

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2014

PLACE: Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Ann Donaldson

Mr. Dominick Montalto

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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, Vice President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (4-0). Mr. Bencivenga arrived at 6:33 p.m. and Ms. Berenblatt arrived at 6:45 p.m. Public Session resumed at 7:40 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, Vice President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICER

Mrs. Pesce, District Clerk called for nominations for President of the Board.

Mrs. McKeown nominated Mr. Bencivenga, Ms. Berenblatt seconded.

There being no other nominations for President of the Board, a motion to move nominations closed was made by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (6-0)

Mr. Bencivenga was duly elected President of the Board by a unanimous vote. (6-0)

Mr. Bencivenga was sworn in as President of the Board and administered the Oath of Office by Linda Pesce, District Clerk.

The floor was then given to Board President, Mr. Bencivenga, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2014, Special Meeting of February 24, 2014, Public Hearing Veterans Exemptions and Public Hearing on Tax Exemptions Gold Star Parents of February 24, 2014, Work/Study Meeting of February 24, 2014 and Special Meeting of March 4, 2014 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by A. Donaldson. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for January 2014 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by G. Antolini. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Giovanna Domingo, reported that Powder Puff has been postponed to May 17. National Foreign Languages Week was held from March 3-7 with daily activities highlighting different countries in an effort to expose students to a variety of cultures and languages. The first annual Buddies got Talent Show will take place on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Rowe Hall. The 7th grade art class have their ceramic totem pole projects displayed at the Old Town Hall in Babylon at the SCALA children's show which runs from February 28-March 15. The 9th Grade Research students competed at Stony Brook University's Long Island Protein Modeling Competition. Congratulations to the 41 students who travelled to Rochester to compete in the 54th Annual DECA State Career Conference. Thirteen students won top 10 honors in their events. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, reported that NYS requires 180 days of school. Our

calendar was designed to have 183. Since we used four snow days, we now have 179, which is one short of the State requirement. The Board will amend the 2013-2014 school calendar and designate Friday, May 23 as a school day. The building principals reported on events in their respective buildings.

Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2014-2015 school budget and addressed questions.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the Board received information on the medicare reimbursement analysis from the district's internal auditor and a discussion can be held after the board members have had a chance to review it. L. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that we are in the budget process phase and a budget presentation will be held this evening. Mr. Antolini, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the early stages of the project of seeking permits, etc. has begun and we are waiting for the next stage. A bond timeline is in place. Mr. Antolini would like to schedule a meeting with the architects in April. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that a technology presentation was held in February on how google books are working and the financing plan. Mrs. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a second reading and adoption on policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment will be held this evening. A committee meeting to discuss selection classification will be held on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Antolini spoke about the homework policy and the discretion that is used when assigning homework over school vacations.

The following second reading was presented:

**SECOND READING
OF POLICY 2150
UNEXPIRED TERM
FULFILLMENT**

1. **SECOND READING OF POLICY 2150-UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment, as attached.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by A. Berenblatt, the Board of Education conducted a second reading of policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment and waived the formal second reading of policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment, as attached.

**BOARD AGENDA
ITEMS**

Comments and/or questions from visitors on agenda items, proposed budget and school calendar were addressed.

New Business

**REVISED SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2013-2014**

1. **REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013-2014: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the revised school calendar for the school year 2013-2014, as attached.
On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS
MOTION**

On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown a motion to omnibus Items 2-13, was approved (6-0).
On omnibus motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto, Items 2-13 was approved (6-0).

**APPOINTMENT
AFTERSCHOOL
AIDE**

2. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Stephanie Marrone as an aide for a 2013-2014 afterschool program. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 aides and monitors association contract.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

3. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the substitute teacher appointment of Steven Ulrich effective March 11, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be \$100.00/day.

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

4. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointment of William Singleton as the Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School

NYSSMA Club

Colleen Angerami

Coaching Appointments

Junior High Softball Coach

Lisa Brush

Junior High Baseball Intramural Supervisor

Michael Birnbaum

Weight Room Supervisor

Daniel McHugh

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

6. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following volunteer coaching appointments for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers:

Varsity Boys Baseball Volunteer

Frank Mancuso

Varsity Softball Volunteer

William Singleton

STUDENT TEACHER

7. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following student teacher for the 2013-2014 Spring semester.

Lindsay Laurich

Special Education

HS

ADOPTION OF POLICY 2150

8. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 2150-UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 2150-Unexpired Term Fulfillment, as attached.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

9. **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the annual meeting and election of the Babylon UFSD, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Memorial Grade School in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of the Babylon Union Free School District and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the Babylon Beacon and South Bay Newspaper, two papers having general circulation in the District.

ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT

10. **ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that Nancy Sharapata is designated as the permanent chairperson of election to be held on May 20, 2014 in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS

11. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health and welfare services agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2013-2014 school year: East Islip UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, West Islip UFSD, Half Hollow Hills Central School District.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2013-2014 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Adults and Children with Learning Developmental Institute, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Green Chimney's School, Harmony Heights School, Just Kids, Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Metro Therapy Inc., Mountain Lake Academy, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Leeway Preschool for the 2013-2014 school year.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON

13. **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 January 2014 to March 2014 be

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION approved.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

14. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that it is financially beneficial to the District to provide an additional opportunity for certain members of the Babylon Teachers' Association to separate from service effective July 1, 2014, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Babylon Teachers' Association which provides a separation incentive to certain K-6 tenure area teachers with 19 or more years of District service, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 14 was approved. (6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

A Board member asked for information on assistant coaches who were eliminated in the 2011-12 budget. Mr. Rozakis and Mr. D'Amico were asked to discuss issues surrounding the elimination or the continuation of the 8th Grade Honors Class.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATION

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board addressed questions and/or listened to concerns from visitors regarding the Common Core, safety issue of students entering school over school vacations, posting of anticipated vacancies, bond schedule, homework policy.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School library. Topics: Budget Presentation. A Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Topic: Budget Presentation, Adoption of Budget and Property Tax Report Card.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown, a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person and negotiations was approved. (6-0) Mrs. Donaldson left at this time for the remainder of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Public session resumed at 10:15 p.m., there being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0)

