

BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

DATE: December 11, 2023

PLACE: Babylon Jr./Sr. High School

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

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

I. **Call to Order** – 6:30 p.m.

II. **Executive Session**

Ms. Noesi moved and Mr. Verdi 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)**

Work/Study Meeting of November 27, 2023

Ms. Noesi moved and Mr. Verdi seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Work/Study Meeting of November 27, 2023, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

V. **Approval of Treasurer’s and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Reports** for October 2023.

Ms. Wieland moved and Mr. McKenzie seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer’s and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Reports for October 2023.

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

VI. **Superintendent’s Report** – Ms. Manza reported on the following:

- Before starting her comments, Ms. Manza introduced two high school student delegates, Talulah and Caitlyn, who reported on events taking place in the district.
- Ms. Manza then gave the floor to Mr. Haubrich who shared some highlights from Babylon Elementary School and Babylon Memorial Grade School.
- Ms. Patiri mentioned how wonderful the Holiday Breakfast was that took place this past Saturday from our PTA and thanked all those who helped to make this event happen.
- Ms. Manza mention that she attended the Elementary School concerts with her son.
- Ms. Manza congratulated the cast and crew who performed in this past weekend’s drama production of “Agatha Rex.”
- Ms. Manza mentioned that the teachers at BES continue professional development with iReady. Mr. Kcogh said that teachers say this professional development is really meaningful.
- The next Coffee and Conversation will be on Wednesday, December 13th.
- Ms. Manza invited everyone to attend the Jr. Sr. High School concerts which are taking place next week.

- Ms. Manza then turned the mic over to Mr. DeJoseph to honor some of our outstanding Fall athletes, with the help of some of the coaches.
- Next, Mr. Murphy, Director of Guidance, gave a presentation on the guidance department team. Mr. Murphy also introduced two Wilson Tech students who spoke about the different programs available, including the aviation program. Before starting his presentation, Mr. Murphy commented on the generosity of the owners of Lily Flanagan's during the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Ms. Jurs commented on the BOCES dinner that the BOE attended.

VII. Representatives of Organizations

Ms. MaryKate Henry, president of the K-6 PTA, spoke about events the PTA is sponsoring.

VIII. Questions/Comments from Visitors

Ms. Skarulis had questions about Medicaid.

IX. New Business

Mr. Verdi moved and Ms. Noesi seconded a motion to omnibus Items 1-14.

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

Mr. Sonkin moved and Ms. Patiri seconded a motion to approve items 1-14.

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

1. **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a Family and Medical Leave (combination of paid and unpaid) of Cecilia Kaufmann, special education teacher at Babylon Elementary School, effective approximately December 22, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
2. **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a six (6) week Family and Medical Leave Request of Patrick Donaldson, high school teacher, to care for the birth of his child. The anticipated start date of the leave is December 21, 2023, pending the birth of his child.
3. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/LEAVE REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Alyssa Metz as a substitute teacher/leave replacement, to cover for Cecilia Kaufmann, special education teacher at Babylon Elementary School, with a start date of December 12, 2023. 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. Once leave replacement assignment begins, compensation will be MA/Step 1 (\$65,053 Prorated).
4. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute teacher appointments. 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

High School

Barbara Wild (start date of December 4, 2023)

Ashley Kniff (start date of December 6, 2023)

5. **PROBATIONARY SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the

probationary appointment of Patricia O’Flaherty as Senior Account Clerk, effective December 20, 2023. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 4 of the Senior Account Clerk column of the 2023-2024 salary schedule in accordance with the Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association contract. (\$55,222 prorated)

6. **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. 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)

Elementary School: Haritha Chintarlapalli (Start Date 12/4/2023)
 Johanna Herles (Start Date 12/12/2023)

7. **STUDENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the student teacher appointment of the following student for the Spring 2024 semester:

Student Teacher	Field of Study	Cooperating Teachers
Emma Lange	Secondary Educ./English	Lindsay Jones and Michael Birnbaum

8. **APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the extension of Carol Feudi as Consultant to the District for the HR department and business office, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at the hourly rate of \$50 per hour.
9. **HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health services agreements between the Babylon Union Free School District and the following school districts for the 2023-2024 school year: Amityville Union Free School District and Copiague Union Free School District.
10. **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 the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 issues by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.
11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract between Babylon Union Free School District and Deer Park Union Free School District for the term of July 10, 2023 through August 18, 2023.
12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract between Babylon Union Free School District and West Islip Union Free School District for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
13. **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 2023-2024 school year between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and the following: Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc., Developmental Disabilities Institute, Kids in Action of LI Inc. Program, Liberty Resources Psychology, Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy, PLLC, Mid

Island Therapy Associates, LLD d/b/a All About Kids, The New Interdisciplinary School, and NYSARC Inc. Suffolk Chapter Saul & Elaine Seiff Educare Center.

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the term of October 5, 2023 through December 6, 2023, between Babylon Union Free School District and Massapequa School District.

X. **Other Business**

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting moved on to the next item on the agenda.

XI. **Future Board Meetings**

Ms. Jurs announced the following future board meetings:

- BOE Regular Business Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2024, 7:30 p.m. @ high school library
- BOE Work/Study Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2024, 7:30 p.m. @ high school library

XII. **Adjournment**

Ms. Noesi moved and Mr. McKenzie seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda McGarvey
District Clerk