

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

August 22, 2011

PLACE:

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President
Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President
Mr. Gregory Antolini (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Lisa McKeown
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Central Office Administration

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit, Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the application of a particular firm to conduct a superintendent search, negotiations with the food service workers and cooks, and advice from counsel regarding the employment history of a particular staff member, a pending notice of claim, and possible acquisition of private property was made by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mrs. Berenblatt and approved. (6-0) Mr. Antolini was not present at the time the motion was presented and arrived at 7:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public Session resumed at 7:10 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of July 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of July 25, 2011, Work/Study Meeting of August 8, 2011, and Special Meeting of August 15, 2011 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Ms. Berenblatt. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, gave a preliminary report on the State Assessments and a more comprehensive report will be held at the next board meeting on September 12, 2011. The Board of Education recognized Dr. Best-Laimit upon her retirement for her years of service to the students, staff and community. The Board of Education recognized Mr. Punzone, Mr. Morra, Mr. Delapi, Mr. Fasciani, Mrs. McHugh, Mr. Singleton and Mr. Tavarez for their quick response in administering first aid to a fellow coach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, scheduled a meeting for September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, scheduled a meeting for August 29, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the high school. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items and listened to concerns on test scores.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL LUNCH

1. **SCHOOL LUNCH: RESOLVED**, that based on the recommendation of the Food Service Director, the following prices be established for school lunch effective September 1, 2011:

Grades K-6 \$2.50

Grades 7-12 \$2.75

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-1)

Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, R. Katz, T. Melito, G. Antolini, N. Montalto, A. Berenblatt

Voting No: L. McKeown

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AIDES/MONITORS

2. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AIDES/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Association and the Babylon Union Free School District dated August 22, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 2 was unanimously approved. (7-0)

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AGREEMENT

3. **INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an employment agreement for Dr. Peter Daly as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective September 1, 2011, as more fully discussed in executive session and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 3 was unanimously approved. (7-0)

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS/APPOINTMENT INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS

4. **ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS/APPOINTMENT INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education establish the position of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business effective August 23, 2011 to June 30, 2012; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Stephen Bilyk as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business effective August 23, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a memorandum of agreement on behalf of the Board of Education. Compensation for this assignment to be at a per diem rate of \$850.00.

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 4 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS

5. **REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that Dr. Peter Daly be appointed to the following reorganization appointments as Interim Superintendent effective September 1, 2011: Records Access Appeals Officer, Alternate Homeless Liaison, Chief School Officer to Certify Payrolls, Chief School Officer Authorized to Approve Budget Transfers up to \$7,500; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Stephen Bilyk be appointed to the following reorganization appointments as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business effective September 1, 2011: School Representative for Chapter 1 Funds, Records Access Officer, School Purchasing Agent, Authorization to establish Business Office Petty Cash Fund of \$100.00.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 5 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, a motion to omnibus Items 6-11 was approved. (7-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Katz an omnibus motion to move Items 6-11 was approved. (7-0)

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Curriculum Coordinators

English	Lisa Drance
Foreign Languages	Michelle Scharff
Mathematics	John Michele
Practical Arts	Claire Reilly
Science	Jeff Kenney
Social Studies	Mark Malaszczyk

Directors

Fine Arts K-12	Angela Turk
Guidance 7-12	Tracy Lesnick
Discipline 7-12	Michael Collins
Special Education 7-12	Lisa Consolo

Administrative Assistants Junior-Senior HS (2)

Richard Villaneuva
Christopher Ryan

Administrative Assistant Grade School (2)

Heather Hosek
Cathy O'Connor

Co-Administrative Assistants Elementary School

Patricia Bocchimuzzo
Leah Weissinger

CASUAL APPOINTMENT

7. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoint Steve Vaccaro as a special education parent trainer for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$50.00 per hour.

RESCIND CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS

8. **RESCIND CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the coaching appointments of Tim Halvorsen as JV Football coach and William Singleton as Assistant Varsity Football coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

**CASUAL COACHING
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

FOOTBALL	Assistant Varsity Football	-	Vincent DeLapi
	JV Football	-	William Singleton
	JH Football	-	Victor Manzella
SOCCER	Assistant Varsity Boys	-	David Montalbano
	JV Boys	-	Peter Montalbano

**PART-TIME
AIDE/MONITOR/
CLERICAL
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **PART-TIME AIDE/MONITOR/CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time aide, monitor and clerical appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the aides and monitors association contract. Compensation for the substitute service aide to be \$14.50 per hour.

High School

Aides

Lorraine Festa
Joanne Mahr
Colleen Rosen
Cindy Angiporti
Claire Joseph
Barbara Tighe
Alice Lydakakis
Deborah Catanzaro
Gina Vano

Clerical Aides

Carolyn Palumbo
Denise Delaney-Yaremko
Laura Doherty

Grade School

Monitors

Theresa Larsen
Barbara Carlock
Tamara Gumbardo
Jill Horton
Stephanie Marrone
Laura Rubin
Heather Tenety
Tammy Tillinghast
Gina O'Hara

Aides

Kristen Dugan-Reilly
Maria Ricciardi
Marion Augello-Talbot
Tammy Tillinghast
Susan Borg
Rosanne Corso
Maria Cullen
Kathy Fitzgerald
Corinne Samon
Deborah Shea
Karen Witthohn
Karen Altieri
Cathy Hunter

Elementary School

Aides

Beth Ann Cullen
Marie Connie Taffuri
Gerry Proto
Dyanne Going
Marlene Potak
Donna Russo
Patty Ryder
Denise Szymanski
Lisa Carmody

Continued Aides
Ellen Christiansen
Linda D'Amico
Nancy Maloney
Cindy Gerdjikian
Maria Koopman
Theresa Alteri
Jean Marie Parker
Ellen Smith
Jackie Meth
Bridget Schwarz
Jeanette McGinley

Special Education Aide
Doreen Besemer

Substitute Service
Carolyn Palumbo

FOOD SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

11. **FOOD SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following food service appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Cafeteria Association Contract.

