

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 11, 2022

**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell’Erba, President  
Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President  
Mr. Dominick Montalto  
Mrs. Donna Noesi  
Mrs. Theresa Patiri  
Mr. David Sonkin

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Mr. Travis Davey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Carol Feudi

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Dell’Erba, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Dell’Erba, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 14, 2022, Board of Education Work/Study meeting of March 28, 2022, Board of Education Special Meeting of March 31, 2022, Board of Education Special Meeting of April 4, 2022 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by N. Montalto. (6-0)

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer’s Report and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2022 were approved on motion by D. Sonkin and seconded by D. Noesi (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Student Delegates Report – Student Kate O’Brien reminded all to save the date for the spring carnival on Saturday, May 21 at the grade school and to submit plant orders, which are due by April 17. She reported on the fine arts and world language department news and congratulated the cast, crew and pit of The Addams Family for an amazing performance this past weekend.

Mrs. Rozzi reported that tonight’s agenda included the budget adoption presentation and recommendation for the Board’s adoption of the budget, as well as recommendation for a new transportation provider for a 5-year contract. This transportation provider, Suffolk Transportation, will be present at the April 25 Board of Education Work/Study to present its services to the public. She thanked John Bosch Bus Company for their many wonderful years of transportation services to the district and wished them well on their retirement. Mrs. Rozzi reminded everyone that full-day kindergarten registration is ongoing and parents must register their children; all information is available on the district’s website. Mrs. Rozzi reported that the district received the good news that we will be receiving additional State Aid for our UPK Program. The district will review the proposals received and will recommend a provider at the May 9 Board meeting. The lottery for the program will take place on May 25 at the elementary school and parents are to be reminded that they must register their child for the program. Mrs. Rozzi congratulated the members of The Addams Family performance and thanked all of the adults who helped out with the production. Mrs. Rozzi reported on the science fair at the grade school and reminded all of the AP exams that will be held the week of May 2 – May 13. She reminded all that schools are closed from April 15 through April 22 and wished all a great week. Mrs. Rozzi reported that an informational flyer will be distributed to families regarding everything the school district has been doing in partnership with many people and organizations regarding respecting, dignity, equality, reporting procedures, working with kids, partnerships, policy reviews and staff training. The information will also be posted on the district’s website. Mrs. Rozzi also stated that the County will be making an announcement shortly about work that will be starting here at the district.

Mrs. Rozzi turned the floor over to Mrs. Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to present the proposed budget adoption presentation for the 2022/2023 school year. Mrs. Lunetta also reviewed the

- BUDGET ADOPTION PRESENTATION** monies and expenditures from the CARES Act. Mrs. Lunetta addressed questions from the audience regarding the budget (AIS Reading Specialists, Special Education Services, clarified the additional revenue that was given to Long Island schools; Project Lead the Way at high school, additional funds for sexual harassment training).
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Audit Committee – Mrs. Patiri stated that there is nothing new to report. Finance Committee – Mrs. Jurs reported that the committee met on March 28 and would like to postpone the scheduled April 25 meeting to May; Building & Grounds Committee - Mr. Montalto stated that the committee will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.; Technology Committee – Mr. Sonkin stated that the committee met on March 28 – K-2 buildings have been introduced to keyboarding and typing, 1<sup>st</sup> grade are learning map skills, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is learning about habitats with PowerPoint, 4<sup>th</sup> grade doing visualization of explorers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade learning TEAMS etiquette and solar system; 6<sup>th</sup> grade PowerPoint abilities and voice overs. He said that the K-6 teachers’ feedback was very positive. He reported that 1181 out of 1533 responses have been completed on the NYS tech survey to date. A new technician has been hired this year who has been shadowing members in the tech department and 28% of staff have completed the data privacy training, which is to be completed by April 30. The committee also discussed upcoming purchases and summer work. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Noesi reported that the next committee will meet on Monday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m. to continue work on the Professional Development Plan for teachers; Policy Committee – Mrs. Dell’Erba stated that the committee met this evening and will announce if another meeting will be held.
- PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS** Questions and comments were received from the public, D. Bennett, T. Gonzalez, D. Skarulis D. Hawkins, A. Campagna.
- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-22 were approved (6-0).
- On omnibus motion by T. Patiri, seconded by D. Sonkin, an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-22 were approved (6-0)
- RESIGNATION** 1. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Steven Goldberg, Principal of the Babylon Memorial Grade School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2022, with best wishes on his retirement.
- RESIGNATION** 2. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of John Capizzi, part-time security guard effective April 6, 2022.
- PROBATIONARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER** 3. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole O’Donnell as Probationary American Sign Language Teacher at the Junior/Senior High School for a four-year probationary term effective September 1, 2022 to September 1, 2026\* pending the issuance of New York State American Sign Language certification. Compensation for this appointment to be MA, Step 1 in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association Contract (\$65,115).
- PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT** 4. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Kenneth Demarest as part-time security guard effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022; compensation for this appointment to be \$18.00 per hour.
- PART-TIME HEALTH AIDE APPOINTMENT** 5. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Michelle Melanphy as part-time health aide at the Jr/Sr High School effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022; compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the Babylon Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Association (Step1-\$18.26 per hour; Step 2 - \$18.56 per hour; Step 3 - \$18.92 per hour).
- PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT** 6. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Martha Flores as part-time monitor at the elementary school effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022; compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the

Babylon Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Association (Step 1 - \$16.98 per hour; Step 2 - \$17.29 per hour; Step 3 - \$17.65 per hour).

