

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 10, 2008  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

### Members Present

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

### 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 Mr. Darrell Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich and unanimously approved.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008 and Work/Study Meeting of February 25, 2008, was approved on motion by Mr. Brunjes and seconded by Mr. Katz.
- TREASURERS REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2008 were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Melito.
- STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT** Harry Newman, student delegate, reported that students participated in a Bowl-a-thon benefiting *Contractors for Kids* an organization that helps families defray medical costs for sick children. Student Council will be recognizing teachers and staff with photo frames for teacher and staff appreciation week.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Dr. Best-Laimit reported on the events that led to the evacuation of high school staff and students on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Conway, Board of Education President, addressed issues related to past and current consultants. National Art Honor Students conducted a powerpoint presentation on the Memory Project. Mr. D'Amico reported on Instructional Goal 1 to provide staff development for the implementation of a multi-sensory instructional approach in grades K through 3 and Instructional Goal 3 to evaluate the Languages other than English program. Dr. Peter Daly reported on Finance/Management Goal 2 to continue the goal of improved internal controls for the financial operation of the school district. Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2008-2009 school budget and addressed questions from visitors regarding the proposed budget.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** The following committee meetings were scheduled: March 17, 2008 - finance committee at 5:30 p.m., technology committee meeting at 6:30 p.m., March 19, 2008 - policy committee at 2:30 p.m., March 31, 2008 buildings and grounds committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair, reported that they are waiting for a report from BOCES.
- FIRST READING POLICIES 4321 AND 4321.1**
- FIRST READING POLICIES 4321-PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE IDEA AND NEW YORK'S EDUCATION LAW ARTICLE 89, 4321.1-PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 4321 and 4321.1, as attached.  
On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Brunjes the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 4321 and 4321.1.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESIGNATION**

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Vincent DiCanio, science teacher, effective June 30, 2008 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, Resolution 1 was unanimously approved.**

**RESIGNATION**

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lisa Gillespie, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2008 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Brunjes, Resolution 2 was unanimously approved.**

**RESIGNATION**

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Linda Rich, social worker, effective June 30, 2008 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino, Resolution 3 was unanimously approved.**

**RESIGNATION**

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of education accept the resignation of Rosemary DiGiacomo, stenographer, effective April 30, 2008 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 4 was unanimously approved.**

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 5-18 was unanimously approved.

**On omnibus motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Katz an omnibus motion to move resolutions 5-18 was unanimously approved.**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Erin Andrews, English teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing April 4, 2008 to June 30, 2008 be approved.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES**

6. **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 March 11, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate: Michelle DelloRusso, Lauren Ferruggiari, Nadeen Filibeto, Megan Mahon, Salvatore Marino, Joseph Negrillo, Kim Ugalde

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKERS**

7. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKERS: 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 part-time custodial workers effective March 11, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the part-time custodial rate of pay: George Javurek, Frank Alexander, Michael Gordon, Lisa Marie Brunjes

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS: 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 substitute custodial workers effective March 11, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay: Corey Cunningham, William Tiedemann, Darren McGuire, Anthony Gabrielli, Thomas Socci

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS**

9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: 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 a substitute aide/monitors effective March 11, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute aide/monitor rate of pay: Noelle Zachary, Jennifer Martin, Doreen Bessemer

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2007-2008 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	Victor Manzella
Freshman	Michael Privetera
Junior High Baseball Coach (7)	Jay Egan
Junior High Baseball Coach (8)	Rich Villanueva
Golf Coach	Ed Augustine
Junior High Gymnastics Coach (2)	Steve Silipo
	Gina Tonno
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	Steve Edmonds
Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	Drew Peters
Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	Jim Coromilas
Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach	Rob Richardelli
	Mike Russo
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Tim Harrison
Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Jessie Lynch
Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach	Tom Gargiulo
	Brenda Mayo
Varsity Softball Coach	Rick Punzone
J.V. Softball Coach	Kim Davis
Junior High Softball Coach (7)	Jennifer Freyer
Junior High Softball Coach (8)	William Singleton
Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	Rob Andrews
Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	Peter Mankes
Junior High Boys Tennis Coach	Ted Berry
Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach	Michael DeJoseph
Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach	Kelly Maier
Junior High Track Coach (2)	Hans Wiederkehr
	Vinnie DiCanio

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

11. **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: Gina Vanno, Gerald Egan, Lauren Shanks, Lisa Marie Brunjes, Margaret McEnroe, Mary Howard, Ingrid Hancock, Cynthia Daly

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFERS**

12. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appropriation transfers, as attached, in the 2007-2008 school budget.

**APPOINTMENT  
PHYSICIAN**

13. **APPOINTMENT PHYSICIAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Jack Gefken as the physician who annually reviews and certifies Babylon UFSD AED machines and related protocols. Compensation for this service to be \$100.00 per machine.

**SECURITY  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

14. **SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Investigative Professionals Inc. to perform security services from March 21, 2008 to June 30, 2008.

**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.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

16. **LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the legal notice for the 2008 Annual Meeting and election and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice in two papers for general circulation in the District.

**SHARED DECISION  
MAKING PLAN**

17. **SHARED DECISION MAKING PLAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the amended District School Team and Shared Decision Making Plan pursuant to Section 100.11 of the Commissioner of Education's Regulations.

**RCT WAIVER**

18. **RCT WAIVER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education renew its approval to award RCT/local credit for diploma purposes to students who score within the range of 55-64% on corresponding Regents exams. The approval covers the following subject areas: Mathematics (Math A Regents), Science (Earth Science and Biology Regents), English/Reading/Writing (Comprehensive English Regents) Global Studies/History (Global History & Geography), U.S. History & Government (U.S. History & Government Regents).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education answered questions regarding the bids for the roofs. As there were no other questions, the Board moved on to the next item.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a budget presentation on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the high school library. A Work/Study meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library, at which time there will be a presentation of the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board of Education will hold a meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting will include a budget presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:45 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

**Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office**