

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:**

July 8, 2008

**PLACE:**

Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

Mrs. Judy Anderson, President  
Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President  
Mr. Darrell Conway  
Roger A. Katz  
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino  
Mr. Thomas Melito  
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Linda Pesce, District Clerk, whereupon she led the assemblage in the pledge of allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

**II. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Newly elected Board Members, Judy Anderson, Henry Brunjes, and Roger A. Katz were sworn in and administered the Oaths of Office by Linda Pesce, District Clerk.

Superintendent of Schools, Ellen Best-Laimit, was sworn in and administered the Oath of Office by Linda Pesce, District Clerk.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mrs. Pesce, District Clerk called for nominations for President of the Board. Mr. Conway nominated Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Martino seconded. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Pesce, District Clerk declared nominations closed. Mrs. Anderson was duly elected President of the Board by unanimous vote. Mrs. Anderson, President, was sworn in and administered the Oath of Office by Linda Pesce, District Clerk.

The floor was then given to Board President, Mrs. Anderson, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Anderson, President, called for nominations for Vice-President of the Board. Mrs. Martino nominated Mr. Brunjes, Mr. Melito seconded. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Anderson, President, declared nominations closed. Mr. Brunjes was duly elected Vice-President of the Board by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brunjes, Vice-President, was sworn in and administered the Oath of Office by Linda Pesce, District Clerk.

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Conway an omnibus motion to move Items IV-XIV was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito an omnibus motion to move items IV-XIV was unanimously APPROVED.

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

**IV. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

a. District Treasurer	Patricia Smith
b. District Clerk	Linda Pesce
c. Acting District Clerk in case of absence	Peter Daly
d. Internal Auditor	Cerini & Associates
e. Internal Claims Auditor	Nawrocki Smith LLP

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**V. OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

- a. School Physicians Dr. Joseph Dic & Dr. Carlo Soranno
- b. School Attorneys Guercio & Guercio
- c. School Auditors Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski
- d. Extra-Curricular Treasurer Patricia Brink
- e. School Representative for Chapter I Funds Peter Daly
- f. Section 504 Appeals Officer Daniel D’Amico
- g. Title IX Coordinator Daniel D’Amico
- h. Records Access Officer Peter Daly
- i. Records Access Appeals Officer Ellen Best-Laimit
- j. Asbestos Compliance Officer Steve Panno
- k. Homeless Liaison Dennis McGovern
- l. Alternate Homeless Liaison Ellen Best-Laimit

**DESIGNATIONS**

**VI. DESIGNATIONS**

- a. Official Bank Depositories - All Funds Chase Manhattan, Bank of America, State Bank of Long Island, Citibank
- b. Regular Monthly Meetings Second Monday of each month unless otherwise specified
- c. Official Newspapers The Beacon, South Bay, Newsday

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

**VII. AUTHORIZATIONS**

- a. Chief School Officer to Certify Payrolls Ellen Best-Laimit
- b. School Purchasing Agent Peter Daly  
Alternate Patricia Smith
- c. Authorization to Establish Petty Cash Funds:
  - 1. High School Robert Visbal & Karen Colletti \$100
  - 2. Grade School Eric Freidman & Stephanie Lowe \$100
  - 3. Elementary School Dana Spincola & Jean Romanchuk \$100
  - 4. Business Office Peter Daly & Patricia Fiorenza \$100
  - 5. Buildings & Grounds Office Patricia Fiorenza \$100
  - 6. Food Service Office Carol Ann Grodski \$100/per bldg.
- d. Designation of Authorized Signatures on checks:
  - 1. All Funds Patricia Smith, District Treasurer
  - Alternate President of the Board
- e. Chief School Officer Authorized to Approve Budget Transfers up to \$7,500 as per Board policy Ellen Best-Laimit

**BONDING OF PERSONNEL**

**VIII. BONDING OF PERSONNEL**

- a. Renewal of Treasurer’s Bond in the amount of \$250,000.
- b. Renewal of Blanket Bond in the amount of \$20,000.