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| Cooks | - | Madeline Rivas |
| | - | Justine Alaggio |
| | - | Diane Smith |
| Part-time | | |
| Food Service Workers | - | Maureen Armata |
| | - | Donna Byrnes |
| | - | Antonia Delledera |
| | - | Maria Diaz |
| | - | Marie Fioravanti |
| | - | Jean Marie Morrone |
| | - | Alicia Metzger |
| | - | Sophia Watson |
| | - | Karen Werner |
| Clerk | - | Margaret Kelland |

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS

12. **PART-TIME CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time custodial appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be at the part-time custodial \$11.00 hourly rate of pay.

Ida Adkins Edward Aube Robert Buck Ciriaca Calderaro Lonell Rogers
Stacey Henry Charles Jacob George Javurek Scott Kaiser Vincent Petrina

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 12 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, a motion to omnibus Items 13-18 was approved. (7-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 13-18 was approved. (7-0)

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS

13. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time security guard appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be at the security guard \$18.00 hourly rate of pay.

Robert Farrell Daniel Grant Gerry Grant Michael Koubek Frank Papillo
Hans Lewald Anthony Oliveri Robert Pearsall James Wood

SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENTS

14. **SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute nurse appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$175.00/day.

Melanie Baudille, Roberta Carlock, Geraldine O'Callaghan, Margaret Stroehlein, Lisa Tourin, Josephine Zimmerman

**NON-PERMANENT
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

15. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following non-permanent substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$90.00/day.
Patricia Adamo, Ashley Agulla, Joseph Armstrong, Mona Baldauf, John Carrick, Kristen Caviness, Lauren Colletti, Luisa Cortes, Thomas Cullen, Christine Cuttonaro, Kris Delgalvis-Burchill, Gina Ernst, Christine Franklin, Kyle Gabay, Mandi Gaffney, Lauren Giambalvo, Alexandra Grant, Beatrice Guzzo, Fred Hagemeyer, Kelly Hartill, Rabia Hassanali, Ashley Keiffert, Alison Kelly, Heather Kienle, Rosemary Koehler, Daniel Krueger, Amie Leggett, Christina Loggia, Joanne Longo, Steven McGrath, Grace McMahon, Marie Michele, Rachel Mirabal, Ryan O'Connor, Meagan O'Reilly, Elizabeth Palumbo, Shannon Parengkuan, John Parrinello, Michael Pello, Marissa Pesce, Danielle Philippin, Kathryn Renganeschi, Keri Rossano, Deirdre Schneider, Andrew Sheltz, Alison Slater, Charles Stewart, James Stewart, Caitlin Strigaro, Holly Terysen, Karen Testa, Cynthia Theiss, John Tsaousis, Kim Ugalde, Robert Ulrich, Steven Ulrich, Jaclyn Vrana, Kerri Whalen, Lisa McLees

**SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKERS**

16. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute food service workers for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$10.00/hour.
Karen Bumbalo, Tanya Lindenberg, Marie Tripp, Carolyn Romaine, Chiara Turturo

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL
WORKERS**

17. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute custodial workers for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$11.00/hour.
Walter Arriola, Michael Brown, Douglas Grodski, Salvatore Palazzolo, Jason Pallay, Jose Portillo, Fredy Rodas, Vincent Juliano

**SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR
WORKERS**

18. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute aide/monitor workers for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$13.60/hour.
Denise Adamo, Susanne Camilleri, Debbie Cannetti, Alicia Lulley, Jennifer Martin, Lisa Nerney, Diane Szuchy, Diane Godigkeit, Danielle Naldrett, Marie Gallay, Rosemary Koehler, Cynthia Theiss

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

19. **BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Dominic Bencivenga as the Board of Education Legislative Liaison for the 2011-2012 school year.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 19 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

**ATHLETIC TRAINER
AGREEMENT**

20. **ATHLETIC TRAINER AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute a sports training agreement between South Bay Sports and Physical Therapy and the Babylon School District to provide an athletic trainer for the Babylon Schools for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation to be in accordance with the athletic trainer position in the Babylon Teachers' Association contract.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 20 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICE AND
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENTS**

21. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AND CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the service and consultant agreements for special education services for the 2011-2012 school year provided by: Abigail Stricoff (SE#15), UCP of Suffolk (SE#16), NY Eye & Ear Infirmary (SE#14), All About Kids (SE#7), Christian Nursing Registry (SE#17).

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Antolini, Resolution 21 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

CONTRACT AWARD

22. **CONTRACT AWARD: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education award Ideal Fence Corp. as the lowest responsible bidder for chain Link Fencing and Gates as specified in the RFP dated July 29, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 22 was unanimously approved.
(7-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Katz will be attending the NYSSBA Annual Convention in October which will be held in Buffalo, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding the Interim Assistant Superintendent position and a concern regarding special education.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:35 p.m. a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the application of a particular firm to conduct a superintendent search, negotiations with the food service workers and cooks, and advice from counsel regarding the employment history of a particular staff member, a pending notice of claim, and possible acquisition of private property was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The Board resumed the public meeting at 9:29 p.m. There being no items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Montalto and approved. (7-0)