

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2015
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mrs. Linda Jurs
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 and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and advice from counsel was made by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2014 and Special Meeting of December 8, 2014 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2014 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded D. Montalto. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. McKeown, President, acknowledged the heroism of Mrs. Judith Procaccini who performed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged a mint caught in one of her student's airway. Mrs. Procaccini will be invited to the February 9th Board meeting to be formally recognized. Student Council Delegates reported that the annual Powder Puff game will be held on January 31st from 12-4. All funds will go to Habitat for Humanity and food donations will be given to Island Harvest. They also reported on news from the following departments/clubs: Art, Science and DECA. Mr. Goldberg and the sixth grade teachers provided a presentation on the "New Wheel" being used in the sixth grade curriculum which includes segments on Conflict/Opposition, Rockin' Reads, Environmental Engineering and Global Explorers. Mr. Rozakis reported that school closings/delays will be sent by school messenger via phone and email, as well as on News 12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the committee reviewed the internal audit reports and the audit cycle will continue. A meeting will be scheduled in late spring. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a meeting is scheduled for January 26. The architects will give an update on the bond progress and will address questions about the installation of artificial turf. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, scheduled a meeting for January 26, 2015 prior to the buildings and grounds committee meeting. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved to the next item. All meetings will be posted on the district's website.

The following policies were presented:

FIRST READING OF POLICY 2350-BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 2350-BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 2350 Board Meeting Procedures and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 2350 Board Meeting Procedures, as attached.
Motion by D. Bencivenga, to refer policy 2350-Board Meeting Procedures to the policy committee for further review was seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (4-3)
Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, L. Jurs, C. Dell'Erba, L. McKeown
Voting No: E. Altbacker, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto

SECOND READING OF POLICY 8505-CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS

2. **SECOND READING OF POLICY 8505-CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals, as attached.
On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker, the Board of Education approved the second reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals and waived the formal second reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals, as attached. (7-0)

SECOND READING OF POLICY 1230-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

3. **SECOND READING OF POLICY 1230-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as attached.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker, the Board of Education approved the second reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings and waived the formal second reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as attached. (7-0)

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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

New Business

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

1. **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the proposed 2015-2016 school budget, as attached.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution #1 was approved. (7-0)

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

2. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education has received the Report on the Internal Controls of the Information Systems Cycle, Internal Audit Report on Business Office Key Controls and the Annual Risk Assessment Update pertaining to the Internal Controls of District Operations.
On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution #2 was approved. (7-0)

APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

3. **APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the response to the 2013-2014 Independent Audit.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by L. Jurs, Resolution #3 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs a motion to omnibus Items 4-10 and 12-17 was approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker Items 4-10 and 12-17 were approved (7-0).

CHANGE ORDER

4. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve A.I.A. Document G701/Change Order 1 for work completed at the Babylon Elementary School with QG Mechanical Service Co., Inc. of Center Moriches, New York, in the amount of \$3,180.00 as a result of unforeseen conditions.

**PROBATIONARY
12-MONTH CLERK TYPIST
APPOINTMENT**

5. **PROBATIONARY 12-MONTH CLERK TYPIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the 12-month clerk typist appointment of Joy Michele effective January 14, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column F of the 2014-2015 Clerical CSEA contract.

**PROBATIONARY
12-MONTH CLERK TYPIST
APPOINTMENT**

6. **PROBATIONARY 12-MONTH CLERK TYPIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the 12-month clerk typist appointment of Joan Hughes effective January 20, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column F of the 2014-2015 Clerical CSEA contract.

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE/
MONITOR**

7. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the substitute aide/monitor appointment of Patricia Fiorenza effective January 13, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School Operation Success

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| Kelly Arcoleo | Kerrin Brennan | Michael Breiner | Jennifer Brown |
| Joanne Fasano | Stephen Fasciani | Erin Kennedy | Lisa Necroto |
| Cathy O'Connor | Richard Punzone | Eileen Ratto | Danielle Vedder |
| Kim Ricchiuti | | | |

High School

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| All School Production Director | - | Derek Kinnear |
| All School Production Asst. to Director | - | Michael Birnbaum |
| All School Production Music Coach | - | Colleen Angerami |

**PART-TIME
FOOD SERVICE
WORKER**

9. **PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Angela Houston-Mohr as a part-time food service worker effective January 13, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 Cafeteria Association Contract.

**ADOPTION OF
POLICIES 8505-
CHARGING SCHOOL
MEALS AND 1230-PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AT
BOARD MEETINGS**

10. **ADOPTION OF POLICIES 8505-CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS AND 1230-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 8505-Charging School Meals and 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as attached.

**OVERNIGHT FIELD
TRIP**

11. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for varsity cheerleaders to attend the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida from February 5-10, 2015.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 11 was approved. (7-0)

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE
PLAN**

12. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Local Assistance Plan for the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

13. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the professional services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Teachers College Reading and Writing Project for the 2014-2015 school year.

**HEALTH AND
SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

14. **HEALTH AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Service Agreements between Babylon UFSD and the Half Hollow Hills Central School District and Hempstead UFSD for the 2014-2015 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contract between the Babylon UFSD and West Islip UFSD (SEDOL-6) for the 2014-2015 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2014-2015 school year between the Babylon UFSD and United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. (SEDCAR#6) and Kids in Action of L.I., Inc. (SEDCAR#10).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL

17. **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 dated March 2014-December 2014, be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Draft 2015-2016 School Calendar - Mr. Rozakis shared the draft 2015-2016 school calendar with the Board of Education. The draft 2015-2016 school calendar accounts for 180 school days plus 3 Superintendent's Conference days. School will begin on September 1st with a Superintendent's Conference Day. Students will report the following day for the first day of class. The Board will adopt the calendar at its February meeting.
- b) Field Testing Resolution - Mr. Rozakis reported that the Board of Regents is considering making field testing mandatory. As of now, field testing is voluntary. Many Suffolk County districts have taken a stand in opposition of further testing students to assist test making companies in creating their product. Mr. Rozakis provided the Board of Education with a sample resolution should the Board decide that it also opposes mandatory field testing. The Board will place this resolution on the February meeting agenda for consideration.
- c) YMCA - Mr. D'Amico discussed a new option for the after school childcare needs of the community. The YMCA after school program is an option that places emphasis on communication and activities for families, and offers enrichment to the children enrolled. Pricing will be officially presented at a future meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

Comments and questions from visitors included an inquiry about Babylon teachers attending a reading seminar, information about the reading program and book selection at the grade school. Grade School garden work sponsored by the PTA will proceed under the direction of Mr. Goldberg.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on January 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:57 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Public session resumed at 9:37 p.m. There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0)