**APPOINTMENTS TO CSE**

**IX. APPOINTMENTS TO CSE**

- Chairperson Lisa Carelli-Lang & Patricia Koch
- Alternate Chairpersons Lisa Consolo, Joanne Fasano, Claire Savage, Yvette Chase, Nancy Welch, Patricia Bocchimuzzo
- Psychologists Clare Savage, Yvette Chase and Nancy Welch, Patricia Bocchimuzzo
- Physician Dr. Dic & Dr. Soranno
- Child’s Teacher regular education or special education
- Parent Members Gail Busch, Diane Patwell, Patricia Baberich, Lisa McKeown, Kathryn McDonald, Donna Frole, John Keating, Jean Ann Ferri, Karen Bender, Evelyn Ippolito, Paula Pollaro

<b>APPOINTMENTS TO CPSE</b>	<b>X. APPOINTMENTS TO CPSE</b>	
	Chairperson	Lisa Carelli-Lang & Patricia Koch
	Alternate Chairpersons	Lisa Consolo, Joanne Fasano, Claire Savage, Yvette Chase, Nancy Welch, Patricia Bocchimuzzo
	Municipality	Representative from Suffolk County
	Evaluator	Representative from the program that has completed an evaluation on the preschool child
	Parent Members	Gail Busch, Diane Patwell, Patricia Baberich, Lisa McKeown, Kathryn McDonald, Donna Frole, John Keating, Jean Ann Ferri, Karen Bender, Evelyn Ippolito, Paula Pollaro

<b>SURROGATE PARENTS</b>	<b>XI. SURROGATE PARENTS</b>	Lisa McKeown & Diane Patwell
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<b>IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS</b>	<b>XII. IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS</b>	As listed on NYSED VESID website
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<b>NYSSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON</b>	<b>XIII. NYSSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON</b>	Catherine Vukovich
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<b>APPOINTMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGISTRATION &amp; ELECTIONS</b>	<b>XIV. APPOINTMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGISTRATION &amp; ELECTIONS</b>	
	Chief Election Inspector \$16.00/hr	Nancy Sharapata
	Board of Registrars \$12.00/hr	Barbara Witthohn, Joseph Palma, Geraldine Leo, Frank Cerny, Corrine Samon, Donna Ryan, Eileen Scudlo, Connie Hoernel, Catherine Baker, Richard Rotzman, Patricia Smith, Patricia Fiorenza, Karen Bustamante, Charlene Winter, Patricia Brink, Gail Farley, Jackie Marino, Patricia Podesta, Karin Colletti, Francis Bustamante, Maria Lethin, Laura Lynn Browning, Lisa McKeown, Joanne Petruzelli

<b>ADJOURN REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the Board of Education adjourn the reorganization meeting and enter into the regular meeting. On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Melito, and unanimously approved the Board adjourned the reorganization meeting and entered into the regular meeting.
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<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2008, and Work/Study Meeting of June 23, 2008 was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mr. Brunjes.
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<b>APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR FUND REPORT</b>	The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for June 2008 was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.
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<b>QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS</b>	The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.
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**NEW BUSINESS**

