

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: June 10, 2019

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

Members Present

Mrs. Tricia Pané, President
Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, Vice President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga (arrived 6:52 p.m.)
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Ann Donaldson

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Pané, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter, the employment history of a particular individual, contractual negotiations and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by E. O'Brien and approved. (5-0) Mr. Bencivenga arrived at 6:52 p.m. Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Pané, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2019, Regular Business Meeting of May 13, 2019, Special Meeting of May 20, 2019 and Special Meeting of May 21, 2019 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2019 and Internal Claims Audit Report for March 2019 were approved on motion by E. O'Brien and seconded by D. Montalto. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education recognized the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2019, Student Council delegates, and two students who received awards from the Long Island Special Education Administrator Association. Mr. Bencivenga, Board Trustee, was recognized for his service to the Babylon Schools.

Student delegates reported that student council had a wonderful year and is thankful to all of our student leaders for their work this year. The new student council leadership team will be taking the reign soon as they tackle their first task, 7th grade orientation, which will take place in August. They also reported on activities in the National English Honor Society, Drama Club, Fine Arts and Science Departments.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Student Celebrations: In both May and June the district held celebrations honoring many of our students for their academic as well as musical/artistic talents from Honor Society inductions, the annual BTA Scholarship Dinner to Fine Arts awards, Principal List Awards and the array of musical performances that graced the walls of Rowe Hall. We had the pleasure of attending the celebration of the district's Valedictorian, Dylan Pané, as we honored him and his family at the SCSSA Annual Valedictorian Luncheon held on May 31st at Villa Lombardi's. We also recognized those members of the armed forces who gave their lives at our annual Memorial Day celebrations and remembrances. As we conclude the month of June, we eagerly look forward to orientations as well as prom and graduation honoring the Class of 2019. I wish to thank everyone in this room who manages these calendars and plans and coordinates these year-end events.

- Parent University: On Thursday evening we held our 2nd annual Parent University. Our special guest was Carin Winter from “Mission B” who provided a 90-minute workshop on mindfulness for parents. The feedback was excellent from all attendees and the turnout was impressive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Pané, on behalf of Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the Independent Audit will begin on Monday, June 17th for preliminary field work and a meeting will be scheduled following the completion of that audit. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, thanked the community for passing the budget and capital reserve fund. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, echoed Mrs. Jurs thank you regarding the budget and capital reserve fund. There is work going on in the buildings. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the IT Department will be collecting the 12th grade 1-1 devices this week, if students need to transfer data go to IT Department. Grades 7-11 may keep devices over the summer but will need to renew their insurance policies in September. Incoming 7th graders can pick up devices in August. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting to discuss the mini-grant applications. Mrs. O’Brien, policy committee chair, reported that they met last week and reviewed policy 5151-Homeless Children. Committee meetings are posted to the district website. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM

As there were no questions from visitors and no discussion from the Board, the Board moved on to the next item.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by E. O’Brien, seconded by L. Jurs, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-18 and 20-25 were approved (6-0).

On motion by C. Dell’Erba, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-18 and 20-25 were approved (6-0)

TENURE APPOINTMENT

1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Kristine Best as a special education teacher 1-6 effective September 1, 2019.

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2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Alyssa Freeman as a special education 1-6 teacher effective September 1, 2019.

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3. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Laura Foerster as an elementary teacher K-6 effective September 1, 2019.

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4. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Samantha Geller as a special education teacher K-6 effective September 1, 2019.

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5. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Lauren Halverson as a special education mathematics teacher 7-12 effective September 1, 2019.

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6. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Jessica Linder as a school psychologist effective September 1, 2019.

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7. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Catherine Schipf as a speech teacher effective September 1, 2019.

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

8. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Stephanie Sirico as a physical education and health teacher effective September 1, 2019.

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

9. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Jackie Meth as a teacher assistant effective September 1, 2019.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL**

10. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Lauren Fretto as an Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2019 through July 1, 2023.* Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2019-2020 Babylon Administrators Association contract. (\$124, 848), subject to negotiations.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST**

11. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Allison Waters as a school psychologist effective September 1, 2019 through September 1, 2023.* Compensation for this assignment to be MA/Step 1 of the 2019-2020 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract. (\$63,205) Ms. Waters hold a professional certificate in school psychology.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
AMENDED**

12. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT AMENDED: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the amended probationary term of employment of Daniella Pesce, special education teacher, from September 26, 2016 through November 17, 2020.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
AMENDED**

13. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT AMENDED: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the amended probationary term of employment of Katelyn Adaszewski, teacher assistant, effective September 1, 2015 through October 9, 2021.

