

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2014
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Gregory Antolini

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 7:36 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, Vice-President, at which time she led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Roger A. Katz, board member, effective February 24, 2014, with regret and best wishes in his future endeavors.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto, the resignation of Mr. Katz was approved. (5-0)

The Board thanked Mr. Katz for his leadership and service to the Babylon School District and Babylon Community.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Public Hearings were held prior to the Work/Study Meeting on the Veterans Tax Exemption and Tax Exemptions for Gold Star Parents. The Board of Education discussed the tax exemptions and addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

New Business

VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

1. **VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION: WHEREAS**, Chapter 518, section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), subparagraph (i), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are veterans, as defined by section 458-a, and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the veterans of our District, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 459-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

TAX EXEMPTIONS GOLD STAR PARENTS

2. **TAX EXEMPTIONS GOLD STAR PARENTS: WHEREAS**, paragraph (b), subdivision 7 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to "Gold Star Parents," as defined by section 458-a, who are owners of qualified real property in the District and such property is the primary residence of such Gold Star Parent,

and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Gold Star Parents residing in our District, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions afforded to “Gold Star Parents” of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b), **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), and (b) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), and (b).

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

PRESENTATIONS

A technology presentation on google chromebooks was made by Mrs. Polney-Marinello joined by Mrs. Necroto and Mrs. Stork. Mrs. Polney-Marinello also spoke on the technology budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented the first draft of the proposed 2014-2015 school budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:45 p.m., a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s mid-year review was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Public session resumed at 9:35 p.m. There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved (5-0)