

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: June 11, 2012

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Mr. Gregory Antolini

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 6:40 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, matters leading to the appointment of an architect, negotiations with the Babylon Administrators Association and advice from counsel regarding proposed litigation and construction agreement was made by Mr. Montalto, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (5-0)

The Board resumed public session at 7:50 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012, Work/Study Meeting of May 21, 2012, Annual School District Meeting of May 15, 2012 and Special Meetings of May 15, 2012 and May 21, 2012 were approved on motion by Mr. Montalto and seconded by Mr. Katz. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daly, Interim Superintendent, reported that Operation Pizza Box took place on June 5th where high school students visited pizzerias to place stickers on pizza boxes to help raise awareness about pro social norms and the dangers of underage drinking. He also reflected on the new principal leadership this year and other activities in the buildings. The Board of Education and students from the science research program recognized and thanked Mrs. Santmann for her generous donation to the science program at the high school. The Board of Education also recognized Valedictorian Sarah Grosser, Salutatorian Pamela Dupre, recipients of the Babylon Art Festival 2012 Award of Excellence and 2012 Art By the Falls, students who represented Babylon at the NYS Track and Field Championships, the 2012 Long Island Class B Softball Champions, 2012 Varsity Baseball Champions, the boys lacrosse first place NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award winners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. McKeown, reported that the finance committee met last month and reviewed the school lunch fund, three year budget plan, and spoke about types of items being sold in vending machines. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and discussed the new district website, teacher websites and smartboard implementation. Ms. Alena Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a short video regarding DASA policies will be shown at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, June 25th and the policy committee will be meeting on June 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. A first reading of DASA policies and a second reading and adoption of the homework policy will be held this evening.

**FIRST READING
POLICIES 0110/0110-R SEXUAL
HARASSMENT,
0100/0100-R EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
AND
NONDISCRIMINATION, 0115/0115-
R/0115E STUDENT
HARASSMENT AND
BULLYING
PREVENTION AND
INTERVENTION,
5300 CODE OF
CONDUCT**

**SECOND READING
POLICY 4730
HOMEWORK**

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

**DONATION TO
FUND SCIENCE
RESEARCH
CENTER**

1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 0110/0110-R SEXUAL HARASSMENT, 0100/0100-R EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION, 0115/0115-R/0115E STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, 5300 CODE OF CONDUCT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 0110/0110-R Sexual Harassment, 0100/0100-R Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination, 0115/0115-R/0115E Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5300 Code of Conduct and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 0110/0110-R Sexual Harassment, 0100/0100-R Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination, 0115/0115-R/0115E Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5300 Code of Conduct, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of policies 0110/0110-R Sexual Harassment, 0100/0100-R Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination, 0115/0115-R/0115E Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5300 Code of Conduct and waived the formal first reading of policies 0110/0110-R Sexual Harassment, 0100/0100-R Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination, 0115/0115-R/0115E Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5300 Code of Conduct, as attached.

2. **SECOND READING POLICY 4730 HOMEWORK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 4730-Homework and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 4730 Homework, as attached.

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, the Board of Education conducted a second reading of policy 4730-Homework and waived the formal second reading of policy 4730 Homework, as attached.

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved on to new business

New Business

1. **DONATION TO FUND SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has the authority to accept donations and to apply the funds according to the instructions of the donor pursuant to Section 1709 of the Education Law; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Theresa Santmann, has graciously offered to fund, through the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation, Inc., expenses incurred in connection with the renovation of an existing art classroom at the Babylon Junior Senior High School into a science research center, in an amount up to Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars from Ms. Theresa Santmann and the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation, Inc., to fund the renovation of an existing art classroom at the Babylon Junior Senior High School into a science research center ("the project"), subject to the following terms and conditions:
 1. The donated funds will be used by the District to fund all costs and expenses related to the project and/or associated with the demolition of the existing art classroom cabinetry, floor tile, ceilings, and lighting, and the installation of new flooring, ceilings, lighting, painting, ventilation, data and electrical outlets, and new science classroom cabinetry, together with architectural, professional, and miscellaneous expenses associated therewith, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars;
 2. The District shall utilize the architectural services of James M. Campbell Architects, P.C., for the project;
 3. The District shall maintain a log of the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the project. In the event the total cost and related expenses incurred by the District for the project are less than Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars, the Board hereby agrees that the District shall return that portion of the donated funds not utilized for the project to the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation, Inc., by subsequent Board of Education resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges the generosity of the donor and accepts said gift with appreciation for the expression of care and concern for District youth and on behalf of the students who will directly benefit from this donation.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

