

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 13, 2012

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown (arrived 6:15 p.m.)

Mr. Thomas Melito (left 7:30 p.m.)

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Peter R. Daly

Central Office Administration

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

Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

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 negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association, the employment history of a particular individual and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt and approved. (6-0) Mrs. McKeown arrived at 6:15 p.m.

The Board resumed public session at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Melito left at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2012, Work/Study Meeting of January 23, 2012 and Special Meetings of January 4, 2012, January 24, 2012, January 28, 2012, January 29, 2012, January 30, 2012, January 31, 2012, February 1, 2012, and February 2, 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Antolini and seconded by Mr. Katz. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2011 and January 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Montalto. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Carolanne Murphy and Grace O'Nishea reported that BHS presents was held this past weekend and was a huge success that showcased the talents of Babylon High School students. Student council held a "soup"er bowl of caring prior to the Super Bowl. Non-perishable food items were collected and donated to the Babylon Presbyterian church. They also reported on other activities in the high school. At this time, the Board of Education requested a moment of silence for a former Babylon High School graduate. Dr. Daly and the Board of Education recognized Kaileigh Ringstad for her community service on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House. High School students, Sara Mikovic and Meredith Wardell, received a medal in the Science Olympiad and were recognized by the Board of Education for their commitment to excellence in science research. Dr. Daly, Interim Superintendent of Schools, reported on highlights from each building. He reported that the Babylon K-6 PTA was a 2010 PTA PARP winner. He also reported that the Babylon Memorial Grade School recently teamed up with Aeropostale and Dosomething.org for the fifth annual "Teens for Jeans" campaign to benefit American homeless youth. Babylon HS senior Emerald Vickers signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Towson University upon completion of her high school graduation.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that a budget presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Katz, buildings and grounds committee representative, reported that the committee met with RDA Architects to review the athletic field landscape designs. He also reported on the energy savings reported by Johnson Controls. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the next technology committee meeting will be held on March 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the district conference room. Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee is focusing on the attendance policy and the policy committee will be meeting on March 6th at 8:30 a.m. in the district conference room.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

**SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

1. **SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that the proposed school calendar for the school year 2012-2013, as attached hereto, be approved.
On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**APPROVAL OF
COLUMN CHANGE**

2. **APPROVAL OF COLUMN CHANGE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the column change for John Greaney, social studies teacher, from BA 15 Step 1 to BA 30 Step 1 retroactive to September 1, 2011.
On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Antolini, a motion to omnibus Items 3-18 was approved. (6-0)
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 3-18 was approved. (6-0)

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Linda D'Amico as an aide assigned to the Babylon Elementary School effective January 20, 2012.

**APPOINTMENT
PART-TIME AIDES**

4. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time aides effective February 14, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation to be in accordance with the aide and monitor agreement.

Gina Vanno	-	Elementary School
Lisa Nerney	-	Junior-Senior High School

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

5. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Stacy Chesloff as a substitute teacher effective February 14, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**STUDENT
TEACHERS/
INTERN**

6. **STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following Student Teachers/Theatre Department Intern for the Spring 2012 semester:

Derek Kinnear	Theatre Department	Junior-Senior High School
Gerard Connor	Mathematics	Junior-Senior High School
Lianna Halko	English	Junior-Senior High School

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

7. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Coaching Assignments

Varsity Baseball Coach	- Anthony Sparacio
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	- John Carrick
Junior High Baseball Coach	- Rich Villanueva
Varsity Golf Coach	- Brian Kroll
Junior High Gymnastics Coach (2)	- Jeanne Allen
	- Peter Neu
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	- John Greaney
Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse (2)	- Ryan O'Connor
	- Dennis McGovern
Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach (2)	- Paul Venezia
	- John Neuberger
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	- Tim Harrison
Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	- Grace McMahon
Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	- Jessie Lynch
Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach (2)	- Shannon Parengkuan
	- Brenda Mayo
Varsity Softball Coach	- Rick Punzone
Junior Varsity Softball Coach	- William Singleton
Junior High Softball Coach	- Steve Fasciani
Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	- Rob Andrews
Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	- Peter Mankes
Junior High Boys Tennis Coach	- Scott Jankow
Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach	- Joe Rossi
Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach	- Tom Nettuno
Junior High Track Coach	- Chris Morra
Athletic Trainer (South Bay Physical Therapy)	- Darwin Tavarez

DONATION

8. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of two Lacrosse STX Collegiate Goals valued at approximately \$920.00 from the Babylon Booster Club, with appreciation for this generous gift.

DONATION

9. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$500.00 from the Babylon High School Class of 1961 Reunion Committee, with appreciation for this generous gift.

**STUDENT 2013
PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION
OVERNIGHT TRIP**

10. **STUDENT 2013 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an overnight trip for students enrolled in Leadership classes, AP Government, and AP US History to attend the 2013 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC.

**STUDENT
OVERNIGHT
MUSIC TRIP**

11. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT MUSIC TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for the Babylon High School Music Department overnight trip to Williamsburg, Virginia from April 19-22, 2012 to participate in a Heritage Festivals competition.

**STUDENT
OVERNIGHT DECA
TRIP**

12. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT DECA TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for DECA students overnight trip to Rochester, New York from March 6-9, 2012 to participate in the DECA State Career Conference.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICE
AGREEMENT**

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Sayville UFSD, Uniondale UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Massapequa UFSD, and Syosset UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2010-2011 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Deer Park UFSD (SE43), Hauppauge UFSD (SE44), Massapequa UFSD (SE45), West Islip UFSD (SE46), East Islip UFSD (SE47).

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENTS AND
CONTRACTS**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant agreements and contracts for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: County of Suffolk-Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations (SE48), Creative Tutoring (SE49), Islip Tutoring Service, Inc.(SE50).

**NASSAU COUNTY
COOPERATIVE
BIDDING
PROGRAM**

16. **NASSAU COUNTY COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, Babylon School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the 2011-2012 school year for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and **WHEREAS**, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bid for 10/11-020x Fire Extinguishers & Services Ext#1. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School district to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonable necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

**ANNUAL FIRE
INSPECTION
REPORT**

17. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2012/2013; **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 2012/2013 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.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
CPSE**

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 November 2011 to February 2012, be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved to the next item.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mrs. Taggart and Mrs. Jansson, BSFA Co-Presidents, reported on an initiative to conduct a fundraiser by the Babylon Schools Friend of the Arts.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding updating information on the district website, Medicaid reimbursement, superintendent search, high school course offering, and the use of interpreters to fulfill NYS Assessment requirements.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will present the budget at a Special Meeting on February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Babylon High School Library and a Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School to present the 2012-2013 proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Antolini and approved. (6-0)