

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 9, 2009  
**PLACE:** Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

### Members Present

Mrs. Judy Anderson, President  
Mr. Darrell Conway  
Mr. Roger A. Katz  
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino  
Mr. Thomas Melito  
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

### Member Absent

Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President

### District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

### Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction

### District Clerk

Linda Pesce

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Anderson, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mrs. Martino and approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich, the Board unanimously agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Mrs. Anderson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2009 and Work/Study Meeting of January 26, 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mr. Melito. (6-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for January 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Vukovich and seconded by Mrs. Martino. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Student Delegates, Michael Augello and Neil Cusamano, reported that the senior class raised money for the Babylon Breast Cancer Society, the drama production will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and they also reported on other club and student council activities. Mr. Melito reported on Board of Education Student Centered Goal 1 to monitor the implementation of the revised Interscholastic Athletic Program Guidelines and Procedures. The Interscholastic Athletics Handbook will be adopted this evening. A curriculum presentation "Literature through a Character Lens" was presented by Kim Mielenhausen and Cheryl Murphy, grade school teachers, and Grace Kiernan, Librarian.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the finance committee met and the budget process has begun for the 2009-2010 school year. The district is facing the possibility of a half million dollar loss in state aid. The Governor will be releasing his report in March. A budget presentation will be held on February 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the high school. Mr. Katz, reported that members of the Board of Education conducted a tour of the buildings and noted repairs and projects. The buildings and grounds committee recommended to the Board of Education that the Superintendent provide a regular report on building projects completed. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee is reviewing the Code of Conduct and the Board of Education will be conducting a second reading of policies 6650, 8330 and 8421.

**SECOND READING POLICIES 6650, 8330 AND 8421**

1. **SECOND READING POLICIES 6650-INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR, 8330-AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL-OWNED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, AND 8421-DISTRICT OWNED VEHICLES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 6650-Internal Claims Auditor, 8330-Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials and Equipment, and 8421-District Owned Vehicles and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 6650-Internal Claims Auditor, 8330-Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials and Equipment, and

8421-District Owned Vehicles, as attached.  
On motion by A. Martino, seconded by C. Vukovich the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 6650, 8330 and 8421, as attached.

As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved on to the next item.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

1. **SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that the proposed school calendar for the school year 2009-2010, as attached hereto, be approved.  
On motion by T. Melito, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 1 was APPROVED. (6-0)

#### VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL OVERNIGHT TRIP

2. **VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an overnight trip for the varsity girls softball team for spring training camp to San Antonio, Texas from March 13-15, 2009. The total cost of the trip to be paid for by the athletes.  
On motion by D. Conway, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 2 was APPROVED. (6-0)

#### INTERSCHOLASTIC SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

3. **INTERSCHOLASTIC SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM: WHEREAS**, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grade; and **WHEREAS**, these pupils are to be placed at levels of competition appropriate to their physiological maturity, physical fitness and skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and **WHEREAS**, the State Education Department issues the standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Selection/Classification Program; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Babylon Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete under the Selection/Classification Program in all sports.  
On motion by T. Melito, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 3 was APPROVED. (6-0)

#### ADOPTION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS HANDBOOK

4. **ADOPTION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS HANDBOOK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt the Interscholastic Athletics Handbook, February 2009.  
On motion by T. Melito, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 4 was APPROVED. (6-0)

#### ADOPTION OF POLICIES 6650, 8330, 8421

5. **ADOPTION OF POLICIES 6650-INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR, 8330-AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL-OWNED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, AND 8421-DISTRICT OWNED VEHICLES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 6650-Internal Claims Auditor, 8330-Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials and Equipment, and 8421-District Owned Vehicles, as attached.  
On motion by D. Conway, seconded by C. Vukovich, Resolution 5 was APPROVED. (6-0)

#### OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Conway, an omnibus motion to move Items 6-15 was unanimously approved. (6-0)  
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich an omnibus motion to move items 6-15 was unanimously APPROVED. (6-0)

#### TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

6. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the following textbooks for the 2009-2010 school year:  
Social Studies  
Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behavior – 2008 Worth Publishers  
Psychology: Sociology & You - 2008, McGraw-Hill

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Stacey Aprea, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing February 14, 2009 to March 29, 2009 be approved.

