year.
2. From: A 2110.1200-03-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Inst K-2 (8,718.00)  
To: A 2110.1300-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 7-12 8,718.80  
This transfer is necessary to realign salary costs with budget codes.
3. From: A 9030.8003-00-000 Employ Bene/Soc. Sec. (75,000.00)  
To: A 9040.8004-00-000 Employ Bene/Worker Comp 75,000.00  
This transfer is necessary to cover the year to date Worker's Comp claims incurred
4. From: A 9050.8006-00-000 Employ Bene/Unemploy Ins. (25,000.00)  
To: A 9040.8004-00-000 Employ Bene/Worker Comp 25,000.00  
This transfer is necessary to cover the year to date Worker's Comp claims incurred

**HEALTH &  
WELFARE SERVICE  
AGREEMENTS**

18. **HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2017-2018 school year: East Islip UFSD, West Islip UFSD

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

19. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon UFSD and West Islip UFSD (SPED 2017/18-J).

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION AND  
COMMITTEE ON  
PRESCHOOL  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

20. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated November 2017 to February 2018, be approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Rozzi reported on the following:

- Reward Schools: Last week, Newsday released the list of LI schools recognized by the NYSED as Reward Schools. Twenty four Long Island 9-12 High Schools were honored with this distinction. The methodology involved in identifying elementary and middle schools as Reward Schools includes the analysis of the 3 – 8 state assessment data. Schools must be in Good Standing and demonstrate Adequate Yearly Progress in all subgroups. The closing of gaps between subgroups is also measured and considered as is the school's Performance Index. Any school with a high test

refusal rate cannot be considered if there is not sufficient data to validate. Note here that there are zero elementary or middle schools that were identified as Reward Schools. The methodology involved in identifying high schools as Reward Schools involves the analysis of graduation rates as well as Advanced Regents diploma rates. A secondary school must have a 2012 4-Year cohort graduation rate that exceeds 80%, and the school must also exceed the state average for students graduating with either a Regents diploma with advanced designation or a Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement. **We meet and exceed these standards.** The challenge for the Babylon Junior Senior High in obtaining Reward School status is that, because the school houses grades 7 and 8, we are required to meet standards for both the elementary / middle schools as well as secondary high schools. Our middle school grades and high school grades exist in the same building with the same BEDS Code. Cold Spring Harbor Jr. / Sr. High School is an example of another high performing school that does not receive Reward School status due to this issue of being a 7-12 one-school building.

- WS BOCES Annual Meeting: Western Suffolk BOCES Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 and the Western Suffolk BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advocacy Breakfast & Community Summit: Mark Your Calendars...because Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advocacy Breakfast & Community Summit! The program begins at 8:30 a.m. with a light breakfast reception, followed by a morning of discussion with our elected representatives, community leaders, educators/parent reps and student reps. Hope to see you there!
- NYS Excelsior Scholarship Program Presentation at WB HS: I wish to bring parents' attention to a regional event regarding the NYS Excelsior Tuition Scholarship. This will take place on March 7th at 7pm at West Babylon High School's Performing Arts Center. All surrounding districts have been invited to attend. Participants will hear from presenter Michael St. John Turner from the New York State Higher Education Department. In this presentation, parents and students will learn how The Excelsior Scholarship program provides eligible families and students the opportunity to attend college tuition-free at all SUNY and CUNY schools.

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed comments/questions from visitors regarding last month's AP Presentation.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Library. The topic will be Budget Presentation #2

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:00 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto and approved (7-0)