**ARCHITECT
APPOINTMENT**

2. **ARCHITECT APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints James M. Campbell, Architects PC as architects in connection with the science research laboratory project at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement with said architectural firm, setting forth the terms and conditions of such engagement.

On motion by Mr. Katz seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

**SEQRA
RESOLUTION**

3. **SEQRA RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District declares the District as the lead agency under SEQRA for the Science Research Lab, SED Project No. 58-01-01-03-0-001-017, at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School and be it further resolved that the Board of Education adopts the recommendations of James M. Campbell Architects PC that this project is a Type II Action and is therefore exempt from further Environmental Review under Section 617.5(c) (8) of the State Regulations.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-0)

DONATION

4. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$5,000 from Theresa M. Santmann in recognition of the districts participation in the 2nd Annual Babylon Art Festival with gratitude for this generous gifts.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berneblatt, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-0)

DONATION

5. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,000 from Babylon High School graduate Mr. Alfred Guy with gratitude for this generous gift.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 5 was approved. (5-0)

**BOARD MEMBER
RESIGNATION**

6. **BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt by the District Clerk of the resignation from office of Mr. Roger A. Katz for the purpose of assuming office on the Board of Education and filling the unexpired term of Thomas Melito from June 11, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Mr. Roger A. Katz was sworn into office by Mrs. Pesce, District Clerk.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 6 was approved. (5-0)

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

7. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Jennifer Brown as an elementary teacher K-6, effective September 1, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 7 was approved. (5-0)

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

8. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Frank Mancuso as a mathematics teacher 7-12, effective September 1, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Montalto, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution 8 was approved. (5-0)

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

9. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Sarah Schreiber as an English teacher 7-12, effective September 1, 2012.

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 9 was approved. (5-0)

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

10. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Patricia Stork as an art teacher K-12, effective September 1, 2012. On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 10 was approved. (5-0)

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT**

11. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Rebecca Winter a School Counselor K-12, effective September 1, 2012. On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 11 was approved. (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Items 12-18 was approved. (5-0)
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz seconded by Ms. Berenblatt an omnibus motion to move Items 12-18 was approved. (5-0)

**ABOLISHMENT OF
POSITION**

12. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes one head custodial worker and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the position abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2012. To wit: John Barbaretti.

**ABOLISHED
POSITIONS**

13. **ABOLISHED POSITIONS: RESOLVED**, that the personnel of the abolished positions of one school psychologist and one school attendance aide, to wit: Dr. Nancy Welch and Jeanmarie Sheehan shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2012.

**PART-TIME AIDE
APPOINTMENT**

14. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointment of Marie Rocca Cannetti, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective June 12, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$17.15.

**APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS**

15. **APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of MaryJo McCaig and Dennis Lally as substitute teachers effective June 12, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for these appointments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00

**ADOPTION OF
BOARD POLICY
4730 HOMEWORK**

16. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 4730 HOMEWORK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 4730-Homework, as attached.

**REORGANIZATION
MEETING/REGULAR
MEETING**

17. **REORGANIZATION MEETING/REGULAR MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD be scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD will be held following the Reorganization meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND CPSE**

18. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations for cases from March 2012 to May 2012 from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved to the next item.

**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 the topic of vending machines at the finance committee meeting.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

A 9:15 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto and approved. (5-0)