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE FOOD  
SERVICE WORKER**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Laurene Lynn as a substitute food service worker. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service rate of pay of \$10.00/hour.

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS  
SUBSTITUTES**

9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as non-permanent teaching substitutes effective February 10, 2009. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate. Christine Franklin, Suzanne Vella, Adrianna Pane, Kelly McCormick

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff: Laura Oak, Kellie O'Rourke, Courtney Croteau, Robert Grandjean, Michael Koubek and Robert Farrell.

**HOME TUTORING  
TEACHER**

11. **HOME TUTORING TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Christine Mankes as a home tutoring teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$36.00/hour.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

**Coaching Assignments**

- Varsity Baseball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
- Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
- Freshman Baseball
- Junior High Baseball Coach (7)
- Junior High Baseball Coach (8)
- Golf Coach
- Junior High Gymnastics Coach (2)
  
- Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach
- Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach
- Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach (2)
  
- Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach (2)
  
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach (2)
  
- Varsity Softball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- J.V. Softball Coach
- Junior High Softball Coach (7)
- Junior High Softball Coach (8)
- Varsity Boys Tennis Coach
- Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach
- Junior High Boys Tennis Coach

- Anthony Sparacio
- Victor Manzella
- Steve Corrado
- Dan McHugh
- Jay Egan
- Rich Villanueva
- Ed Augustine
- Steve Silipo
- Gina Tonno
- Steve Edmonds
- Drew Peters
- Jim Coromilas
- Jim Schappert
- Rob Richardelli
- Mike Russo
- Tim Harrison
- Shannon Parengkuan
- Jessie Lynch
- Tom Gargiulo
- Brenda Mayo
- Rick Punzone
- Eric Solnick
- Kim Davis
- Jennifer Freyer
- William Singleton
- Rob Andrews
- Peter Mankes
- Sue Shanahan

Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach  
Assistant Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach  
Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach  
Junior High Track Coach(2)

Michael DeJoseph  
Open  
Kelly Maier  
Hans Wiederkehr  
Chris Morra

**SECURITY CONTRACT PROVIDER**

13. **SECURITY CONTRACT PROVIDER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of A+Technology Solutions, Inc. as the contract provider for the Proximity Card Reader and security upgrades for the Junior-Senior High School.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by the following contractors for the 2008-2009 school year: Martha McMahon, Bilinguals Inc., and Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations: SDTC The Center for Discovery, County of Suffolk, Just Kids, Kidz Therapy, NY Therapy.

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

15. **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, as attached hereto, be accepted.

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTION**

16. **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, that the employee listed on Confidential Attachment "A" shall be suspended without pay effective immediately for a period of up to thirty (30) days, pending a hearing and determination of charges pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by C. Vukovich, Resolution 16 was approved. (5-1)

Voting Yes: J. Anderson, A. Martino, T. Melito, R. Katz, C. Vukovich

Abstaining: D. Conway (legal relationship with individual)

**APPOINTMENT HEARING OFFICER**

17. **APPOINTMENT HEARING OFFICER: RESOLVED**, that Arthur Riegel, Esq., be appointed to serve as the Hearing Officer in a disciplinary hearing conducted pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service law regarding charges against the employee listed on Confidential Attachment "A".

On motion by C. Vukovich, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 17 was approved. (5-1)

Voting Yes: J. Anderson, A. Martino, T. Melito, R. Katz, C. Vukovich

Abstaining: D. Conway (legal relationship with individual)

**RESIGNATIONS**

18. **RESIGNATIONS: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of the Civil Service employees listed on Confidential Attachment "B", effective February 10, 2009.

On motion by A. Martino, seconded by R. Katz, Resolution 18 was approved. (6-0)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board of Education participated in a NYSSBA Board Assessment Training in January.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education listened to concerns and addressed questions from visitors regarding security procedures updates, proximity card reader, junior-senior high school sign, and the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. and Regular Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Budget Presentation 2009-2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Conway.