

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 11, 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 6:30 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 Mr. Conway, seconded by Mrs. Martino and approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:35 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.

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich the Board agreed to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 proposed budget was presented by Dr. Daly. The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed school budget.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich a motion to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 school budget and enter into public session for the purpose of conducting the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was unanimously approved.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009, Work/Study Meeting of April 28, 2009 and Special Meeting of May 4, 2009 and was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Vukovich and seconded by Mrs. Martino.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

As there was no report from student delegates the Board moved on to the next item. Mr. D'Amico reported on Board of Education Instructional Goal 1 to successfully implement the new Math Program at the Elementary School and Instructional Goal 2 to monitor the implementation of the Guided Reading program at the Grade School. Dr. Peter Daly reported on Board of Education Goal 2 to develop a 2009-2010 budget that is reflective of the current economy but continues to provide an enriching and comprehensive educational program. Dr. Best-Laimit reported on Board of Education Management Goal 1 to develop the role of Coordinator for Assessments, Data, Learning, and Technology. A curriculum presentation on Interdisciplinary Science was presented by grade school teachers, Heather Hosek and Danielle Erardy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that a meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported this is the final review of the budget. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met to review the Johnson Controls Performance Contract regarding energy saving work. Mr. Conway, technology committee chair, reported that the committee will schedule a meeting after the budget vote. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to continue review of district policies.

## NEW BUSINESS

## **QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

**RESIGNATION**

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Helen Dietrick, art teacher, effective June 30, 2009 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.  
**On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution 1 was unanimously approved.**

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes, an omnibus motion to move Items 2-18 was unanimously approved.  
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito an omnibus motion to move items 2-18 was unanimously approved.

**PROBATIONARY CUSTODIAL WORKER II**

2. **PROBATIONARY CUSTODIAL WORKER II: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Marie Brunjes as a probationary custodial worker II, assigned to the night shift at the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective May 12, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column B of the 2008-2009 Custodial Association Contract.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

3. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: 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 Jessica Linder as a non-permanent substitute school psychologist effective May 12, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be at the non-permanent substitute per diem rate of \$90.00/day.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

4. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: 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 Athena Iliou and Christopher DeNigris as non-permanent substitute teachers effective May 18, 2009. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute per diem rate of \$90.00/day.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER**

5. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: 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 Jeannine Fanilli as a substitute food service worker effective May 12, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service rate of pay of \$10.00/hour.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER**

6. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER: 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 Joseph Iyers as a substitute custodial worker effective May 12, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay of \$11.00/hour.

**APPOINTMENT CSE/CPSE PARENT MEMBERS**

7. **APPOINTMENT CSE/CPSE PARENT MEMBERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Dana Focarile and Margaret Stoehein as parent members of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

8. **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: Courtney Croteau and Laura Oak

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

9. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Babylon UFSD and the Suffolk County Department of Social Services for the National School Lunch Program.

**ADOPTION OF CUSTODIAL TRAINING MANUAL**

10. **ADOPTION OF CUSTODIAL TRAINING MANUAL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt the Custodial Training Manual dated May 2009.

**LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS**

11. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID COMMITTEE: WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on food and food service supplies for the 2009-2010 school year. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon School District wishes to appoint a committee

to assume the responsibility of drafting specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids,

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COOPERATIVE BID**

reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon School District, hereby appoints the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education authorized the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education agrees 1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; 2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; 3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

- 12. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION TUTORIAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial and Special Education Services; and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law section 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the Participant. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Participant hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described above; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law section 119-o.2.j.

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RESOLUTION TUTORIAL  
AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION SERVICES**

- 13. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law section 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Membership Committee consisting of one (1) representative from each Participant shall be formed. The Participant shall accordingly appoint one (1) representative to the Membership Committee. Said representative shall be provided with a list of bids. A meeting of the Membership Committee shall be held annually. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law section 119-o.2.j. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

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COOPERATIVE BIDDING  
RESOLUTION SUPPLY  
AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS**

- 14. **EXTENSION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the extension for contracts with Acme Bus and Educational Bus for transporting Babylon students for the 2009-2010 school year, at an increase equal to the 2009-2010 CPI.

- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS**
15. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (LARGE BUS): RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2008-2009 Large Bus Contract through the 2009-2010 school year at an increase equal to the May 31<sup>st</sup> CPI each year or 4% whichever is lower.
- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (LARGE BUS)**
16. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL VEHICLE): RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2008-2009 Small Vehicle Contract through the 2009-2010 school year at an increase equal to the May 31<sup>st</sup> CPI each year or 4% whichever is lower.
- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL VEHICLE)**
17. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the services provided by Metro Therapy (SE3), County of Suffolk (SE4), Bilinguals Inc. (SE5 & 6), Westbury UFSD (SE7), Central Islip SD (SE8), DDI (SE9), Kids in Action of L.I., Inc. (SE10) for the 2008-2009 school year.
- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL VEHICLE)**
18. **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.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS**
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**
- OTHER BUSINESS**
- Dr. Best-Laimit reminded the community that the district will be holding a Parenting for Prevention workshop on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the high school.
- 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, negotiation procedures, audit report.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETING**
- The Budget Vote & Trustee Election will be held on May 19, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Memorial Grade School. Board of Education regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.
- ADJOURNMENT**
- At 9:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Melito.

**Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes in the District office**