**STUDENT  
OBSERVER  
APPOINTMENT**

7. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student observer from the State University of New York at Oswego effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022:

<b>Student Observer</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>Cooperating Teachers</b>
Robert Commisso	Technology	Peter Mankes/Brian Katz

**PER DIEM  
SUBSTITUTE  
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following per diem substitute teachers effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022 at the per diem substitute teacher rate of pay (Days 1-30 \$110.00; Days 31-60 \$120.00; Days 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days \$140.00).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Building</b>
Cynthia Theiss	Elementary	Grade School
Alexandria Bamonte	Speech	Grade School
Barbara Krucher	Elementary	Elementary School

**SUBSTITUTE  
MONITOR  
APPOINTMENT**

9. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Madison Baudille as substitute monitor at the elementary school effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Babylon Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Association (Step 1 - \$16.98 per hour; Step 2 - \$17.29 per hour; Step 3 - \$17.65 per hour).

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

10. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the proposed tax levy cap compliant budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$57,413,093 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval. The proposed budget has been established at a tax levy increase of 0%.

**PROPERTY TAX  
REPORT CARD:**

11. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Property Tax Report Card as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601 a(3) for the 2022-2023 school year.

**MUNICIPAL  
COOPERATIVE  
BIDDING  
PROGRAM SY 22/23**

12. **RESOLVED**, 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 § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 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 bid 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 Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. 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 an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law

§119-o.2.j. 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 §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.

**DISTRICT MULTI-YEAR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

13. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the District Instructional Technology Plan for the years 2022 to 2025.

**MULTI-YEAR TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AWARD (2022-2027)**

14. **MULTI-YEAR TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AWARD (2022-2027): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that following a transportation Request for Proposals (RFP) dated March 31, 2022, and after a thorough review of the proposal in accordance with the mandated criteria, the Board of Education approves the award of pupil transportation contracts for:

- (1) Home-to-School Transportation for In/Out of District Transportation for Public/Private/Parochial/Special Needs (65-66 passenger bus) with District providing fuel;
- (2) Home-to-School Transportation for In/Out of District Transportation for Public/Private/Parochial/Special Needs (20-30 passenger) air conditioned vehicles and under, including lifts & driver attendants with District providing fuel;
- (3) Field Trips with Contractor providing fuel;
- (4) Athletic Trips with Contractor providing fuel;
- (5) Summer Home-to-School Transportation for In/Out of District Transportation for Public/Private/Parochial/Special Needs (20-30 passenger) air conditioned vehicles and under including lifts & driver attendants with Contractor providing fuel

for School Years 2022-2023; 2023-2024; 2024-2025; 2025-2026; 2026-2027 to Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc as per the terms of the District’s RFP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the requirements for a multi-year contract, a separate line item will be included in the annual budget and budget notice/brochure with an appropriate footnote to indicate the specific year of the multi-year contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education to sign and execute the New York State Transportation contracts with Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc. on behalf of the Board in conformance with this Resolution.

**HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT**

15. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement between the South Huntington Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District

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16. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement between the Massapequa Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT**

17. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Special Education Services Contract between the East Islip Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

18. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Special Education Services Contract between the Lindenhurst Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District

**PARENT  
EXECUTED  
STIPULATION OF  
AGREEMENT**

19. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the parent executed stipulation of settlement for their student A.R. as presented to the Board of Education.

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

20. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated January 20, 2022 to April 4, 2022.

**A PLUS-ALL  
SUBJECT TUTORIN,  
INC.**

21. **A PLUS-ALL SUBJECTS TUTORING, INC.: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service agreement for home tutoring services between A Plus-All Subjects Tutoring, Inc. and the Babylon Union Free School District effective April 12, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

**WESTERN  
SUFFOLK BOCES  
TECHNOLOGY  
LEASE PRCHASE**

22. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES TECHNOLOGY LEASE PURCHASE PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the multi-year technology lease purchase with Western Suffolk BOCES financing under Coser A501.020:

Equipment	\$228,138 (5 years)
Coordination	\$113,569
Insurance/Legal	\$13,178
Financing	\$17,744 (5 years)
Total Payment	\$371,629 (\$1,351,157)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Dell'Erba spoke about the new superintendent search and reported that the Board will be looking for an Interim Superintendent for next school year. In the fall, the Board will begin its search for a full-time superintendent and at that time will seek community involvement.

Desiree Hawkins reported that there are 72 paid members in the PTSA, which is not yet running. It is the hope to get 100% participation and the school will reach out to faculty, staff, community members and students. After the upcoming break, a meeting will be held to elect a PTSA Board.

Ms. Angela Campagna, PTA President, gave an update on the events taking place in the district, including the Annual Flocking Event, cultural arts, science fair and PARP, reporting that K-2 students read over 150,000 minutes and Grades 3-6 read over 280,000 minutes, as well as the Scholastic Book Fair.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

Mrs. Dell'Erba announced the following future Board meetings: Board of Education Work/Study Meeting of /April 25, 2022; Board of Education Special Meeting - BOCES Budget & Election Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m.; Board of Education Regular Business Meeting & Budget Hearing Monday, May 9, 2022

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AND  
ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by L. Jurs; seconded by T. Patiri, the Board adjourned to executive session at 9:04 p.m. Approved (6-0)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
CAROL FEUDI  
DISTRICT CLERK**