

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 7, 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 (arrived 6:06 p.m.)  
Mr. Gregory Antolini  
Ms. Alena Berenblatt  
Mrs. Lisa McKeown  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

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 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, negotiations with the Babylon Administrators Association and Babylon Teachers Association was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (5-0)

The Board resumed public session at 7:35 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to move Item VII Superintendent's Report before Item IV Public Hearing was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegates, Carolanne Murphy and Shannon Going, reported that the senior high student council has started the election process for class cabinet and student council elections for the 2012-2013 school year. Matthew McLean was admitted to Tisch School of the Arts, the highly competitive BFA program at NYU. The NAHS is holding an art show and induction on Wednesday, May 9, in Rowe Hall at 7:00 p.m. They also reported on other activities in the high school. Dr. Daly introduced and thanked members of the Babylon Arts Festival Committee and showed slides of last year's event. Two kilns were purchased with the donation of \$5,000 from Mrs. Theresa Santmann. Students from the elementary school presented Mrs. Santmann with a pinch pot. The official dedication ceremony of the kilns was held last week. The Babylon Board of Education congratulated 97 students who participated in the Heritage Festival. Congratulations to our performing groups. On May 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted an open house for realtors to provide valuable information about the district. Dr. Daly announced that the district launched its new website. Dr. Daly also reported on private school enrollment and the New York State Report Card.

A motion to recess the regular meeting to conduct the public hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 budget was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt and approved. (6-0)

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET**

A Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 proposed budget was presented by Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business. The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed school budget. At approximately 8:30 p.m. a motion to conclude the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Montalto was approved. (6-0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2012, Work/Study Meeting of April 23, 2012, and Special Meeting of April 24, 2012 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Montalto. (6-0)

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2012 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Montalto. (6-0)

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mr. Antolini, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met in April and reviewed the audit report from Nawrocki Smith. Mrs. McKeown, reported that the finance committee met and reviewed the appropriation status report, school lunch fund, Stop and Shop Program, and the possibility of adding a showcase in Rowe Hall. The Finance committee will meet on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Katz reported that the buildings and grounds committee met and reviewed the landscape designs for the grade and high school fields. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that at the Work/Study meeting the Board discussed the BOCES finance plan proposal for technology which includes smartboards and upgrading monitors. Ms. Alena Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee is continuing their work on the DASA policies. The policy committee will be holding a meeting on May 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the high school conference room. A first reading of the homework policy will be held this evening.

1. **FIRST READING POLICY 4730 HOMEWORK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 4730-Homework and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 4730 Homework, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of policy 4730-Homework and waived the formal first reading of policy 4730 Homework, as attached.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS ON  
AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**New Business**

**ABOLISHMENT OF  
POSITIONS**

1. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes one school psychologist tenure area, one school attendance aide, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the positions abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Michael DeJoseph, physical education teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

**CONTINUATION OF  
PROBATIONARY  
APPOINTMENT  
DIRECTOR OF  
ATHLETICS,  
PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION AND  
HEALTH**

3. **CONTINUATION OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the continuation of the probationary appointment of Michael DeJoseph as the Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Items 4-9 and 12-15 was approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Antolini seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 4-9 and 12-15 was approved. (6-0)

**PART-TIME AIDE  
APPOINTMENT**

4. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointment of Lisa Nerney, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$17.15.

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE  
AIDE/MONITORS**

5. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Georgia Altbacker and Patricia Tanner as substitute aide/monitors effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$13.60.

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS**

6. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following substitute teachers effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012: Lisa DiBona, Christopher Egan, Dilek Kurt, Jennifer Petti, Jeannette Pierrepont, Dawn Szybkowski, Sarah Taylor, Kevin Tremblay. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**WESTERN  
SUFFOLK BOCES  
MULTI-YEAR  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

7. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District in the amount of \$259,832.

**FEDERAL SINGLE  
AUDIT REPORT**

8. **FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Federal Single Audit Report conducted by Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the 2010-2011 school year.

**APPROVAL OF  
INTERNAL AUDIT  
REPORTS**

9. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the final internal audit reports from Nawrocki Smith LLP for the 2011-2012 school year.

**DONATION**

10. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a batting cage and installation fee valued at approximately \$4,500.00 to be located at the Babylon Memorial Grade School from an anonymous donor, with appreciation for this generous gift.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 10 was approved. (6-0)

**LONG ISLAND  
SCHOOL  
NUTRITION  
DIRECTORS  
ASSOCIATION ICE  
CREAM BID**

11. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ICE CREAM BID: WHEREAS**, Babylon UFSD has received a notice from Circus-Man Ice Cream Corp. that they are discontinuing business and they will no longer be able to fulfill the terms of their contract with Babylon UFSD dated June 10, 2011, it is **RESOLVED**, that Babylon UFSD hereby declares that an emergency exists for the delivery of ice cream products to the Babylon UFSD and it is further, **RESOLVED**, that Babylon UFSD agrees to enter into an agreement for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year with American Classic, in accordance with the proposal from American Classic dated April 16, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Antolini, Resolution 11 was approved. (4-2)

Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, R. Katz, G. Antolini, D. Montalto

Voting No: L. McKeown, A. Berenblatt

**CONSULTANT  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

12. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and May Ann Hand, Belkys Garcia, Jillian Gordon and Elsa Straub for records archival consulting services. Compensation for this service to be paid through grant monies.

**HEALTH AND  
WELFARE  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

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

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
RECEIPT OF  
FEDERAL PART B  
FLOW THROUGH  
ALLOCATIONS**

14. **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 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (SE#54), Association for Children with Learning Disabilities Related Services (SE#55), Developmental Disabilities Institute (SE#56), Harmony Heights (SE#57), Just Kids (SE#58), Marion K. Solomon Assoc. (SE#59), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SE#60), Metro Therapy Inc. Related Services (SE#61), United Cerebral Palsy (SE#62).

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION AND  
CPSE**

15. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations for cases from January 2012 to April 2012 from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bencivenga introduced Mr. Rozakis, new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Rozakis spoke about his philosophies of education. Mr. Bencivenga responded to a question from the last meeting regarding the new superintendent's contract.

**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 2012-2013 school budget, in-service training, installation of Smartboards, and the new superintendent's salary.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Memorial Grade School. The Budget Vote & Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Babylon Memorial Grade School from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A 9:10 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt and approved