

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 10, 2021
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
Via Video Conference

Members Present

Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, President
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi

Members Absent

Tricia Pané

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. O'Brien, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals was made by D. Noesi, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. O'Brien, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MOTION TO RECESS** A motion to recess the Regular Business Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021-2022 school budget was made by D. Montalto, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (6-0)
- PUBLIC HEARING** A Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 school budget was held.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN AND RECONVENE** A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Business Meeting was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0)
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 12, 2021, Work/Study Meeting of April 26, 2021 and Special Meeting of April 27, 2021 were approved on motion by D. Montalto and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (6-0)
- APPROVAL TREASURER'S REPORTS** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2021 and Internal Auditor's Reports for January 2021, February 2021 and March 2021 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by A. Donaldson. (6-0)
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- Now that we have all of our students back full time, the feedback has been incredibly positive. There's a sense of normalcy in the junior-senior high school and I think that things could not be going more smoothly and I congratulate the staff for everyone's hard work making it all work. Additionally, we commend all K-6 staff as well, as our K-6 teachers have been delivering a full-time in-person experience since September. With that, I'm happy to say our covid cases have really dwindled down to almost nothing and it's a credit to our community, our faculty and staff for maintaining the health and safety of everyone. We all look forward to this year's celebrations as we ring in end of year celebrations. This brings to discussing our plans for September with our aim in opening up the year as normal as possible. School districts recently received another DOH amended guidance document dated April 27th regarding reopening plans with the focus of schools throughout NYS returning students to in-person learning. While the amendments talk to new guidance, many of the updates have already been in place here in Babylon. However, to plan for these changes, here in Babylon as well as throughout the whole state, district are required to gather feedback on our intentions from the community and employee groups before implementation. Therefore, with the Board of Education's permission, we will schedule a public hearing following the Work/Study meeting on May 24th that gives us the opportunity to define

September's road map as well as our vision of a return to normalcy for September. Additionally, we will be distributing another survey to constituents and results will be shared on the evening of May 24th with the community. Both the upcoming survey, in addition to the public meeting on May 24th should serve as two very comprehensive opportunities for people to share their opinions.

- Congratulations to Meghan Flaughter, this year's Salutatorian, as well as congratulations to Darby Dreher, who has been named as this year's Valedictorian. We will be honoring both young women at the June 7th BOE meeting.
- At the June 7th BOE meeting we will be recognizing the slate of teachers who are being recommended to receive tenure effective September 1, 2021.
- National Nurse's Appreciation Day is this week. This year has been an extraordinary one for our nurses from becoming contact tracers with our principals to helping to conduct mandatory covid testing of our interscholastic athletes. They are amazing women. Please extend a heartfelt thank you to Grace McHugh, high school nurse, Nina Burke, grade school nurse, and Martha Petrucci, elementary school nurse, as well as their health aides!
- We celebrated the inductions of students who earned their place as the newest members of the JNHS and the NHS chapters here at Babylon High School. We congratulate these hardworking young men and women who have not just proven they are scholars but that they can lead with self-confidence, influence, integrity and positivity while serving their greater community. In the coming weeks, we look forward to in-person celebrations/inductions honoring Tri-M, the Arts and Thespians with more information to follow.
- The Varsity boys soccer team won the Suffolk County Class B Championship, the Varsity girls soccer team won the Suffolk County Class B Championship. Kayla Hayes represented Babylon in the Suffolk County Championship and Kate O'Brien represented Babylon in the Suffolk County Championship in varsity girls swimming. The varsity gymnastics team represented Babylon in the Suffolk County Team championship, the Varsity girls volleyball team represented Babylon in the Suffolk County Class C Championship and the varsity field hockey team represented Babylon in the Suffolk County Class C Championship.
- Mr. Cirone and Mrs. Rozzi met with the senior class advisors to discuss senior class end of year milestone events, including prom and graduation. Our team of senior parents have been instrumental on how they can help and we are thrilled to be hosting a traditional senior prom on June 24th on Walter William Field. Additionally, we will host a traditional graduation ceremony the following evening on June 25th on Walter William field in which parent can attend. The current state advisory dated April 27th that districts received informs us that all visitors at graduation, based on the size of the assembly, will be required to show proof of either a negative covid test or vaccination. However, we are hearing that there may be another update from NYS DOH coming out shortly that further amends these restricting guidelines. We continue to wait and see if these will actually come through. In the interim, the current health and safety guidelines are to be followed by all districts.
- Meet the candidates Night will be held on May 11th at 8:00 p.m. via zoom. Mrs. Rozzi thanked the four residents who decided to throw their hats into the ring and run for the two open at large board of education seats we will have available come July 1. We thank our two wonderful trustees, Ann Donaldson and Tricia Pane for their years of dedicated service.
- Mrs. Rozzi reported that the United States Department of Education denied NY State's testing waiver request. To meet the federal government's requirements the NYSED has canceled all but four of the Regents examinations previously scheduled to be administered in June 2021. The NYSED mandates districts to administer Regents examination in English Language Arts, Living Environment, Algebra I and Earth Science. At this, it is unknown how opting out of the June 2021 Regents could play out at the College Admissions table. If it's anything like how AP reporting has gone in the last year, I would recommend that students sit for these exams and decide later if they want scores recorded on the transcript.
- Week 1 and 2 of Advanced Placement testing is completed. Testing should wrap up a week from today. A large majority of our students have sat and taken the AP exams. As a district, we decided to hold these in person and the model has provided our students with a much more familiar and pleasurable testing experience.
- We will be hosting the SCOPE summer school enrichment program for incoming grades K-6. This program will take place between July 6-July 30 at Babylon Elementary School.
- The Scope 2021-2022 registration flyer has been disseminated to all interested parents and can also be found on our website for the Scope before and after school program.

