

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 20, 2009  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present  
Mrs. Judy Anderson, President  
Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President  
Mr. Darrell Conway  
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 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Anderson, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mrs. Martino and approved. (6-0) Mr. Conway was not present for the start of the meeting.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Melito the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Mrs. Anderson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. (6-0)
- MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009, Special Meeting of March 18, 2009 and Work/Study Meeting of March 23, 2009 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Martino. (6-0)
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Vukovich and seconded by Mr. Brunjes.
- STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT** Michael Augello, student delegate, reported that Senior Prom will be held on June 25, 2009. He also reported on other club and student council activities.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Dr. Best-Laimit and the Board of Education recognized Connor Dolan as a finalist in the Long Island Jewish World Annual Spelling Bee. Dr. Best-Laimit reported on Community Relations Goal 1 to communicate the 2008 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Results to the parents of the community. A curriculum presentation on the second grade newspaper was presented by elementary school teachers, Yani Garcia and Jennifer Brown. Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the proposed 2009-2010 school budget. Mr. Conway arrived at approximately 7:58 p.m. prior to the budget presentation.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the technology audit review. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met last week. It has been a difficult process to come up with this spending plan. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, scheduled a meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Conway, technology committee chair, reported that the committee will schedule a meeting after the audit committee meets. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to continue review of district policies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS** As there were no questions from visitors on agenda items the Board moved on to the next item.
- ANNUAL BUDGET** 1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the budget and property tax report card for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$43,828,878 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval.  
**On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 1 was unanimously approved. (7-0)**
- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes, an omnibus motion to move Items 2-18 was unanimously approved. (7-0)  
On omnibus motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Katz an omnibus motion to move items 2-18 was unanimously APPROVED. (7-0)
- AMENDMENT TO THE IRS 403B PLAN AGREEMENT** 2. **AMENDMENT TO THE IRS 403B PLAN AGREEMENT: WHEREAS**, the Babylon UFSD ("District") maintains the Babylon UFSD 403(b) Retirement Plan ("Plan"); and WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008 by the District's Board of Education ("Board"); and WHEREAS, the Board desires to modify and amend the Plan as regards paragraph 2.1; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that paragraph 2.1 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows: **2.1 Eligibility** Each Employee, including those normally working fewer than twenty (20) hours per week shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer, provided that an Employee who is a student-teacher or a teacher's aide (i.e., a person providing service on a temporary basis while attending a school, college or university) described in Code section 3121 (b)(10) shall not be eligible to participate in the Plan. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plan as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

3. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers:
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| <b>APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS</b> | From: | A2630-4630-00 | Computer Instr/Software       | (\$ 276.02)   |
|                                |       | A2630-4630-03 | Computer Instr/Software       | (\$ 53.20)    |
|                                |       | A2630-5100-00 | Computer Instr/Gen Supplies   | (\$ 1,547.28) |
|                                |       | A2630-5100-03 | Computer Instr/Gen Supplies   | (\$ 92.71)    |
|                                |       | A9030-8003-00 | Employ Bene/Social Security   | (\$ 8,588.51) |
|                                | To:   | A2630-4630-01 | Computer Instr/Software       | \$10,557.72   |
|                                | From: | A9030-8003-00 | Employ Bene/Social Security   | (\$40,000.00) |
|                                | To:   | A9900-9600-00 | Interfund Transfer to Capital | \$40,000.00   |
|                                | From: | A1620-4192-01 | Operation/Fuel                | (\$70,693.00) |
|                                | To:   | A1620-4170-01 | Operation/Electric & Gas      | \$70,693.00   |
|                                | From: | A1620-4192-02 | Operation/Fuel                | (\$56,541.15) |
|                                | To:   | A1620-4170-02 | Operation/Electric & Gas      | \$56,541.15   |
|                                | From: | A1620-4192-03 | Operation/Fuel                | (\$68,500.00) |
|                                | To:   | A1620-4170-03 | Operation/Electric & Gas      | \$68,500.00   |
4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kimberly Davis, Speech Therapist, effective February 26, 2009 with regret and best wishes.
5. **TERMINATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education terminate Anthony Salgado as a substitute custodian effective April 20, 2009.
6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Jacie Chatterton, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2009 to January 22, 2010, be approved.
7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Erin Andrews, English teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2009 to January 22, 2010, be approved.
8. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Lauren Elward, English teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2009 to January 22, 2010, be approved.
9. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Jennifer Freyer as the Junior High Softball Coach (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Hans Wiederkehr as the Junior High Track Coach effective immediately.
10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.
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| <b>RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS</b> | <u>Coaching Assignments</u>               |   |                 |
|                                    | Assistant Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach | - | Hans Wiederkehr |
|                                    | Junior High Softball Coach (7)            | - | Lilly Salcedo   |
|                                    | Junior High Track Coach                   | - | Danielle Erardy |
11. **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 April 21, 2009. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate. Karissa Barba, Jennifer Bergstein, Dorothy Bozza, Jennifer Colavito, Kris Delgaluis-Burchill, Melissa Kavanagh, Michelle Magee, Kristine Rago, Stefanie Salamon, Holly Schmitt, Timothy Shea, Jaclyn Vrana, Shanna Ziman, Mark Pepe, Meredith Rouillard.
12. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT HOME TUTORING TEACHER: 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 an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Mark Pepe as a home tutoring teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$36.00/hour.
13. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT 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 Ida Marie Adkins and Donald Schober as substitute custodial workers effective April 21, 2009. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay.
14. **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: Laura Oak, Courtney Croteau
15. **APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alberto Espinosa as a special education consultant to provide services as an educational evaluator for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for this service to be \$850.00.

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**APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS** 16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the services provided by ACLD, Bilinguals, Inc. (SE1), and the Hauppauge UFSD (SE2) for the 2008-2009 school year.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

17. **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.

**APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT**

18. **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare as obsolete a Jenn-Air Range Model #JER8650AAW, Serial #16770496US, Babylon Tag Label 000241.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS**

**CSE AND CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education listened to concerns and addressed questions from visitors regarding the co-teaching model, methods and frequency of assessments, elementary math program, and high school clubs.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: BOCES Vote, On May 11, 2009 a Public Hearing on the proposed school budget followed by a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Budget Vote & Trustee Election on May 19, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Memorial Grade School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:47 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

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