

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

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 9, 2013

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

### Members Present

Mr. Roger A. Katz, President  
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President  
Mr. Gregory Antolini  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga  
Ms. Alena Berenblatt  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
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 at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Katz, 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 D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2013 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by L. McKeown. (7-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, reported that all of our students were welcomed back today. The Class of 2014 entered the high school together, with a great display of unity and spirit. The building principals reported on highlights in each of their buildings. Mr. D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided a follow-up presentation on Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) to address any remaining questions.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met at the elementary school with the Facilities Review Committee and went over the facilities study preparing for a proposed bond referendum. The next meeting will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and went over technology summer purchases and upgrades. Mrs. Polney-Marinello will present a technology update at the Work/Study Meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. A finance committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and a Policy committee meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board of Education discussed particular agenda items and questions from visitors on agenda items were addressed.

### New Business

## **RESIGNATION**

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Elizabeth Quinn, social studies teacher, effective August 27, 2013. On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

- PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER**      2. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the probationary appointment of Jennifer Mangone as a social studies teacher 7-12, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the MA column of the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule.  
On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)
- OMNIBUS MOTION**      On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Berenblatt a motion to omnibus Items 3-11 and 13-18 was approved (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by G. Antolini Items 3-11 and 13-18 was approved (7-0).
- PART-TIME LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST**      3. **PART-TIME LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Teri Polis as a part-time (.5) library media specialist, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective September 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 FTE of Step 1 of the MA+30 column of the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule.
- PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT PRINCIPAL CLERK**      4. **PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT PRINCIPAL CLERK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the promotional appointment of Martha Speacht, clerk typist, to principal clerk effective September 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Column B, Step 5 of the 2013-2014 CSEA Clerical/Nurses Association contract.
- PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT PRINCIPAL CLERK**      5. **PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT PRINCIPAL CLERK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the promotional appointment of Linda McGarvey, senior clerk typist, to principal clerk effective September 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Column B, Step 4 of the 2013-2014 CSEA Clerical/Nurses Association contract.
- PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT ACCOUNT CLERK**      6. **PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT ACCOUNT CLERK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the promotional appointment of Gail Farley, senior clerk typist, to account clerk effective September 1, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Column C, Step 10 of the 2013-2014 CSEA Clerical/Nurses Association contract.
- PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT**      7. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Debbie Cannetti as a part-time aide for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 aides and monitors association contract.
- PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT**      8. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Fred Sommers as a part-time security guard, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective September 9, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this appointment to be at the part-time security \$18.00 hourly rate of pay.
- RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT/CASUAL APPOINTMENT**      9. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT/CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Catrina Christensen as the junior varsity soccer coach for the 2013-2014 school year and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Catrina Christensen as a junior high soccer coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association contract.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract:

**Junior-Senior High School**

Extra-Curricular Music Activities Choral Director (JH)	Mr. Brian Kroll
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Choral Director (SH)	Mr. Brian Kroll
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Band Director (2)	Mrs. Angela Turk
	Mr. Charles Leech
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Orchestra Director	Mrs. Elizabeth Foster
Marching Band Directors (2)	Mrs. Angela Turk
	Mr. Charles Leech
Marching Band Co-Directors (1)	Mr. Don Meier/Liz Foster
Junior High Jazz Band	Mr. Charles Leech
Senior High Jazz Band	Mr. Charles Leech
Pep Band Advisor	Mr. Dan Kreuger
All School Production Music Coach	Mrs. Colleen Angerami
Technical Director (All School Musical)	Mrs. Colleen Angerami
Set Construction (All School Musical)	Mrs. Linda Napolitano
Set Construction (Drama Production)	Mrs. Linda Napolitano
Babylon Express (HS Select Chorus)	Mr. Brian Kroll
Senior Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Nancy O'Donnell
	Mrs. Jaime Harrison
Junior Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Linda Fama
	Mr. Frank Mancuso
Sophomore Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Suzanne Borruso
	Mr. Eric Rosasco
Freshman Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran
	Mrs. Barbara Small
Senior High Student Council Advisor (2)	Mrs. Linda Fama
	Mrs. Brooke Carey
Junior High Student Council Advisor	Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran
Senior High Math Team Advisor	Mr. John Michele
Junior High Math Team Advisor	Mr. Christian Murphy
National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisors	Mrs. Barbara Small
	Mr. Joseph Fragapane
National Business Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Claire Reilly
National Art Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
National French Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Melissa Anderson
National Spanish Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Michelle Scharff
National Science Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Melissa Callahan
Tri-M Honor Society Co-Advisors	Mrs. Angela Turk
	Mr. Brian Kroll
SH Art Club Advisor	Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
JH Art Club Advisor	Mrs. Patricia Stork
Best Buddy Club Co-Advisors	Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran
	Mrs. Jaime Harrison
Chess Club Advisor	Mr. Richard Villanueva
DECA Club Advisor (2)	Mrs. Claire Reilly
	Mr. Andrew Marulis
Family & Consumer Sciences Club Co-Advisors	Ms. Lisa Brush
	Ms. Jenna Cucci
Leo Club Advisor (Co-Advisors)	Ms. Lisa Brush
	Ms. Jenna Cucci
Literary Magazine Advisor (Visions)	Mrs. Sarah Schreiber
SADD/SEA Interact Advisor	Mrs. Joan Johanson
School Paper Advisor (Panther Tales) (Co-Advisors)	Mr. James Schappert
	Mrs. Brooke Carey
Technology Club Advisor	Mr. Peter Mankes
Thoreau Society	Dr. Mark Malaszczyk
Writers' Club Advisor	Mrs. Sarah Schreiber
Secretary Treasurer Athletic Association	Mr. Robert Andrews
Computer Support/Technician	Mr. Steven Silipo
PM Detention Supervisor	Mr. Stephen Vaccaro
Student Coordinator	Ms. Suzanne Murphy
Parent Coordinator	Mr. Stephen Vaccaro

- NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS** 11. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Rosemary Koehler and Daniel Sparby as non-permanent substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$100.00/day.
- VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT** 12. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Henry Brunjes as a volunteer football coach for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers. On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 12 was approved. (6-1) Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown, G. Antolini, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto Voting No: D. Bencivenga
- APPOINTMENT CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON** 13. **APPOINTMENT CSE/CPSE CHAIRPERSON: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lisa Consolo, Interim District Director of Special Education, as the CSE and CPSE Chairperson for the 2013-2014 school year.
- CPSE FORMS** 14. **CPSE FORMS: RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Preschool Special Education is requesting that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Consolo, Interim District Director of Special Education, as their designee for the 2013-2014 school year to sign all necessary and appropriate TAF forms and STAC forms concerning the placement of preschool students.
- REFUSE REMOVAL CONTRACT** 15. **REFUSE REMOVAL CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Babylon Board of Education and Progressive Waste Solutions for Refuse Removal and Disposal for the 2013-2014 school year.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT** 16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant services agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Barbara Christensen (SE#14) for the 2013-2014 school year.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT** 17. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contract between the Babylon Union Free School District and Brentwood UFSD (SE#15), Central Islip UFSD (SE#16), Wyandanch UFSD (SE#17), The Hagedorn Little Village School (SE#18) for the 2013-2014 school year.
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE** 18. **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 April 2013 to August 2013.
- TABLED INTERSCHOLASTIC SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM** 19. **INTERSCHOLASTIC SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM: WHEREAS**, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grade; and, **WHEREAS**, in the past, the Board has permitted the use of this program in the sports program; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the students of the District to discontinue the use of the program; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Babylon Board of Education as of September 1, 2013, shall not permit Babylon UFSD pupils to compete under the Selection/Classification Program. A motion to table Resolution #19 and refer it to the policy committee was made by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown and approved. (5-2) Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto Voting No: D. Bencivenga, G. Antolini

**TABLED  
AMENDMENT OF  
INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETICS  
HANDBOOK**

20. **AMENDMENT OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS HANDBOOK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the amendment of the Interscholastic Athletics Handbook, dated January 2010, by deleting all references to the selection/classification program.

A motion to table Resolution #20 and refer it to the policy committee was made by A. Berenblatt, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0)

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
EXPENDITURE**

21. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE: WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2013, District personnel discovered unforeseen conditions in the first grade wing of the Babylon Elementary School, in that there were visible signs of mold, which may create an imminent threat to public buildings and public safety; **WHEREAS**, the Facilities Director immediately requested Enviroscience Consultants, Inc., an independent environmental consulting company, to conduct a visual inspection for mold. The result confirmed that mold was present; **WHEREAS**, the BOE was notified of this condition the same day; **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent, upon recommendation of School Construction Consultants, Inc., and Enviroscience Consultants, Inc., hired a mold remediation contractor named Belfor, LI, LLC, to conduct mold remediation of eight classrooms in the first grade wing of the Elementary School. The work was performed immediately, on August 29 and 30, 2013; **WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2013, upon recommendation of School Construction Consultants, Inc. and Enviroscience Consultants, Inc., the District requested further testing to be performed in other areas of the Elementary School and in the Grade School. These tests, received by the District on Friday, August 30, 2013, also returned positive for mold. The presence of mold indicated that additional remediation work was required in both buildings before students and staff could occupy the buildings; **WHEREAS**, these conditions were discovered on the Friday prior to the three-day Labor Day weekend, and it was determined that failure to immediately remediate the buildings would cause the delay of the opening of the schools or jeopardize the safety and health of inhabitants; **WHEREAS**, Belfor, LI, LLC, indicated its capability and willingness to perform the remediation prior to the first day of school on September 3, 2013; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and School Construction Consultants, the Board of Education hereby determines that the circumstances existing on August 28, 2013, affected the health and safety of inhabitants at the Elementary and Grade Schools which warranted testing for and the remediation of mold as an emergency condition which could not await competitive bidding; and; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes, without the necessity of competitive bidding, the expenditure of \$178,591.00 to Balfor, LI, LLC, for remediating the above-described mold conditions, and the expenditure not to exceed \$25,000.00 for incidental cost and architectural and engineering services performed as part of this emergency work.

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 21 was approved. (7-0)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Berenblatt commended Mrs. Polney-Marinello and Mrs. Speacht for responding to parents and approving parent portals so quickly.

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF  
ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions and/or concerns regarding test opt-out, Regents scores, tax rate, tax levy, interscholastic sports.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on September 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Update on Technology

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on motion by L. McKeown, seconded D. Bencivenga and approved. (7-0)