

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 30, 2020  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702  
Broadcasted Via Facebook Live due to Covid-19 Virus

Members Present

Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, President  
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, Vice President  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
Mr. Dominick Montalto  
Mrs. Donna Noesi  
Mrs. Tricia Pané

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 7:30 p.m. by Ms. O'Brien, President, at which time Ms. O'Brien, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SUPERINTENDENT STATEMENT** Mrs. Linda Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the community tonight to our Board of Education meeting, brought to you courtesy of a live-stream. Mrs. Rozzi stated the following:

- We are proud to serve the health care workers, first responders, transit workers and other essential employees who are working to address the significant challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the people running the childcare program housed at the Babylon Elementary School, as well as our employees who have made sure to provide nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to our students each day. They are district heroes who have helped Babylon schools get these wonderful programs up and running for our Babylon community.
- Secondly, our school hallways, classrooms, labs, gyms, stages and fields do not look good empty. They weren't built to be empty; it's not normal, but not much is normal right now. So, in our new reality, we will continue to stay connected, stay healthy and stay happy together, from a distance. Our teachers, principals, directors and our amazing technology staff has spent the last number of days preparing for our live launch this coming Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. It goes without saying we also much recognize and thank our students most importantly, as well as all of our parents, who have been terrific throughout this entire process.
- On behalf of Babylon Schools, we want our youngsters to know that we miss them so very much and we cannot wait for the day when we are all back together in our classrooms.

New Business

**OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by T. Pané, seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-5 were approved (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by D. Noesi, seconded by A. Donaldson an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-5 were approved (7-0)

**SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT** 1. **SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement between SCOPE Education Services and Babylon UFSD to provide childcare services to children of first responders and medical service providers in accordance with Executive Order 202.4.

**INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS** 2. **INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreements to provide childcare services to children of first responders and medical service providers in accordance with Executive Order 202.4 between the Babylon UFSD (Host District) and the following sending districts: West Babylon UFSD and North Babylon UFSD.

**RESCIND LEGAL NOTICE**

3. **RESCIND LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the legal notice approved at the Board of Education meeting on March 9, 2020.

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT**

4. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT: BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement and Release (“Stipulation”) regarding the Employee identified on the attached Confidential Schedule “A”, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Stipulation on behalf of the Board.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

5. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, on 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, regarding certain terms and conditions of employment and delivery of instruction during the school closings as a result of the COVID-19 virus and Executive Orders issued by Suffolk County and New York State officials and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

**BUDGET INFORMATION**

Mrs. Rozzi reported that the Babylon School District has yet to receive really any official guidance to an on-time April 1 passage of a State budget. Today Governor Cuomo issued a new executive order which postponed all school budget votes and trustee elections until at least June 1, 2020. The order is silent on questions on how voting will be conducted and when votes are held. As updated guidance becomes available, we will share it with the community.

Mrs. Rozzi reported that the steep drop and continuing shakiness in State revenues are arguments for delaying school budget votes, as is the hope for additional federal aid. School districts throughout New York State now have no choice but to prepare for various scenarios, from “best case” scenarios to “worst case” scenarios regarding unknown State Aid to schools. As always, the Babylon School District urges all community members to reach out to our elected representatives, informing them of the need to fight for our fair share of educational funding for the programs our students deserve prior to voting on the State’s spending plan.

Budget Presentation #4 is posted on the website and provides a slide with possible state aid scenarios that we could face once a state budget is approved. It also will give the community future budget workshop dates and presentations between now and May as well as June sometime when we will have an official budget vote.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:37 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Pané and approved (7-0)