

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 11, 2021

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

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 and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 7, 2020 were approved on motion by T. Pane and seconded by A. Donaldson (7-0)

APPROVAL OF INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORTS

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2020 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- Physical education staff at Babylon High School recently nominated seniors Matthew Minicozzi and Madison Protain for New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Suffolk Zone award, which recognizes their strong performance in physical education, overall academic achievement, leadership qualities and extracurricular participation. Babylon UFSD congratulates both students for their stellar efforts throughout high school, both inside and outside of their physical education classes.
- Back in December, we informed the community of New York State's mandatory COVID-19 testing initiative if and when our school district was ever to be identified as being in a Yellow, Orange or Red Micro-Cluster Zone. In sum, we received a total of 892 completed surveys, in which 578 responses (65% of all completed surveys) suggested a willingness to be tested for the novel coronavirus if and when required. On the larger scale, that represents a little over 31% of the overall in-person population, helping us meet the 20% mandate to test, if necessary. I am hopeful we will never be identified, but if we are, we'll be ready to implement testing.
- On Wednesday, February 10th our Leadership Team will begin professional development in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity. The seven workshop series will cover the following topics: The Development of Race and Racism, Structural Racism's impact on Long Island, Implicit Bias, Transformation to Equity, Levers of Classroom Equity, building and Sustaining Inclusive environments. Our Leadership Team will meet every Wednesday for seven weeks for each two-hour workshop hosted by Elaine Gross, Tracy Edwards, and Natalie McGee who are all leaders in the field of DEI. Our work is being done in coordination with Western Suffolk BOCES. Many other districts will be engaging in similar work. This training is the first step in a process that will eventually include the training of all staff members.
- Three of our students, Jessica Cronk, Alana Lewis and Olivia Muller have artwork that was chosen for the SCALA Invitational Show, 2020. This show was designed to showcase artwork from not only the students but also showcased their work side by side with their art teachers. Special congratulations to the three students and also to Mrs. Schweider and Mrs. Stork who have their artwork showcased along with theirs as well. Congratulations to our amazing young artists and our amazing artistic team of teachers that we have.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that they would like to schedule a meeting for January 25th at 5:30 p.m. to look at the 2020 risk assessment update. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, would like to schedule a meeting on January 25th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Montalto, buildings and grounds chair, reported that Rowe Hall work has begun. The electric has been run and the steel has been installed for the heating and air conditioning that will go on the roof. The units will probably be in by the end of the month and we'll get it finished. Due to meeting conflicts, the meeting scheduled for January 25th will be rescheduled to a later date. Mrs. Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that the technology department is testing out the new set of training modules for the required ED2d law and are working through help requests and working on some internal things and our next meeting is not scheduled yet. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that they will be meeting on February 3rd. Mrs. Rozzi addressed DEI which is something that we've been discussing in the curriculum committee. We look forward to hearing how things are going at our next meeting. Mrs. Pané, policy committee chair, reported that policy met on December 7th, where we discussed policy 5151R Homeless children regulation. This is the second revision from the original policy, which dates back to November 2005. This revision includes transportation to the district of origin, summer programs and extra curriculums, as well as language of parental relation. The first reading is this evening and a second reading and adoption will take place at our February meeting. Committee meetings are posted on the district website.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by T. Pané, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-15 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-15 were approved (7-0)

**PROBATIONARY
ACCOUNT CLERK**

1. **PROBATIONARY ACCOUNT CLERK: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary account clerk appointment of Florence Lathbury effective January 27, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column C of the 2020-2021 Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association contract prorated (\$44,790).

**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Yaniriz Rodriguez, elementary teacher, effective January 4, 2021 to January 29, 2021.

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3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Alyssa Brunson, social studies teacher, effective January 21, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

**LEAVE
REPLACEMENT**

4. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kerry Huber, as a leave replacement elementary teacher effective January 4, 2021 to January 29, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$64,153)

**LEAVE
REPLACEMENT**

5. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Patrick Metzger, as a leave replacement social studies teacher effective January 21, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$56,771)

**PART-TIME
MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Stephanie Bohland as a part-time monitor effective December 8, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2020-2021 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$16.65, Step 2-\$16.95, Step 3-\$17.30)

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

7. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Brett Frole as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay scale: Days 1-30 \$110.00; Days 31-60 \$120.00; Days 61-90 \$130.00; over 91 days \$140.00.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2020-2021 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2020-2021 school year:

Winter Coaching

Varsity Boys Winter Track Asst.	Jeffrey Hedberg	(\$5820.00)
Varsity Girls Winter Track Asst.	Stephanie Greaney	(\$5820.00)

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT**

9. **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 Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Association, as more fully discussed in executive session and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

**EXTENSION OF
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

10. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL BUS): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2020-2021 Small Bus Contract through the 2021-2022 school year (with option for 2022-2023), at an increase equal to the May 31st CPI or 4% whichever is lower.

**EXTENSION OF
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CONTRACT**

11. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (LARGE BUS): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2020-2021 Large Bus Contract through the 2021-2022 school year (with option for 2022-2023), at an increase equal to the May 31st CPI or 4% whichever is lower.

**FIRST READING
POLICY 5151/5151R
HOMELESS
CHILDREN**

12. **FIRST READING POLICY 5151/5151R HOMELESS CHILDREN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby conducts a first reading of policy 5151/5151R-Homeless Children and regulation and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 5151/5151R-Homeless Children and Regulation, as attached.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: East Islip School District and the Uniondale UFSD.

**SPECIAL
EDUCAITON
CONSULTING
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consulting services agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Services SLP, OT,PT LMSW, Psychology, Audiology, PLLC (SECSC-2020-2021-#19) for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

15. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL 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 Education for cases dated November 10, 2020-December 21, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi mentioned that we are currently looking at the draft calendar for the 2021-2022 school year and hope to have the draft calendar approved at an upcoming meeting. Once the calendar is approved, we will get it out to everyone.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The following questions were addressed from visitors regarding: NYS Covid report card, COVID 19, Transportation contracts, virtual learning. To be placed on record: the Board of Education is in receipt of an email from a parent signed by a number of families expressing their personal views regarding the district's reopening plan at the 7-12 level.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs seconded by D. Noesi and approved (7-0)