

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 24, 2022
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, President
Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President
Mr. Ari McKenzie
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi
Mrs. Theresa Patiri
Mr. David Sonkin

APPROVED

Interim Superintendent

Mr. Brian L. Conboy

Central Office Administration

Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Carisa Manza, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda McGarvey

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2022 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by D. Montalto. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thank you, Mrs. Dell'Erba. Good evening, everybody. Last week was Board of Education Recognition Week in New York State. So, despite what you may think of any Board member that you may have met, it is very much a thankless job. It's an extremely important position for volunteers to step up and to dedicate a big part of their life to helping run the school district where you all live, and the manner of the community, the people that are willing to do this really deserve a lot of credit. We have a few tokens of appreciation; this booklet was created by the students and staff at the Elementary School. It looks beautiful. Thank you so much, and a few other tokens of appreciation for our Board. Please join me in a round of applause.

On the calendar this meeting was listed as a work/study meeting, and I know that we try to limit the agenda items, but there are a few important agenda items that we are putting through. The main part of this meeting is to review the quality survey which was taken by members of the community last December. So, we are going to get to that. We have Lauren Gonzalez from K12 Insight with us tonight. She is going to bring us through that School Quality Survey.

A couple of other things. The Committee Reports are not on the agenda tonight. The Board has been reviewing the dates that we will post to the website stating when the committees will be meeting, and that should happen within the next day or so. We just shared some dates over the last couple of weeks, and we are just finalizing those committee dates now. So, just look for that on the website in the very near future. Also, the junior/senior high school parent teacher conferences was left off the calendar accidentally. That traditionally happens the Monday before election day, and it will be happening again. Some communications have already been sent out. If you have a student in the junior/senior high school and have not received that, please contact the high school administration.

Regarding the issue of the stylus pens, I know I made a statement that I thought they would all be distributed after the last meeting. There were some hiccups related to that, but the stylus pens are and have all been distributed at this point. Sorry about the delay on that one.

School Status, which is the app that we've been trying to put in place for communication between teachers and students, coaches and athletes, which is a safe, open, two-way communication, we're ready to roll that out now. Mr. Dileo put out some communication. We also put out some communication to the entire staff. So, the program, School Status, should be up and running pretty soon.

Some excellent news that we got at the end of last week. One of our Varsity athlete swimmers by the name of Kate O'Brien, has been declared a News 12 Scholar Athlete. She is a great varsity swimmer, she is going to Loyola, MD next year. We have a film crew from News 12 coming on Wednesday, and they are going to interview Kate, her parents, and coaches. Congratulations to Kate and her family, Coach Harrison and anybody that dealt with her. She's one of our great, outstanding students. Some other athletic information, we have a golfer in the individual championship, Daniel Madsen. He is a senior. Our girls' soccer, boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, and cross-country athletes are all in the Suffolk County playoffs starting this week. Congratulations to all those athletes. Thank you.

**QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS FROM
VISITORS**

There were no questions or comments from visitors.

NEW BUSINESS

OMNIBUS MOTION

C. Dell'Erba requested a motion to omnibus Items 1-15. This was approved on motion by D. Sonkin and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

C. Dell'Erba requested a motion to approve Items 1-15. This was approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by T. Patiri. (7-0)

1. **RESCIND PROBATIONARY .5 FTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Karen Pinto, PsyD, as a .5 Probationary School Psychologist, effective after approval to September 1, 2026*. Ms. Pinto has a Psy.D., in School-Clinical Child Psychology, M.S.Ed., in School Psychology and B.A. in Psychology. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 Step 1/MA75+Ph.D. (\$43,681) Prorated.

2. **.5 FTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Karen Pinto, PsyD., as a .5 FTE School Psychologist, effective October 24, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Ms. Pinto has a Psy.D., in School-Clinical Child Psychology, M.S.Ed., in School Psychology and B.A. in Psychology. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 Step 1/MA75+Ph.D. (\$43,681) Prorated.