- The past year the district engaged with an outside safety consultant group that conducted a comprehensive Safety and Security Assessment to help us pinpoint improvement opportunities for all individual school buildings and the district as a whole. They provide us expert guidance and have helped us prioritize those changes that will be reflected in the update school and district wide safety plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Montalto, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a buildings and grounds update will be held during the May 24th Work/Study meeting. HVAC is installed in Rowe Hall and all plumbing and electrical work is done. Mrs. Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that the IT department is getting ready for work going on in the summer. There will be a survey going out regarding technology needs and the IT department is planning on device collection. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met and Mr. D’Amico went over testing and policies coming down from the State. Mrs. Dell’Erba reported on policy that a first reading of policy 0101 -Gender Neutral Restrooms will be held this evening. Gender Neutral restrooms shall be clearly designated with signage. The district is in compliance with this policy. were no other committee reports. Committee meeting dates will be posted on the district website.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by C. Dell’Erba , seconded by L. Jurs, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-15 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-15 were approved (6-0)

PROBATIONARY SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPOINTMENT

1. **PROBATIONARY SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Emily Lilley as a speech/language pathologist effective September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2025*. Compensation for this assignment to be MA/Step 1 of the 2021-2022 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule. (\$65,115) Ms. Lilley holds a certification as a speech/language pathologist.

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2. **PROBATIONARY SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Kelly Baccari as a speech/language pathologist effective September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2024*. Compensation for this assignment to be MA/Step 1 of the 2021-2022 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule. (\$65,115) Ms. Baccari holds a certification as a speech/language pathologist.

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT

3. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time security guard appointment of Edwin Perez effective May 11, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS

4. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute aide/monitor appointments effective May 11, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for these assignments to be \$14.00/hour.
Alexa Tenety Tania Doreson

SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE APPOINTMENT

5. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Patricia Duque as a substitute food service worker effective April 28, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be \$14.00/hour.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

6. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement between the Board of Education and the Babylon Aides and Monitors unit, covering the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2024, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a contract incorporating such terms on behalf of the Board.

- STUDENT OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP** 7. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education approves an overnight field trip for art students to participate in art workshops and the senior high band and jazz band students to perform at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from January 27, 2022-January 30, 2022.
- FIRST READING POLICY 0101 GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS** 8. **FIRST READING POLICY 0101 GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby conducts a first reading of policy 0101 Gender Neutral Restrooms and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 0101 Gender Neutral Restrooms, as attached.
- OBSOLETE ITEMS** 9. **OBSOLETE ITEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following books outdated from the grade school library obsolete: The Marshal Cavendish International Wildlife Encyclopedia Volumes 1-20, Human Diseases and Conditions Volumes 1-3, Merriam webster’s Biographical Dictionary, Explorers & Discoverers Volume 1-4.
- JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION** 10. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial & Special Education Services for Students, Western Suffolk BOCES & Component School Districts – RFP #16-17-03P-IE5-LH, Opened March 17, 2016, Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; First Extension of Contract: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; Second Extension of Contract: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; Third Extension of Contract: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; Fourth Extension of Contract: July 1, 2020 through June 30^h, 2021; Fifth and Final Extension of Contract: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation 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 are State of New York in joint bidding State of New York in joint bidding in **WHEREAS**, the District is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 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 Initiative in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Western Suffolk BOCES, the District 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, extending awards of bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the District. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the District 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 District 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 District shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.
- DRIVER EDUCATION CONTRACT** 11. **DRIVER EDUCATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract between Fitzgerald Driving School and Babylon UFSD for the Fall/Spring 2021-2022 semesters.
- SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS** 12. **SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the license and operating agreements for the 2021-2022 Before/Afterschool Programs and 2021 Summer Enrichment Program.
- ATHLETIC TRAINER CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS** 13. **ATHLETIC TRAINER CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a sports training agreement between Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC and the Babylon Union Free School district to provide an athletic trainer for the Babylon Union Free School District for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$27,961.74.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
SERVICES CONTRACTS**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consultant services contract for the 2021-2022 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc. (SECSC-2021/2022#1), CJI Consulting, Inc. (SECSC-2021/2022#2), Helping Hands Licensed Behavior Analyst Services, PLLC (SECSC-2021/2022#3), Island Better Hearing (SECSC 2021/2022 #4), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SECSC 2021/2022 #5), New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. (SECSC-2021/2022#6), Positive Behavior Support Consulting (SECSC 2021/2022#7), Developmental Disabilities Institute (SECSC-2021/2022#8), Tutoring 4 Life LLC (SECSC 2021/2022#10), Out East Therapy, Inc. (SECSC 2021/2022 #12), Da Vinci Education Research (SECSC 2021/2022#14), Access 7 Services, Inc. (SECSC 2021/2022#15)

**COMMITTEE ON
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COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL
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EDUCATION**

15. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: 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 February 3, 2021 to April 28, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. O'Brien, Board President, reported that beginning July 1st, provided guidance doesn't change, Board of Education meetings will be open to in-person attendance. More information will be forthcoming.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no other report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The following questions/comments were addressed from visitors: 7th grade student orientation, Nurse's Day May 12th, thank you to Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Pané and teacher appreciation.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021, and Regular Business Meeting on June 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs seconded by D. Noesi and approved (6-0)