

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 16, 2012

**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Mr. Thomas Melito (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Peter R. Daly

Central Office Administration

Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Katz, Vice President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel regarding the Superintendent's employment agreement was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (5-0)

The Board resumed public session at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of March 6, 2012, March 19, 2012, Regular Meeting of March 12, 2012 and Work/Study Meeting of March 26, 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Antolini and seconded by Mr. Montalto. (6-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Melito and seconded by Mrs. McKeown. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegates, Shannon Going and Grace O'Nishea reported that the International Thespian Honor Society Induction ceremony is Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Leo Club hosted its Spring Senior Citizen's Dinner on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The NHS has been offering Peer Tutoring for all students at BHS since November. They also reported on other activities in the high school. Dr. Daly presented a plaque to Mr. Melito and thanked him for his leadership and outstanding service to the Babylon Schools. He also reported that Pat Stork, elementary school art teacher, was a winner of a Western Suffolk BOCES Model Schools Teacher Integration Award. Dr. Daly will be holding a Realtor Open House to share information about the district with brokers and to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas. Students from Ms. Poelker's class received certificates for their participation in the animation movie premier of "If Letters Went to School". The audience had an opportunity to preview the movie. Mr. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the proposed 2012-2013 school budget. The presentation can be found on the district website at: [www.babylonschools.org](http://www.babylonschools.org)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Antolini, audit committee chair, reported that a meeting will be scheduled to review the internal audit report. Mrs. McKeown, reported that the finance committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 23, 2012 in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Katz reported that the buildings and grounds committee will be meeting on April 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. to review the field plans and other aspects of buildings and grounds. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the topic of discussion at the Work/Study meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be on the BOCES finance plan proposal for technology and the district website.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items and budget presentation.

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the budget and property tax report card for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$46,264,321 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval.

On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 1 was approved (6-0)

**BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION**

2. **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: RESOLVED**, as Mr. Thomas Melito resigns his term of office as a Member of the Babylon Board of Education, Mr. Melito is hereby recognized for his outstanding leadership and service to the Babylon School District and Babylon Community.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-1)

Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown, G. Antolini, D. Montalto, A. Berenblatt

Abstaining: T. Melito resolution accepting his resignation

**APPOINTMENT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

3. **APPOINTMENT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Rozakis as Superintendent of Schools for a three year period commencing July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 at an annual salary of \$195,000 for the 2012-2013 school year.

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AGREEMENT**

4. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an employment agreement for Mr. Richard Rozakis as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2012, as more fully discussed in executive session and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

On motion by Ms. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Antolini, Resolution 4 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Antolini, a motion to omnibus Items 5-21 was approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Ms. Berenblatt seconded by Mr. Antolini an omnibus motion to move Items 5-21 was approved. (6-0)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Elizabeth Foster, music teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2012 to January 25, 2013, be approved.

**RESIGNATION**

6. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of DyAnne Going, part-time aide, effective April 17, 2012 with regret and best wishes in her future endeavors.

**PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS**

7. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Susanne Camilleri and Diane Szuchy as part-time aides assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School effective April 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation to be Step 1 of the 2011-2012 aides/monitors agreement (\$17.15/hour).

**APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

8. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Kelly Baum as a substitute teacher effective April 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS**

9. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute aide/monitor appointments effective April 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute aide/monitors hourly rate of pay of \$13.60.

Mary Batura Cecilia Galbraith Janine Kachadourian Michelle Kuntz

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE FOOD  
SERVICE WORKER**

10. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Alexandra Margulis as a substitute food service worker effective April 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service hourly rate of pay of \$10.00.

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE  
CUSTODIAL  
WORKER**

11. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the substitute custodial worker appointment of Matt Palumbo effective April 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute custodial worker hourly rate of pay of \$11.00.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

NYSSMA Vocal Club Advisor	-	Colleen Angerame
JV Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach	-	Daniel Debetta

**ANNUAL MEETING  
APPOINTMENT**

13. **ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that Nancy Sharapata is designated as the permanent chairperson of election to be held on May 15, 2012 in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

**APPOINTMENT  
ELECTION  
WORKER  
/INSPECTOR**

14. **APPOINTMENT ELECTION WORKER/INSPECTOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Marie Bohrer as election inspector/worker of election to be held on May 15, 2012. Compensation for this appointment to be \$12.00/hour.

**STUDENT  
TEACHERS**

15. **STUDENT TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of Daniel Sparby and Thomas Dluginski, physical education student teachers assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School for the Spring 2012 semester:

**RCT WAIVER**

16. **RCT WAIVER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education renew its approval to award RCT/local credit for diploma purposes to eligible students who score within the range of 55-64% on corresponding Regents exams. The approval covers the following subject areas: Mathematics (Integrated Algebra Regents), Science (Earth Science and Biology Regents), English/Reading/Writing (Comprehensive English Regents), Global Studies/History (Global History & Geography Regents), U.S. History & Government (U.S. History & Government Regents).

**DONATIONS**

17. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$381.50 from the Babylon K-6 PTA for the PARP Program and a donation of video and photography equipment from resident Doug Gordon, with appreciation for these generous gifts.

**OBSOLETE  
EQUIPMENT**

18. **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare as obsolete a Delfield refrigeration unit, Babylon UFSD tag #00020 which unit is not operational.

**HEALTH AND  
WELFARE  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENTS**

19. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Sachem CSD and South Huntington UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.

**CONSULTANT  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

20. **CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant service agreement with Behavior Analysis (SE#53) effective April 17, 2012 to June 22, 2012.

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AND COMMITTEE ON  
PRESCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

21. **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 from December 2011-March 2012, be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Katz introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Richard Rozakis.

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no report from Representatives of Organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding Regent scores.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting of the Babylon Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A reception for Mr. Richard Rozakis, new Superintendent of Schools, will be held following the Work/Study Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:40 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Antolini and approved. (6-0)