

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 10, 2022
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 via video conference with no in-person attendance

Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell’Erba, President
Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President
Mr. Dominick Montalto (absent)
Mrs. Donna Noesi
Mrs. Theresa Patiri
Mr. David Sonkin

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Mr. Travis Davey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Carol Feudi

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by Mrs. Dell’Erba, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:37 p.m. at which time Mrs. Dell’Erba, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 13, 2021 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Sonkin. (5-0)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Treasurer’s Report and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2021 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by L. Jurs (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Rozzi welcomed all to the Board of Education meeting this evening. She announced that tomorrow she would be sending home a one sheet news update on new COVID procedures that were received by the district from the New York State and Suffolk County Departments of Health. This includes a reduced quarantine period for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Mrs. Rozzi reported that last week hundreds of free covid test kits were distributed to families. The distribution went smoothly utilizing the traffic circle at the elementary school and she thanked the custodial and security staff for their help in the distribution. Extra kits will now be added to the supply that nurses can use as part of the district’s Test to Stay initiative. Additionally, central office administration met with all directors to review course offerings scheduled for the 2022/23 school year; the updated catalog will be prepared for posting and shared with students and families prior to course selection days. Mrs. Rozzi announced that the Grade School and High School winter concerts have been rescheduled for dates in February with the intent for in-person performances. Mrs. Rozzi reminded all that Thursday, January 13 is the “Annual Go Home Early Drill” and Friday, January 14 is a Superintendent’s Conference Day for all staff – there is no school for students. Mrs. Rozzi wished all a pleasant Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Audit Committee – Mrs. Patiri stated that there is nothing new to report. Finance Committee – Mrs. Jurs reported that the committee would be meeting January 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee - Mr. Montalto was not present at this meeting; however, Mrs. Dell’Erba reported that there were no updates. Technology Committee – Mr. Sonkin reported that the current status is the same as last

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meeting. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Noesi reported that the committee discussed the district’s professional development plan and how we will be going forward on that; the committee will be scheduling a meeting in March. Policy Committee – Mrs. Dell’Erba stated that the committee worked with a few community members in reviewing the language in Board Policy 9150 – Fraternalization – and how they can update it. They have scheduled to meet again January 31, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dell’Erba asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda to respond to a number of inquiries from community members. Motion by D. Noesi; Seconded by D. Sonkin. Approved 5-0.

MOTION TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Mrs. Dell’Erba and Board members addressed inquiries received by the Board. In addition, they responded to the inquiries that were emailed to the Board prior to this evening’s meeting from the following: Angela Campagna, Bonnie Otto, Danielle Skarulis, Kevin O’Halloran, Eileen Berry.

Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Board Counsel, explained the Open Meetings Law regarding documents being included with the public agenda and draft meeting minutes.

Prior to addressing comments/questions from those community members attending the meeting virtually on zoom, Mrs. Dell’Erba stated the following:

PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS

The Board of Education welcomes public attendance at Board of Education meetings. Board meetings, including public comment periods, are meetings of the Board and it is critical that they be conducted without disruption. While public comment is not required by law, the Board recognizes the value of community participation. The procedure for public participation is as follows: Those who address the Board are to state their name, speakers will have three minutes to comment, all attendees must be respectful while a speaker is addressing the Board and comments are to be directed to the Board only. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students for which their reputation or privacy may be violated, is prohibited as well as discussion regarding bargaining negotiations or pending legal matters. Personnel commendations or complaints may be given to the Board or Superintendent in writing or delivered to the district clerk. All in attendance at Board of Education meetings are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner.

The following community members addressed the Board via zoom: Colleen Doherty-Bates, Angela Campagna, Kelly Walsh, Dorothy Hill, Leo, Alison Gonzalez, Kara Darrell, Susan Schlussler, Gina Coffen, Alison Varley, Nicole Griffin, Brittany Rohl, Jacee Slawson, Erin Speer, Sabrina Bonaventure, Kathryn Litwin, Bonnie Otto, Mike Fieldstone, Fumi Otomo, Eileen Berry.

On motion by D. Noesi, seconded by L. Jurs, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-13 were approved (5-0).

OMNIBUS MOTION

On omnibus motion by D. Sonkin, seconded by T. Patiri, an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-13 were approved (5-0)

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

1. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Loredana Tomici as probationary reading specialist at the high school effective January 24, 2022 to January 24, 2026. Ms. Tomici is New York State certified in Literacy, Grades 5-12. Compensation for this position is MA+15, Step 1, in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association Contract (\$68,569 prorated).

LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT

2. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Anya Hixson as math leave replacement teacher effective January 11, 2022 not to exceed June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment is the substitute teacher rate of pay scale: Days 1-30 \$110.00; Days 31-60 \$120.00; Days 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days \$140.00.

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE

3. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT – RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jared Humphreys as per diem substitute teacher at the high school effective January 11, 2022 not to

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APPOINTMENT**

exceed June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment is the substitute teacher rate of pay scale: Days 1-30 \$110.00; Days 31-60 \$120.00; Days 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days \$140.00.

**SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

4. **SUBSTITUTE MONITOR/AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin Keith as substitute monitor/aide at the elementary school effective January 11, 2022 not to exceed June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment is in accordance with the substitute monitor/aide pay. (\$15.00).

RESIGNATION

5. **RESIGNATION: WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2021 the Board of Education received a letter of intent to retire from Linda J. Rozzi. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Linda J. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of retirement, with the last day of employment being July 31, 2022. The Board of Education extends best wishes on her retirement.

**CONSULTANT
APPOINTMENT**

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Linda Pesce as Consultant to the District for the Annual Budget Vote preparation and process effective January 11, 2022 to May 17, 2022 at the hourly rate of \$80 per hour.

**EXTERNAL AUDIT
CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN
(CAP)**

7. **APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the Corrective Action Plan for the annual financial statement audit management letter for June 30, 2021 issued by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

**HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACTS**

8. **HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health services contract between the Uniondale Union Free School District and the East Islip School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

9. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services agreement renewal between the West Islip School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.

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10. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services agreement renewal between the Kids in Action of LI, Inc. and the Babylon Union Free School District

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11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services agreement renewal between Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC (d/b/a All About Kids) and the Babylon Union Free School District

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

12. **COMMITTEE ON 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 November 9, 2021 through December 22, 2021.

DONATION

13. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of a treadmill for use in the high school weight room facility at a value of \$419 by Melissa Pascarella, high school teacher.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi recognized and thanked Ms. Pascarella, physical education teacher, whose donation of a treadmill was included on this evening's agenda.

This item was addressed under Public Comment.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

Mrs. Dell'Erba announced the following future Board meetings: Board of Education Work/Study Meeting, Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; Regular Business Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; and a Board of Education Work/Study Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs; seconded by D. Noesi and approved (5-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


**CAROL FEUDI
DISTRICT CLERK**