

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 11, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President  
Mr. Gregory Antolini  
Ms. Alena Berenblatt  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mr. Roger A. Katz (arrived 6:32 a.m.)  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

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 negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association, the employment history of a particular person and advice from counsel was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0) (Mr. Katz arrived at 6:32 p.m.) 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 Special Meeting of January 10, 2013, Regular Meeting of January 14, 2013, Work/Study Meeting of January 28, 2013 and Special Work/Study Meeting of February 4, 2013 was approved on motion by G. Antolini and seconded by A. Donaldson (6-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2012 was approved on motion by D. Montalto and seconded by R. Katz. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Giovanna Domingo reported on senior high student council events. Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, reminded the audience that schools will be closed on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for President's Day and open during the rest of the week, Tuesday through Friday. This action was necessary to make up days of instruction that were lost to Hurricane Sandy. Each building principal gave a brief report on recent highlights and upcoming events in their buildings. Roger Smith, BBS Architects, Landscape Architects & Engineers, P.C. presented a facilities analysis.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the committee is waiting for the final report from the Internal Auditors. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to review the technology budget. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

The following resolution was presented:

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance, as attached.  
On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Berenblatt, the first reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance and to waive the formal first reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance was approved. (5-1)  
Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, G. Antolini, D. Montalto, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson  
Voting No: R. Katz

- SECOND 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**
2. **SECOND 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 second reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings(revised), 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 second reading of policies 2310-Regular Meetings(revised), 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct, as attached.
- On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Berenblatt, the second 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 second 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. (6-0)

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

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

New Business

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Teachers' Association and the Babylon Board of Education effective February 12, 2013 regarding Separation Incentive and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.
- On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

2. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Teachers' Association and the Babylon Board of Education effective February 12, 2013 regarding Health Insurance upon Separation from the District and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.
- On motion by R. Katz, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by G. Antolini a motion to omnibus Items 3-16 was approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Berenblatt Items 3-16 was approved (6-0).

**APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

3. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective February 12, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these assignments to be \$90.00/day.
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| Stefanie Adames | Victoria Bender | Sean Piotrowski | Margaret |
| Enkababian      | Ryan Reilly     |                 |          |

**APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDE**

4. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Barbara Tighe as an afterschool 1:1 aide for the 2012-2013 girls basketball season. Compensation to be in accordance with the aide and monitor agreement.

**APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE**

5. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Denise Adamo as a part-time aide effective February 12, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation to be in accordance with the aide and monitor agreement.

**APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR**

6. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Lisa Nerney as a part-time monitor effective February 12, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation to be in accordance with the aide and monitor agreement.

- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS** 7. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Norm Horowitz a part-time security guard effective January 2, 2013 and Michael Tenety as a part-time security guard effective February 12, 2013. Compensation for these appointments to be at the security guard rate of pay of \$18.00/hour.
- CASUAL APPOINTMENTS** 8. **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.
- Elementary School Club**
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| Singing Club Advisor (Grade 1) | - | Jennifer Brown |
| Singing Club Advisor (Grade 2) | - | Jennifer Brown |
- ADOPTION OF POLICIES 2310-REGULAR MEETINGS, 2340-NOTICE OF MEETINGS, 4000-STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES, 5280-INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, 9645-DISCLOSURE OF WRONGFUL CONDUCT** 9. **ADOPTION 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 approve and adopt policies 2310-Regular Meetings(revised), 2340-Notice of Meetings, 4000-Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, 5280-Interscholastic Athletics, 9645-Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct, as attached.
- DONATION** 10. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a set of dumbbells from Synergy Fitness valued at approximately \$2,640.00, with appreciation for this generous gift.
- STUDENT OVERNIGHT DECA TRIP** 11. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT DECA TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for DECA students overnight trip to Rochester, New York from March 6-8, 2013 to participate in the DECA State Career Conference.
- APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS** 12. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2012-2013 school year:
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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| From:A2110.1283-02-000 | Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr | (\$60,151) |
| To: A2612.1507-02-000  | Library-Instr Sal       | \$60,151   |
- ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT** 13. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2013/2014; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2013/2014 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT** 14. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Syosset UFSD for the 2012-2013 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2012-2013 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: East Islip UFSD (SE47), United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk (SE48).

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

16. **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 2012 to January 2013, be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Katz asked that a buildings and grounds committee meeting be scheduled to meet with the architects.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions regarding the facilities analysis.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on February 25, 2013 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 8:45 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (6-0)