<b>OMNIBUS MOTION</b>	On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Conway, an omnibus motion to move Items 1-22 was approved (7-0). On omnibus motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move items 1-22 was unanimously APPROVED.
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- FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.10-PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR PARENTALLY-PLACED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 4321.11-PUBLIC REPORT ON REVISIONS TO DISTRICT POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES UPON A FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY**
1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.10-PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR PARENTALLY-PLACED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 4321.11-PUBLIC REPORT ON REVISIONS TO DISTRICT POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES UPON A FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 4321.10-Programs and Services for Parentally-Placed Nonpublic School Students with Disabilities, 4321.11-Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 4321.10 and 4321.11, as attached.
- SECOND READING POLICIES 4321.8-IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION, 4321.9-DECLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 9330 TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**
2. **SECOND READING POLICIES 4321.8-IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION, 4321.9-DECLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 9330 TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 4321.8-Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation, 4321.9-Declassification of Students with Disabilities, 9330-Tobacco-Free School Environment and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 4321.8, 4321.9 and 9330, as attached.
- ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4321.8-IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION, 4321.9-DECLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 9330 TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**
3. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4321.8-IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION, 4321.9-DECLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 9330 TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 4321.8-Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation, 4321.9-Declassification of Students with Disabilities, 9330-Tobacco-Free School Environment, as attached.
- REASSIGNMENT OF POSITION**
4. **REASSIGNMENT OF POSITION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Carole Polney-Marinello, Assistant Principal, to the position of Coordinator of Assessments, Data, Learning and Technology for the 2008-2009 school year.
- EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TEACHER K-6**
5. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TEACHER K-6: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Stephen Fasciani as a probationary elementary education teacher K-6 assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective September 1, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 4 of the BA+45 column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- PART-TIME SPEECH TEACHER K-12**
6. **PART-TIME SPEECH TEACHER K-12: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Kimberly Davis as a part-time (.2 F.T.E.) speech teacher K-12 assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be .2 F.T.E. of Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Kim Barretta, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 be approved.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER**
8. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Jennifer Brown as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

- EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER** 9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Cassie Goobic-Bruno as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 3 of the BA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER** 10. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Necroto as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER** 11. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Marisa Presuto as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER** 12. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Kathryn McGroty as a leave replacement elementary English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER** 13. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Kerryanne Augello as a leave replacement English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER** 14. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Valan as a leave replacement English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective September 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.
- CASUAL APPOINTMENT** 15. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Danna Sobiecki as a casual appointment (speech teacher) for the elementary, grade, and middle school summer school programs from July 7, 2008 to August 15, 2008. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the teachers' contract.
- PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC III** 16. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC III: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Vincent Whitnum as a probationary Maintenance Mechanic III, assigned district-wide, be approved effective July 9, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 7 of Column I of the 2008-2009 CSEA Custodial Association agreement
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION** 17. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases, as attached hereto, be accepted.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT** 18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement between Babylon UFSD and Hauppauge UFSD for the provision of special education services.
- E-RATE PROCESSING SERVICE AGREEMENT** 19. **E-RATE PROCESSING SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Annual E-Rate Consultant Service contract with Integra Consulting and Computer Services, Inc. from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, as attached.
- LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION** 20. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BIDS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the bids for the purchase of food items specified in the cooperative bid for the 2008-2009 school year, as

**COOPERATIVE BIDS**

attached.

**SCHOOL LUNCH**

- 21. **SCHOOL LUNCH: RESOLVED**, that based on the recommendation of the Food Service Director, that the following prices be established for breakfast and lunch effective September 1, 2008:
 

Breakfast - K-6	\$1.25	Lunch - K-6	\$2.00
Breakfast - 7-12	\$1.50	Lunch - 7-12	\$2.25

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

- 22. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the following textbooks proposed for the 2008-2009 school year:  
 Mathematics: Integrated Algebra 1 - 2007 Amsco School Publications, Inc.  
 History: Economics New Ways of Thinking - 2007 EMC Publishing

**APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO BOARD COMMITTEES**

Appointments for Board members to Board committees are as follows:  
 Audit - T. Melito, chairperson, D. Conway, J. Anderson  
 Finance - A. Martino, chairperson, R. Katz  
 Technology - D. Conway, chairperson, A. Martino, R. Katz  
 Policy - C. Vukovich, chairperson, T. Melito  
 Buildings and Grounds - H. Brunjes, chairperson, R. Katz  
 Building Liaisons were appointed as follows:  
 Elementary School - R. Katz  
 Grade School - D. Conway  
 High School - A. Martino  
 The Board of Education will tour and inspect the school buildings on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved on to the next item.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and a Work/Study Meeting on August 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito the Board of Education unanimously adjourned the meeting.

**Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office.**