

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

January 14, 2013

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 6:00 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 Babylon Administrators Association and advice from counsel was made by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown 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 December 3, 2012 and Work/Study Meeting of December 17, 2012 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by R. Katz (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Giovanna Domingo reported that the senior high student council hosted the first Winter Holiday Festival on December 14th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Tryouts and rehearsals for BHS Presents will start next week and the performance will be held on February 8-9, 2013. Three seniors had their artwork displayed at the South Bay Artists student art show in Bellport. Students in 7th and 8th grade participated in classroom-level spelling bee competitions. They also reported on other activities in the junior-senior high school. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, reported that the elementary school raised \$2500 from the "Hurr-change" jars. This money benefits our own Babylon families who were affected by Sandy. Barnes & Noble donated \$1000 worth of books to be distributed to families who had suffered losses from the storm. The elementary students shared these books, as well as, hand-made blankets from The Linus Project, with those who could most benefit. Grade School students in band, chorus and orchestra are preparing for their winter concerts to be performed on January 17th and 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Rowe Hall. High school students accompanied by their teachers will be attending the 2nd inauguration of President Obama. Midterm and January testing Regents testing begins Tuesday, January 22-25. Schedules are easily accessible on the districts website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met last month and reviewed the internal auditors report. L. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met last month and reviewed the appropriation status report, status of school lunch fund and the budget development schedule. Mr. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the Board will be approving the appointment of an architect firm to aid in the design and planning of a possible bond referendum. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met last month with CSDNet regarding the technology infrastructure. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee met last week and are reviewing the attendance policy and weighting of courses. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

The following resolution was presented:

FIRST READING OF POLICIES 2310-REGULAR MEETINGS, 2340-NOTICE OF MEETINGS, 4000-STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES, 5280-INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, 9645-DISCLOSURE OF WRONGFUL CONDUCT

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICIES 2310-REGULAR MEETINGS, 2340-NOTICE OF MEETINGS, 4000-STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES, 5280-INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, 9645-DISCLOSURE OF WRONGFUL CONDUCT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings, 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings, 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct, as attached.

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto, the first reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings, 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct and to waive the formal first reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings, 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct was approved. (7-0)

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items, committee reports and policies.

New Business

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

1. **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the proposed 2013-2014 school budget, as attached hereto.

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BTA

2. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BTA: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Babylon Teachers' Association regarding the use of personal/sick days for the week of February 19-22, 2013 upon satisfactory documentation that the employee would incur a significant monetary penalty.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

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3. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BAA: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Babylon School Administrators' Association, regarding employee use of vacation leave, as more fully discussed in executive session.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by R. Katz, Resolution 3 was approved. (7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT

4. **APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into an agreement with BBS Architects, Landscape Architects & Engineers, P.C. to provide architectural services.

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 4 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown a motion to omnibus Items 5-18 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto Items 5-18 was approved (7-0).

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 January 25, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

- LEAVE REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER** 6. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Spinks as a leave replacement music teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective January 25, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the BA column of the 2012-2013 teachers' salary schedule.
- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS** 7. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Patrick Walsh as a part-time security guard effective January 3, 2013 and Michael Connolly, Lisa Beane and Michael Baudille as part-time security guards effective January 15, 2013. Compensation for these positions to be at the security guard rate of pay of \$18.00/hour.
- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES** 8. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointments for Diane Godekeit and Lynn Quigley effective January 15, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2012-2013 aides and monitors association contract.
- RESIGNATION** 9. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jeannette McGinley, school monitor, effective January 14, 2013.
- LEAD EVALUATOR APPOINTMENTS** 10. **LEAD EVALUATOR APPOINTMENTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Richard Rozakis, Superintendent of Schools and Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, are hereby certified as the Qualified Lead Evaluators of the Babylon UFSD having successfully completed the following training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b):
(1) The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators/the Leadership Standards and their related functions;
(2) Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
(3) Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR §30-2.2;
(4) Application and use of the State-approved rubrics selected with the Babylon Teacher's Association and approved by the Babylon Board of Education for use in the evaluation of Babylon Teacher Association Members and the Babylon Principals including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe a classroom teacher and building principal practice;
(5) Application and use of the State-approved locally selected measures of student achievement used by the Babylon UFSD to evaluate classroom teachers and principals;
(6) The scoring methodology utilized by the Babylon UFSD to evaluate classroom teachers and principals under 8 NYCRR §30-2, including:
(a) How scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of classroom teachers and principals, and
(b) Application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the overall rating of classroom teachers and building principals and their subcomponent ratings; and
(7) Specific considerations in evaluating classroom teachers and building principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.
- CASUAL APPOINTMENTS** 11. **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 2012-2013 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.
Eileen Ratto Grade School Morning Academy
Leah Weissinger Yoga Club (Grade 2)
- APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN** 12. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Richard Heuwetter as a substitute custodial worker effective January 15, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be \$11.00/hour

- STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNSHIP** 13. **STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following student teachers/intern for the Spring 2013 semester:
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| Laura Hess | School Psychologist Intern | JSHS |
| Sarah Burgos | School Counseling Intern | GS |
| Alexa Grant | Student Teacher | JSHS |
| Catherine Craig | Student Teacher | ES/GS |
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS** 14. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health and welfare services agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2012-2013 school year for students who attend private schools within the Babylon School District: Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Deer Park UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Longwood CSD, North Babylon UFSD, South Huntington UFSD, West Babylon UFSD, Wyandanch UFSD.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS** 15. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health and welfare services agreements between the East Islip UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Seaford UFSD, Bay Shore UFSD, West Islip UFSD and Babylon UFSD for the 2012-2013 school year.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS** 16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education contract for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and West Hempstead UFSD (SE#46) and the Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations (NY Therapy Placement Services) contract for the 2012-2013 school year. (SE#41A).
- TEXTBOOK ADOPTION** 17. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the following textbook: History: The Americans - Holt McDougal
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION** 18. **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 January 2013 be approved.
- OTHER BUSINESS** Mr. Bencivenga, Board President, updated the community on security measures in the buildings. Mr. Bencivenga read a statement regarding a transportation issue.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS** Mrs. Martino, PTSA Co-President, inquired about the status of installing an electronic Marquee. The Board addressed Mrs. Martino that the Village has approved this request. Mrs. Smith, PTA Representative, reported on K-6 PTA sponsored events in the district.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS** The Board addressed questions and/or concerns regarding a transportation issue.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** A Work/Study Meeting will be held on January 28, 2013 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 8:49 p.m. a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter was made by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (7-0)
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting resumed at 9:26 p.m. There being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0)