**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

14. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an unpaid childcare leave of absence for Sarah Ryczek, elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2019 to December 11, 2019.

**LEAVE
REPLACEMENT**

15. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kara Bochicchio as a physical education leave replacement effective May 9, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$54,970).

**PART-TIME
SECURITY GUARD**

16. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Petriello as a part-time security guard effective June 11, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be \$18.00/hour.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

17. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the Extended School Year Program from July 8, 2019 to August 16, 2019. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2019-2020 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract (\$45.00/hour), Babylon Clerical/Nursing Association Contract (\$45.00/hour), and the Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Agreement (from \$17.90 to \$18.55/hour depending on step).

Teachers: Samantha Czczotka, Kaitlyn Liegey

Reading: Robin LaBarbera, Eileen Ratto

Speech: Denise Glynn

Substitute Teacher: Lindsay Carbone

Aides: Claire Joseph, Ellen Altieri, Jeanne Marie Flaughner, Karen Altieri, Heather Tenety

Substitute Aides: Rachael Higgins, Anna Schaefer, Veronica Cutchall
Nurse: Nina Burke

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

18. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the casual appointment of Danielle Weis as the 6th grade Broadcast Club advisor for the 2018-2019 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract (\$1472)

**CSEA, LOCAL 1000,
AFSCME, AFL-CIO
CUSTODIAL
ASSOCIATION
CONTRACT**

19. **CSEA, LOCAL 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO CUSTODIAL ASSOCIATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the contract between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Custodial Association, for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement.
On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. O'Brien, Resolution 19 was approved (5-1)
Voting Yes: C. Dell'Erba, E. O'Brien, L. Jurs, D. Montalto, T. Pané
Voting No: D. Bencivenga

**ANNUAL FIRE
INSPECTION
REPORT**

20. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2019/2020; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2019/2020 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

**HOME TUTORING
CONSULTANT
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

21. **HOME TUTORING CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Home Tutoring/Instruction consultant services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Tutoring for Life, LLC for the 2019-2020 school year.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

22. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services tuition contract from July 1, 2019 to August 30, 2019 between the Babylon UFSD and Commack UFSD (SPED 19/20 SUM-#1)

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
SERVICES
CONTRACTS**

23. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consultant services contract for the 2019-2020 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Access 7 Services, Inc. (SECSC-2019/20-#1), Achieve Beyond (SECSC-2019/2020-#2), All About Kids, SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC (SECSC-2019/2020-#3), Barbara Lee Christensen (SECSC-2019/20-#4), Childhood Anxiety Solutions (SECSC-2019/20-#6), Blue Sea Educational Consulting (SECSC-2019/20-#5), CJI Consulting, Inc. (SECSC-2019/20-#7), Creative Tutoring (SECSC-2019/20#8), Island Better Hearing (SECSC-2019/20-#13), Islip Tutoring Service, Inc. (SECSC-2019/2020-#14), Little Angels Center, Inc. (SECSC-2019/20-#15), Marra & Glick Applied Behavior Analysts, PLLC (SECSC-2019/20-#16), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SECSC-2019/20-#17), MKSA LLC (SECSC-2019/20-#18), New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. (SECSC-2019/20-#19), Out East Therapy of New York for OT, PT, SLP, RN and Psychology Services, PLLC (SECSC-2019/20-#20), Positive Behavior Support Consulting (SECSC-2019/20-#21), Top Grade (SECSC-2019/20-#23).

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACTS**

24. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the 2019-2020 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: The Hagedorn Little Village School (SPED 2019-20-D), AHRC (SPED-2019/20-A), Wyandanch UFSD (DOL#3 2019.20), Brentwood UFSD (DOL#1 2019-20), West Babylon UFSD (DOL#2 2019/20), Developmental Disabilities Institute (SPED-2019/20-B)

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

25. **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 the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated March 2019-May 2019.

Mrs. Rozzi acknowledged the tenure appointees and probationary appointees.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved to the next item.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS FROM
VISITORS**

Questions/Comments from visitors: Congratulatory wishes to the Valedictorian and Mr. Bencivenga for his service to Babylon Schools.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on June 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell’Erba and approved (6-0)

**In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years and if the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. Classroom teacher and building principal means a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.*