

BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK/STUDY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2023

APPROVED

DATE: October 23, 2023

PLACE: Babylon Jr./Sr. High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Linda Jurs, Ms. Donna Noesi, Mr. Ari McKenzie, Ms. Theresa Patiri,
Mr. David Sonkin, Mr. Robert Verdi and Ms. Catherine Wieland

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Carisa Manza, Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Mr. Jeffrey Haubrich and Ms. Linda
McGarvey

I. **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.

II. **Executive Session**

Ms. Wieland moved and Ms. Patiri seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss specific collective bargaining, personnel issues, and/or other specific matters appropriate to executive session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Board President

IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Special Meeting of September 26, 2023 and Regular Business Meeting of October 2, 2023

Ms. Noesi moved and Mr. Sonkin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 26, 2023 and the Regular Business Meeting of October 2, 2023, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no.

V. **Superintendent's Report** – Ms. Manza reported on the following:

- Teachers are participating in ongoing professional development.
- Superintendent's Conference Day is on November 7th.
- Our partnership with the CVC is bringing valuable resources to our students.
- Mrs. Turk and members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society continue to help out the Farmingdale School District by holding bake sales and "Jeans Friday" events to raise money for the Farmingdale music department.
- Last Wednesday, we administered the PSAT to students digitally for the first time.
- We met with representatives from the Long Island Railroad to learn about the upcoming renovation project for the Babylon Train Station.
- At the October 2, 2023 BOE meeting, Ms. O'Hara had some questions regarding iReady. Mr. Haubrich answered those concerns.
- At the October 2, 2023 BOE meeting, Ms. Samon had some questions regarding Medicaid billing and our corrective action plan. Ms. Lunetta spoke about those concerns.
- Ms. Lunetta also spoke about the Energy Performance Contract.
- Next, Ms. Manza mentioned that we are acknowledging the Board of Education tonight, as BOE Appreciation week was last week. Several staff members, students, and Babylon School organizations and clubs spoke of their appreciation for the BOE and presented them with tokens of appreciation. Western Suffolk BOCES and Suffolk Transportation also presented the BOE with tokens of appreciation.

VI. **Representatives of Organizations**

Mr. Richardelli spoke on behalf of the Babylon Teachers' Association.

Ms. Harkins spoke on behalf of PTSA.

Ms. Henry spoke on behalf of K-6 PTA.

VII. **Questions/Comments from Visitors**

As there were no questions/comments from visitors, the meeting moved on to the next item on the agenda.

VIII. **New Business**

Mr. McKenzie moved and Ms. Wieland seconded a motion to omnibus Items 1-15.

Motion carried. Vote 7-yes, 0-no.

Ms. Noesi moved and Mr. Sonkin seconded a motion to approve items 1-15.

Motion carried. Vote 7-yes, 0-no.

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Florence Lathbury, senior account clerk in the facilities and transportation office, effective November 1, 2023, with best wishes on your future endeavors.
2. **TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TREASURER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Carol Feudi as Deputy Treasurer to fill the vacancy temporarily due to the resignation of Florence Lathbury (Transportation/Facilities) at no extra compensation.
3. **ADDENDUM TO PROBATIONARY TEACHING ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Tracey Bellone as a Teaching Assistant, working with Jaime Harrison at Babylon Jr./Sr. High School, effective October 16, 2023 to October 16, 2027 (originally approved at the October 2, 2023 BOE meeting). Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2023-2024 Teaching Assistants contract. (\$28,398 prorated)
4. **ADDENDUM TO PROBATIONARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Keri Puglisi as Administrative Assistant, effective November 6, 2023 (originally approved to start October 3, 2023 at the October 2, 2023 BOE meeting). Compensation for this assignment to be Step 3 of the Administrative Assistant column of the 2023-2024 salary schedule in accordance with the Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association contract. (\$53,125 prorated).
5. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute registered nurses for the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$175.00 per day
 - Roberta Carlock
 - Abby Konarski
6. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute clericals for the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$50.00 per hour.
 - Karin Colletti
 - Martha Speacht
7. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute teacher, for the 2023-2024 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

Grade School: Arlette Leon (Lowe) (start date 10/30/2023)

8. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time aide appointments, effective October 24, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2023-2024 Aides and Monitors Association contract. (Step 1: \$19.00, Step 2: \$19.31, Step 3: \$19.69)

Grade School

Alexis Costello (start date of 10/27/2023, pending fingerprint clearance)

Elizabeth Batz (reclassified, originally appointed a monitor at the 10/2/2023 BOE meeting)

9. **RESCIND THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the following appointment, originally approved for hire at the October 2, 2023 meeting:

Shared between Elementary and Grade Schools

Meghan McKenna (per diem substitute teacher)

10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Chris Morra as Driver Education Instructor for the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation for this appointment to be \$150 per student participating in the program. Mr. Morra holds a Driver Education Teacher Certificate (MV-283) which allows him to teach the DMV approved pre-licensing course at a high school or college.

11. **STUDENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teachers:

Student Teacher	Field of Study	Cooperating Teacher	Semester
Sophia Little	Special Education	Patricia Hauk	Fall
Matthew Leto	Social Studies	Jessica Kahn	Spring
Gianna Costanza	General Education	Laura Foerster	Fall

12. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2023-2024 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Tier 2		
Around the World Club	Megan Connolly	\$1,589
Animal Club	Samantha Weitz	\$1,589
Art & Literacy	Jennifer Terrell	\$1,589
Board Game Club	Lisa Necroto	\$1,589
Mindfulness Club	Kerry Huber	\$1,589
STEAM Club	Diana Orsini	\$1,589

13. **BUDGET REVISION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the increase to the 2023-2024 appropriations budget for the premium received upon issuance of the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$43,360, increase to revenue code A2710 (Premium and Obligations) and increase to appropriation code A 9760.7300-00-000 (Debt Service – Tax Anticipation Notes).

14. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Board Committees be established for the 2023-2024

school year, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the appointments of Board Members to Chair Board Committees as follows:

- **Audit Committee:** Linda Jurs, Ari McKenzie and Robert Verdi
- **Finance Committee:** Robert Verdi
- **Buildings & Grounds and Security Committee:** David Sonkin and Theresa Patiri
- **Technology Committee:** Ari McKenzie
- **Curriculum Committee:** Donna Noesi
- **Policy Committee:** Theresa Patiri and Catherine Wieland

15. **DONATION, RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of the following equipment from the New York Islanders, valued at \$900, at the conclusion of an upcoming floor hockey program in the high school physical education classes. Thank you for this very generous donation.

- 30 floorball sticks
- 30 balls
- 30 reversible pinnies
- 1 equipment bag
- 4 foldable floorball nets
- 1 floor hockey curriculum

IX. Other Business

Ms. Noesi commented on how great Parent Square is for communicating with parents and members of the community.

X. Future Board Meetings

Ms. Jurs announced the following future board meetings:

BOE Regular Business Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:30 p.m. @ high school library

BOE Work/Study Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023, 7:30 p.m. @ high school library

XI. Adjournment – 8:29 p.m.

Ms. Wieland moved and Mr. Verdi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McGarvey
District Clerk