

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

December 3, 2012

PLACE:

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Ann Donaldson

Mr. Roger A. Katz

Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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, negotiations with the Babylon Teachers Association and advice from counsel was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (7-0) Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2012 and Work/Study Meeting of November 19, 2012 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by G. Antolini (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2012 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by G. Antolini. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegate, Ronnie Pashen, reported that the senior high student council ran a school supplies drive, book drive and food drive to benefit those affected by Sandy. A Winter Holiday Festival is scheduled for December 14th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Five students were selected to participate in this year's Long Island String Festival. The All School Musical, Bye Bye Birdie, will be performed on Friday, December 7-Sunday, December 9. He also reported on other activities in the high school. Mr. Rozakis reported that charitable donations continue to be made and distributed to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. The district will be restoring four days of instruction on February 19-22, 2013 which the district needs to meet the State requirement. The Board of Education was recognized and celebrated for their dedication and hard work in honor of School Board Recognition Week. Student athletes were also recognized. Coach Augustine presented the boys cross country team with certificates as the Suffolk County Class C Champions. Coach Harrison presented the varsity girls' soccer team with certificates as the Suffolk County Class B Champions. Mr. DeJoseph presented certificates to individual gymnasts who represented Babylon at the Suffolk County Individual Championships and congratulated Julianne Koch who represented Babylon at the NYS Swimming Championships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee meetings were scheduled and will be held in the district conference room of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School: Audit Committee-Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 3:30 p.m., Policy Committee-Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., Finance Committee-Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Technology Committee-Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., Buildings and Grounds Committee-Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a meeting will be scheduled to interview architects to work with the possible bond referendum. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

The following resolution was presented:

SECOND READING OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

1. **SECOND READING OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property, as attached. (Note: these sections are revisions within the Code of Conduct)

On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by L. McKeown, the second reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property and to waive the formal second reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property was approved. (7-0)

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

There were no questions from visitors on agenda items.

New Business

REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR

1. **REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that the revised school calendar for the school year 2012-2013, as attached hereto, be approved.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown a motion to omnibus Items 2-7 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto Items 2-7 was approved (7-0).

RESCIND/APPOINTMENT SWIMMING SUPERVISOR

2. **RESCIND/APPOINTMENT SWIMMING SUPERVISOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Kerri Whalen as the Individual Competitor Swimming supervisor effective December 1, 2012 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Rich Villanueva as the Individual Competitor Swimming supervisor effective December 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be at the current supervision rate of pay for the 2012-2013 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

3. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School AIS Morning Academy

Heather Hosek Jessica Kurtz Robin LaBarbera Pat Murphy Lisa Necroto
Cathy O'Connor Kim Ricchiuti Shannon Saturno Bill Singleton
Danielle Vedder Rayna Zwerlein

ADOPTION OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.7 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

4. **ADOPTION OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property, as attached.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT

5. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education contract for the 2012-2013 school year between the Babylon UFSD and County of Suffolk-Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations (SE#45).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

6. **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 September 2012 to November 2012 be approved.

DONATION TO FUND SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER

7. **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**, the Board of Education has previously accepted a generous donation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars from the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation, Inc., for the renovation of an art classroom at the Babylon Junior Senior High School into a science research laboratory; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Theresa Santmann, has graciously offered to fund, through the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation, Inc., additional expenses incurred in connection with the renovation of this classroom at the Babylon Junior Senior High School, in an additional amount of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars, which amount is in addition to the Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollar donation previously accepted by the Board of Education on June 11, 2012, bringing the total donation by the Theresa Patnode Santmann Foundation for the project to Two Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$290,000) Dollars; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of an additional Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars from Ms. Theresa Santmann on behalf of 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 laboratory (“the project”), subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. These additional donated funds will be used by the District to fund 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 Ninety Thousand (\$290,000.00) 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 Ninety Thousand (\$290,000.00) 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.

DONATION

8. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Babylon Teachers’ Association, with appreciation for this generous gift.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by G. Antolini Resolution 8 was approved. (7-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bencivenga reported that Barnes & Noble in Bay Shore will be holding a bookfair on Thursday, December 6th from 4-8pm supporting Babylon Elementary School Hurricane Relief Efforts and the BFSA will be holding a pie sale. Mr. Bencivenga addressed the board policy on homework, stating that there is no district policy prohibiting homework on weekends. Mr. Bencivenga answered questions from the last meeting regarding district policy and budget line transfers.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board addressed questions regarding the school calendar and the auditor’s report.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on December 17, 2012 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by G. Antolini and approved. (7-0)