3. **.5 FTE SPEECH TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Britney C. Penna, as a .5 FTE Speech Teacher, effective October 31, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Ms. Penna has a M.S. in Speech Language Pathology and a B.A. in Psychology, Education, and Italian Minor. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 Step 1/MA. (\$32,046) Prorated.

4. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following per diem substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Compensation for these assignments 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.

Elementary School

Patrick Roche Zeynep Memis Tiffany Karalis (pending fingerprint approval)

5. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jason Safuto as a part-time security guard effective October 25, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$19.00/hour.

6. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Barbara Wild, M.Ed. as a per diem substitute teacher, effective October 26, 2022 through January 27, 2023. During this period of service, the District will pay Ms. Wild at the rate of \$170.00 per day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
QUESTIONS**

OMNIBUS MOTION

7. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time monitor appointment from October 24, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2022-2023 Aides and Monitors Association contract. (Step 1-\$17.32, Step 2-\$17.63, Step 3-\$18.00)

Elementary School
Julieann Romas

8. **CHILDCARE LEAVE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the eight (8) week childcare leave of Lauren Bianco, High School Special Education Teacher, effective September 22, 2022 through November 28, 2022, with congratulations on the birth of her daughter. In addition, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the UNPAID CHILDCARE LEAVE OF ABSENCE of Lauren Bianco from November 29, 2022 through January 27, 2023.

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 Babylon UFSD Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association, CSEA Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, expiring June 30, 2022, which shall remain in full force and effect, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract setting forth such terms on behalf of the Board.

10. **MUNICIPAL COOPERATION RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Babylon Union Free School District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS the Babylon Union Free School District wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows: That Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business of Babylon Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and restated as of March 28, 2019.

11. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 0110.1/0110.1R – SEXUAL HARRASSMENT/REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of Policy 0110.1/0110.1R-Sexual Harassment and Sexual Harassment Regulation; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 0110.1/0110.1R-Sexual Harassment and Sexual Harassment Regulation, as attached.

12. **DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP Plan) for the 2022-2023 school year.

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and Brookville Center for Children's Services. Inc., private placement school program, for the 2022-2023 school year.

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through allocations for the 2022-2023 school year between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and County of Suffolk acting through its duly constituted Suffolk County Department of Health Services, effective October 17, 2022.

15. **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 September 16, 2022 through October 17, 2022.

K-12 Insight Presentation – Results of the School Quality Survey (Administered 12/21)

WORK/STUDY PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Conboy introduced Lauren Gonzalez, saying: We met Lauren Gonzalez on a Zoom call a couple of weeks ago and talked about everything that K-12 Insight brought to the District last year. After the review of the survey, we can talk a little bit about what we will be contracting with them again for this year to make sure that we are attacking all the things that need to be attacked with regard to how the survey was completed. I know that Lauren will talk about this, but this was a survey that was taken by all Junior Senior High School students, volunteer parents and volunteer staff. And that was given during December 2021, which was a long time ago. Ideally, the survey probably should have been presented some time last Spring, in my view. That way, from one school year to the next, you can get a clean break, and you can set your direction to what is needed for the following school year. That being said, it was at one of our meetings a month or so ago, where someone said that we haven't even discussed the students' School Quality Survey, which led us here tonight. So, Lauren, we are happy to have you. Take it away. Ms. Gonzalez presented the PowerPoint Presentation, which will be posted to the School District's website.

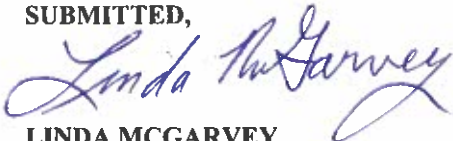
FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

C. Dell'Erba announced the following future Board of Education meetings:
BOE Regular Business Meeting, November 14, 2022, 7:30 p.m. and
BOE Work/Study Meeting, November 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (7-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**LINDA MCGARVEY
DISTRICT CLERK**