

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President
Mr. Gregory Antolini (left at 7:30 p.m.)
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mr. Roger A. Katz (arrived 6:43 p.m.)
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School at 6:30 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 and advice from counsel was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (6-0) Mr. Katz arrived at 6:43 p.m. Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Mr. Antolini left at 7:30 p.m.)

A motion to recess the regular meeting to conduct the public hearing on the proposed 2013-2014 school budget was made by L. McKeown, seconded by R. Katz and approved. (6-0)

A Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 proposed budget was presented by Dr. Peter R. Daly, Deputy Superintendent.

At approximately 8:00 p.m. a motion to conclude the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Donaldson was approved. (6-0)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of April 19, 2013, April 23, 2013, May 6, 2013, Regular Meeting of April 8, 2013, and Work/Study Meetings of April 15, 2013, April 22, 2013 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by R. Katz. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by A. Donaldson. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegate Ronnie Pashen reported that the senior high student council is working towards building next year's cabinet and student council members. The date of this year's Powder Puff game has changed and has not yet been determined. He also reported on highlights from the art department, International Thespian Society, S.A.D.D., Science National Honor Society, Leo Club, Child Psychology Course, Foreign Language Department, and Drama Club. The students from the Life Skills Program and their teachers, Jamie Harrison and Barbara O'Halloran, presented their successful "Special Four Seasons Formal" to the Board of Education and community. This event hosted by Babylon Life Skills students, included students from similar programs in West Islip and Lindenhurst. Mr. Rozakis introduced Jessica Kemler into our Babylon family as the new elementary school principal. Mrs. Basile, Dr. Bonagura, and Mr. Cirone, building principals reported on highlights from their buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

R. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met with the architect and were presented with a wide range of proposals. Mrs. Donaldson inquired as to the status of the donation of the scoreboard and where will the Board be discussing this donation. Mr. Katz reported that the discussion of the scoreboard donation would be part of a buildings and grounds committee meeting. The finance committee will be meeting on May 20th at 7:00 p.m. and the technology committee will be meeting on May 29th at 8:30 a.m. in the district conference room. The other committee chairs will be scheduling meetings which will be posted on the district's website. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on May 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 5300.65 VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

The following resolution was presented:

1. **SECOND READING OF POLICY 5300.65-VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools, as attached.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto, the second reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools and to waive the formal second reading of policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools was approved. (6-0)

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

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

New Business

APPOINTMENT PROBATIONARY PRINCIPAL

1. **APPOINTMENT PROBATIONARY PRINCIPAL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Jessica Kemler as a probationary principal assigned to the Babylon Elementary School effective July 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be \$125,000.
On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dr. Rande Bonagura, principal, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes in her future endeavors.
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT

3. **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 \$327,518.43.
On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

DONATIONS

4. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$5,000 from Theresa Santmann and the donation of a new refrigerator valued at approximately \$1,000 from Plessers Appliances with appreciation for these generous gifts.
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 4 was approved. (6-0)

ADOPTION OF POLICY 5300.65-VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS

5. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 5300.65-VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 5300.65-Visitors to the Schools, as attached.
On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 5 was approved. (6-0)

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

6. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Edgewater Consultants for the 2012-2013 school year.
On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by R. Katz, Resolution 6 was approved. (6-0)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON CPSE 7. **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 from February 2013 to May 2013, be accepted. On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS As there was no report from Representatives of Organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS The Board addressed questions and/or concerns regarding Administrators' contracts, Life Skills Program, Grade School Principal position, home assessments.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS A Work/Study Meeting will be held on May 20, 2013 in Rowe Hall for student recognition. The Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election will be held at the Babylon Memorial Grade School on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. A Regular meeting will be held on June 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

ADJOURNMENT At approximately 9:00 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0)