

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: April 8, 2013

PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad 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. Roger A. Katz (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

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 & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School at 6:00 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 Clerical Association, Babylon Custodial Association, the employment history of a particular person and advice from counsel was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (6-0) Mr. Katz arrived at 6:30 p.m. Public Session resumed in Rowe Hall at 7:00 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized students who participated in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair, students who placed at the NYS DECA Career Conference, students who were selected to perform at the Suffolk County Music Educators Association All County Festival, the SCMEA All County Jazz Ensemble and Carnegie Hall HS Choir, students whose artwork was displayed at the Art Everything, Art Anything show. The Board of Education also recognized wrestling athletes who won County Championships and participated in the NYS Tournament, and the Boys Varsity Basketball Champion Team. Following student recognition the Board resumed the regular meeting in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of March 6, 2013 and March 7, 2013, Regular Meeting of March 11, 2013, and Work/Study Meetings of March 21, 2013 and April 1, 2013 was approved on motion by G. Antolini and seconded by A. Berenblatt. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by R. Katz. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegate Giovanna Domingo reported that the senior high student council have begun planning this year's Powder Puff game on May 17th, as well as a outdoor family move night on May 31. Babylon High School will be hosting the NYSATA portfolio review on April 26th and students' art work will be on display at the NYSATA art show at Dowling college starting May 4th. The spring play, I Never Saw Another Butterfly, will be held on April 12-14. She also reported on other activities in the high school. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent of Schools, reported beginning on April 16th students in grades 3-8 will begin taking their state assessment exams in ELA and math assessments will be held a week later. This is the first time our students will be tested on the Common Core Learning Standards. On April 10th Rich Schaffer, Town Supervisor, will recognition the Varsity Girls Volleyball team, Varsity Football team, and Varsity Boys Basketball team. Mr. Rozakis thanked Jane Herbst, Linda Mielenhausen, Patricia Murphy, Valerie Schultheis and Kathleen Whittier who have announced their retirements for their hard work and dedication to the children of Babylon. Mr. Rozakis also thanked Elementary School Principal Dana Basile for her seven years of dedicated service to our youngest students and their families. The building principals reported on recent school highlights and upcoming events in their respective buildings. Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented the proposed 2013-2014 school budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

R. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met with the architect and looked at facilities plans for a projected bond referendum. A facilities review committee is being formed for the purpose of discussing improvements for our district buildings and grounds in relation to a projected bond issue for the Fall of 2013. A Budget Workshop is scheduled for April 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. The other committee chairs will be scheduling meetings which will be posted on the district's website. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on April 16th at 9:00 a.m. to review a weighting policy.

The following resolution was presented:

**FIRST READING OF
POLICY 5300.65
VISITORS TO THE
SCHOOLS**

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 5300.65-VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools, as attached.

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt, the first reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools and to waive the formal first reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools was approved. (7-0)

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the budget presentation and agenda items.

New Business

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dana Basile, principal, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes in her future endeavors.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Linda Mielenhausen, art teacher, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

**APPOINTMENT
CONSTRUCTION
MANAGER**

3. **APPOINTMENT CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into an agreement with School Construction Consultants to provide construction management services.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 3 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by R. Katz a motion to omnibus Items 4-9 and 12-15 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown Items 4-9 and 12-15 was approved (7-0).

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

4. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Brian Kelly and Thomas McKenna as substitute teachers effective April 9, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITORS**

5. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Susan Stark and Sandra Buonaspina as a substitute aide/monitor effective April 9, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$13.60.

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Colleen Angerami and Kathryn Condra as Drama Club Production Technical Co-Directors for the 2013-2014 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS 7. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School

Grade 3 Club Invention - Endangered Earth Danielle Vedder
(second session-1/2 year club)

Grade 4 Club Invention - Physics In Motion Christopher Tordy
(second session-1/2 year club)

Junior-Senior High School

Science Congress Fair Liaison Claire Birone

Spring Weight Room Supervisor Daniel McHugh

Drama Club Technical Director Colleen Angerami

ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT

8. **ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that Nancy Sharapata is designated as the permanent chairperson of election to be held on May 21, 2013 in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

STUDENT TEACHER

9. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of Danielle Moody as an elementary art student teacher for the Spring 2013 semester.

RCT WAIVER

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

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 10 was approved. (7-0)

DONATION

11. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a new scoreboard totaling \$5500.00 from the Babylon Booster Club, with appreciation for this generous gift.

On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 11 was approved. (7-0)

SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT

12. **SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the security services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Investigative Professionals Inc. to provide additional security services for the 2012-2013 school year.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements for the 2012-2013 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts: Hicksville UFSD, Sayville UFSD.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSIGNMENT CONTRACT

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSIGNMENT CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education contract with Little Flower UFSD (SE#48), and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby consents to the assignment of the agreement with Family Aides Inc. dba Family Pediatric Homecare to Tri-Borough Home Care for the 2012-2013 school year.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE

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 from January 2013 to March 2013, be accepted.

- OTHER BUSINESS** As there was no other business, the Board moved to the next item.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS** Joan Navarra, PTSA Co-President, reported that they are holding the Annual Plant Sale and a Defensive Driving Course is being offered. PTSA will be holding elections for next year.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS** The Board addressed questions and/or concerns regarding negotiations.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** Work/Study Meetings will be held on April 15, 2013 and April 22, 2013 a Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 to conduct the BOCES Vote and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on May 13th at 7:30 p.m.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 10:00 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person was made by L. McKeown, seconded by G. Antolini and approved. (7-0)
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting resumed at 10:40 p.m. There being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0)