

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 12, 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

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Mr. Thomas Melito

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 6:30 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 person and advice from counsel regarding a pending commissioner's appeal was made by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0)

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 9, 2012, Regular Meeting of February 13, 2012, Special Meeting of February 15, 2012 and Work/Study Meeting of February 27, 2012 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Montalto. (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. McKeown. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Carolanne Murphy and Shannon Going reported that the World Language Department along with the Junior and Senior High World Language Clubs celebrated National Foreign Language Week on March 5-9. All five Winter Varsity Sports received NYS Scholar Athlete distinction. This requires a team GPA above 90. They also reported on other activities in the high school. Dr. Daly reported that on March 22 the Elementary School and PTA will be sponsoring six parent workshops facilitated by building staff. The Board of Education will be voting to accept the resignation of four staff members for the purposes of retirement. Their years of service range from 17 to 32 years. It has been an honor to have worked with Fran Spada, English Teacher, Mary Quinn, Elementary Teacher, Rita Bartenback, Grade School Teacher, and Grace Kiernan, Grade School Media Specialist. The district will be hosting the Second Annual Babylon Arts Festival. The theme of this year's event will be "Celebrating Long Island Through Art". The district is celebrating its annual Parents as Reading Partners Read-A-Thon this month with a variety of fun-filled activities to promote the joy of reading. The Board of Education congratulated Angela Turk, Director of Fine Arts, who was recently elected by her peers as Executive Director of the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association (SCMEA). The Board also acknowledged twenty-one Babylon musicians for participating in the annual SCMEA All-County Music festival this past weekend. Mr. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the proposed 2012-2013 school budget. The presentation can be found on the district website at: www.babylonschools.org

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that a finance committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the technology committee met and discussed the new website, Smartboards for K-6. The next technology committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the district conference room. Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee is working on policies to comply with the NYS Dignity for All Students Act. The policy committee will be meeting on March 20th 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 and budget presentation.

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Teachers' Association and the Babylon Union Free School District effective March 2, 2012 regarding Separation Incentive.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mary Quinn, elementary teacher, effective July 1, 2012 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Rita Bartenback, elementary teacher, effective July 1, 2012 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Grace Kiernan, school media specialist, effective July 1, 2012 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

5. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Francine Spada, 7-12 English teacher, effective July 1, 2012 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Items 7-21 was approved. (5-0)

On omnibus motion by Ms. Berenblatt seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 7-21 was approved. (5-0)

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

6. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Lauren Strong as a substitute teacher effective March 13, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**APPOINTMENT
PART-TIME AIDE**

7. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Victor Manzella as a part-time aide effective March 13, 2012 to June 10, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be \$17.15/hour.

**APPOINTMENT
PART-TIME
MONITOR**

8. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Denise Adamo as a part-time monitor effective March 13, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be \$16.30/hour.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR**

9. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Linda D'Amico as a substitute aide/monitor effective March 13, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute aide/monitor hourly rate of pay of \$13.60.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKER**

10. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Jean Morrone as a substitute food service worker effective March 13, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service worker hourly rate of pay of \$10.00.

**STUDENT
TEACHER/
OBSERVERS**

11. **STUDENT TEACHER/OBSERVERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following Student Teacher/Observers for the Spring 2012 semester:

Kyle Lawrence/student teacher	Social Studies	JSHS
Leslie Brophy/student observer	Family & Consumer Science	JSHS
Erin Kelly/student observer	K-6 Elementary	ES

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the following coaching appointments for the 2011-2012 school year:

Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Dennis McGovern
Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Jessie Lynch
Junior High Girls Lacrosse	Shannon Parendkuan

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

13. **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.

Grade School AIS Morning Academy

Rita Bartenback	Jessica Kurtz	Cathy O'Connor
Lisa McLees	Kim Ricchiuti	Shannon Saturno

Coaching

Junior High Girls Lacrosse	Jessie Lynch
Varsity Boys Assistant Lacrosse Coach	Daniel Sparby

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING**

14. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Cecila Galbraith as a volunteer varsity softball coach for the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with Board of Education policy 4532 - School Volunteers.

DONATION

15. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$500.00 from CSC Holdings, LLC on behalf of MSG Varsity, with appreciation for this generous gift.

**BSFA
FUNDRAISING
INITIATIVE**

16. **BSFA FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education supports the fundraising initiative by the Babylon Schools Friends of the Arts (BSFA) to sell sponsorship plaques.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING**

17. **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 15, 2012, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm 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 Neighbor Newspaper, two papers having general circulation in the District.

**TERMINATE
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT**

18. **TERMINATE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the terms of the agreement between Behavior Analysis Team and Babylon UFSD that the Board of Education terminate the consultant agreement effective April 12, 2012.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

19. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and Hicksville UFSD and Lindenhurst UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT
AMENDMENTS**

20. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant agreement amendments for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: South Shore Center for Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders, LLP (SE#51Amendment) and South Oaks Hospital (SE#31 Amendment)

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
CPSE**

21. **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 October 2011 to March 2012, be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Katz congratulated the Girl Scouts of America in celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Mr. Katz suggested as an alternative source of revenue to accept donations to provisionally name classrooms to honor the donor. The suggestion will be discussed further at a buildings and grounds committee meeting. Dr. Daly responded to a question from a visitor regarding the total cost of the coaching appointments listed on the February 13th agenda which amounts to \$136,572. Mr. Bencivenga thanked the Beach Bums for a lacrosse score stand and MSG Varsity for their donation of \$500.00. Mr. Bencivenga also noted that information pertaining to the Budget Vote and Election are contained within the legal notice attached.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no report from Representatives of Organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding the Superintendent Search.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting of the Babylon Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to present the 2012-2013 proposed budget and a Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to present the 2012-2013 proposed budget and adoption in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto and approved. (5-0)