

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 12, 2008  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

### Members Present

Mr. Darrell J. Conway, President  
Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice President  
Mr. Henry Brunjes  
Mr. Roger A. Katz  
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino  
Mr. Thomas Melito

### Members Absent

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 Mr. Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito and unanimously approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Brunjes the Board agreed to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 proposed budget was presented by Dr. Daly. The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed school budget.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino a motion to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 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 14, 2008 and Work/Study Meeting of April 29, 2008 were approved on motion by Mr. Melito and seconded by Mr. Katz.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2008 were approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

## **STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT**

As there was no student delegate report, the Board moved on to the next item.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction, reported on Instructional Goal 2 - to continue professional development on, nySTART and DataMentor, New York State's websites designed to provide data on state assessments to Grades 2-8 staff. Dr. Best-Laimit, Superintendent, reported on Instructional Goal 4 - Administrative Professional Development. Mr. Darrell Conway, President, reported on contract negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Melito, Audit Committee Chair, reported that the audit committee would like to schedule a date to meet with accounting firms. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. A second reading and adoption of policies will be conducted this evening.

## **SECOND READING POLICIES 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, 4321.7**

1. **SECOND READING POLICIES 4321.2-SCHOOL-WIDE PRE-REFERRAL APPROACHES AND INTERVENTIONS, 4321.3- ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 4321.4-INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS, 4321.5-CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PLANS, 4321.6-AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE FORMAT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 4321.7-DISTRICTWIDE AND STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, and 4321.7, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, and 4321.7, as attached.

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

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

## NEW BUSINESS

### STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT

1. **STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the addendum to the Stipulation of Agreement dated April 8, 2008 between the Babylon Teachers' Association and the Babylon Board of Education for the contract in effect as of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008.

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-1)

Voting Yes: D. Conway, J. Anderson, H. Brunjes, A. Martino, T. Melito

Voting No: R. Katz

### OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 2-9 was unanimously approved.

**On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move resolutions 2-9 was unanimously approved.**

### APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

2. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve appropriation transfers to balance the 2007-2008 school budget as attached.

### RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kevin Warren, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective May 14, 2008 with regret and best wishes.

### EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES

4. **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 May 13, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate. Kathryn Connolly, Christina Colonico, Laura Burke, Julian Gordon, Patricia Stuart

### EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE AIDES/MONITORS

5. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE AIDES/MONITORS: 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 substitute aides/monitors effective May 13, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute aide/monitor hourly rate of pay. Natalie Caputo, Jeanmarie Sheehan, Jeannine Brunjes, Heather Tenety, Toby Leddy, Gina O'Hara , Renee Pollock

### EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **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: Gina Vanno, Gerald Egan, Lauren Shanks, Lisa Marie Brunjes, Margaret McEnroe, Mary Howard, Cynthia Daly, Robert Suschinsky, Noelle Zachary, Michael Gordon

### ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, 4321.7

7. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4321.2-SCHOOL-WIDE PRE-REFERRAL APPROACHES AND INTERVENTIONS, 4321.3- ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 4321.4-INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS, 4321.5-CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PLANS, 4321.6-AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE FORMAT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 4321.7-DISTRICTWIDE AND STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 4321.2 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions, 4321.3-Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs, 4321.4-Independent Educational Evaluations, 4321.5-Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Education Services Programs and Service Plans, 4321.6-Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities, 4321.7-Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities, as attached.

### TRANSPORTATION BID

8. **TRANSPORTATION BID: RESOLVED**, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, all bids submitted in response to the Large Bus Transportation bid opened April 30, 2008 are hereby rejected.

### COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

9. **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.

### OTHER BUSINESS

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

### QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding the teachers' contract, legal fees, accounting firms, transportation bid, textbooks and the website survey.

### FUTURE BOARD MEETING

The Budget vote and trustee election will be held on May 20, 2008 in the Babylon Memorial Grade School from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 9, 2008 in the high school library.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Melito and unanimously approved.

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