

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 13, 2023
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, President
Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President
Mr. Ari McKenzie
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi
Mrs. Theresa Patiri
Mr. David Sonkin

APPROVED

Interim Superintendent

Mr. Brian L. Conboy

Central Office Administration

Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Carisa Manza, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda McGarvey

School Attorneys

Nicole Murphy
Rachel Roth

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by C. Dell'Erba, President. A motion to enter executive session by D. Noesi and seconded by L. Jurs, for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time C. Dell'Erba, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Work/Study Meeting of January 23, 2023 were approved on motion by D. Montalto and seconded by D. Noesi. (7-0)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Reports for December 2022 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Sonkin. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Conboy reported that Caitlyn, a student from the Jr./Sr. High School, was going to fill us in on various exciting things that are happening at the Jr./Sr. High School. Student Delegate, Caitlyn, reported the following:

Senior High Student Council Events: Planning has begun for this year's BHS Presents! The show has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 30th at 7pm. All are welcome. Student Council is also working with Leo Club on the Puppy Bowl pet food and supplies drive, which is running through March 10th. Unopened pet food and supplies may be dropped off at BHS.

Fine Arts: The following students were selected to participate in Long Island String Festival (LISFA) this month from our district. Keanu Kolakowski, violin; Jack Laurinavicius, bass; Katherine Orifici, bass; and Sara Womack, violin. These students were selected amongst the top musicians their age across the island. They practiced their music diligently, auditioned for their seat in the orchestra, rehearsed with peers under the direction of a professional conductor, and performed in a concert consisting of difficult high-level music.

World Languages: On Friday, February 3, members of the College French class and French 4 class headed into Manhattan to see an exclusive exhibit on display at the Morgan Museum. This museum is the former home and library of entrepreneur and businessman JP Morgan. The museum hosted an exhibit of the original pages of Antoine de Saint-Exupery's story of the Little Prince. The book was first published in New York, and it was here on Long Island that he penned the original story. Students read the story aloud and stepped foot in the sketches and story of Saint

Exupery. Following this they lunched at Café Un, Deux, Troi, enjoying a very French three course lunch before heading home. The students had a great time and Mrs. Anderson would like to thank Mr. Cropsey and Mrs. Callahan for their chaperoning help!

English Honors Society: Members of the National English Honor Society created an array of beautiful and creative cards expressing cheerful sentiments in honor of Valentine's Day to be distributed to senior citizens.

DECA/ Business Classes: Our Virtual Enterprise Class participated in an in-person Trade Show at the Long Island Business Plan and Trade Show Competition at Long Island University. Our students presented their business plan for our VE firm, Pantry Prep, to the judging panel. Our students also pitched their products to other Long Island Virtual Enterprise schools. VE is a college-level, capstone business class where students invent, design, market, and price their product, and run a complete business. The class is divided into sections mirroring a 'real' firm: Administration, HR, Accounting, Finance, Sales. On 2/9/23, Our business classes went to Madison Square Garden and participated in the All-Access Tour. Students heard a behind the scenes presentation of the Garden, toured the luxury boxes and the stadium floor level. A good time was had by all.

Mr. Conboy then reported the following: This is now February, and this Friday is our 100th instructional day of this school year out of 180 days. It seems like things are going very, very rapidly. But that's the way it usually is in all school districts. We had the pleasure of learning who our valedictorian and salutatorian are for the class of 2023. They were announced in school last Friday. The families were notified a few days before that. Our salutatorian, our second highest average in the class of 2023, is Caroline Cassidy. Our top GPA in the class of 2023 is Drew Scheriff. Congratulations to both. They both are outstanding students; both are very active kids in the Babylon Jr.-Sr. High School.

We also had some news about our preliminary accountability here in the district, and we're happy to report that all three of our schools are in good standing, and our district is in good standing. There were some, within the last few years, where we were on the watch list for one particular cohort of students, but for this year, in our preliminary information, we are no longer on any sort of watch list or anything like that, so that is good.

At the meeting on April 10th, the Board votes on the budget that we will be bringing to the taxpayers this year. The next meetings that we have, beginning on February 27th, and the meetings that we have in March, will be a lot of what we will be talking about publicly, in the planning of the budget. We have some work to do regarding that, but we have already done a lot of preliminary work. So, if you are interested in seeing what the budget looks like moving forward, coming to the next meetings would be the best thing to do.

In athletics, our winter season is actually finishing up now. We have had some pretty good successes. In girls winter track, Kayla Hayes and Shayden Kennedy competed this afternoon in the New York State Qualifier meet which was at Suffolk Community College. I don't know how they did yet. Last Friday, Ms. Manza and I enjoyed the boys' basketball county semi-final, where we defeated Mattituck. So, our boys will be playing for the county championship at St. Joseph's College, Suffolk County Class B, and that is this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Winter break is next week, so hopefully you get to enjoy a nice Winter break, as I hope we can as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
QUESTIONS**

As there were no questions or comments from the audience, the meeting moved on to the next item on the agenda.

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by A. McKenzie, seconded by T. Patiri, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-11 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by A. McKenzie, Resolutions 1-11 were approved (7-0).

New Business

1. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute teachers, effective February 14, 2023. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay scale: Days 1-30: \$110.00; Days 31-60: \$120.00; Days 61-90: \$130.00; Over 91 days: \$140.00.

Grade School	Elementary School	High School
Shaun Kaminski	Gizem Memis	Chad Marinelli

2. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nancy Costa as a per diem substitute teacher, effective January 30, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Compensation for this appointment to be \$145.00 per day.
3. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Barbara Wild, M.Ed., as a per diem substitute teacher, effective March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Compensation for this appointment to be \$170.00 per day.
4. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Cecilia Kaufmann as the Grade 1 Lead Teacher, effective January 30, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2022-2023 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract. Prorated.
5. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Yaniriz Rodriguez as the Grade 1 Lead Teacher, effective January 30, 2023.
6. **CHILDCARE LEAVE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the six (6) week childcare leave of Yaniriz Rodriguez, Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher, effective February 3, 2023 through April 13, 2023 (pending medical documentation), with congratulations on the birth of her son.
7. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES NOMINATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Babylon Board of Education hereby nominates Mr. Peter Wunsch, and Mrs. Jeannette Santos, candidates for re-election, to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.
8. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2023/2024; **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 2023/2024 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.
9. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve health service agreements between the Babylon Union Free School District and the following school districts for the 2022-2023 school year: Uniondale Union Free School District and Amityville Union Free School District.
10. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract, for the 2022-2023 school year, between the Babylon Union Free School District and The Academy Charter School.

11. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated December 8, 2022 through February 2, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Dell'Erba and other board members discussed a community survey for the new superintendent search.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there was no one here to report from other organizations, the meeting moved on to the next item on the agenda.

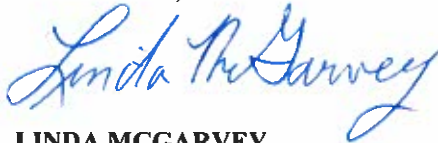
FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on February 27, 2023, and a Regular Business Meeting on March 13, 2023, in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi, the Board adjourned the executive session at 7:43 p.m. Approved (7-0)

**RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,**



**LINDA MCGARVEY
DISTRICT CLERK**