

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 6, 2014
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mrs. Linda Jurs
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 and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:31 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2014, Work/Study Meeting of September 22, 2014, Special Meetings of September 4, 2014, September 17, 2014 and September 23, 2014 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2014 were approved on motion by E. Altbacker and seconded L. Jurs. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, reported that the homecoming parade and football game for Saturday is cancelled due to Stony Brook forfeiting the game. The homecoming parade and football game has been rescheduled for Saturday November 1 vs. Center Moriches. Spirt Week began today and will continue through Friday followed by the Pep Rally and the Soccer Under the Lights. Mrs. Kemler, Elementary School Principal, discussed the great strides that have been made in the K-2 curriculum. It has been the district goal to streamline the district's K-6 curriculum vertically, from grade to grade, and horizontally, from subject to subject. Mrs. Krucher, kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Weissinger, grade 1 teacher, shared students work. There was no student delegate report this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the Board will meet with the district's external auditor on Monday, October 20th at 6:45 p.m. The auditor will present his report that evening to the public at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, and Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 15th at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively, subject to the architects availability. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the curriculum committee meeting was changed to October 21st at 7:00 p.m. to begin a discussion on district goals and vision. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on October 20th at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Altbacker asked Board members to review policies 1230 and 2350 and bring to the policy committee their suggestions and wording prior to the next meeting. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS Questions from visitors on agenda items were addressed.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto a motion to omnibus Items 1-16 and 18-20 was approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by C. Dell'Erba Items 1-16 and 18-20 was approved (7-0).

RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFER

1. **RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes a transfer from unappropriated fund balance to fund reserves as follows:
Reserve for Retirement Contributions \$730,000
Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability \$144,000

TAX LEVY

2. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year be set at \$37,446,077. The estimated tax rate will be \$204.68 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to make available additional instructional support to students and teachers through certified Teaching Assistants; **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates the position of Teaching Assistant(s), at an initial annual salary of \$24,000.

PART-TIME SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

4. **PART-TIME SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an increase in the FTE of Catherine H. Schipf, part-time speech and language therapist, from a .5 FTE to a .6 FTE effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be .6 FTE of Step 4 of the MA column of the 2014-2015 teachers' salary schedule.

RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

5. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Mary Beth Schappert as the LI Science Fair Liaison Advisor and Charles Leech as the Junior High Jazz Band Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School

Art Club	Pat Stork
Chess Club (1/2 stipend)	Rick Punzone
Creative Writing	Danielle Vedder
Intramurals	Craig Washington
Safety Patrol	Kristine Prass
Student Council (Gr. 5 & 6)	Joanne Fasano
Student Council (Gr. 3 & 4)	Cathy O'Connor
Swing Chorus	Colleen Angerami
Technology Club (1/2 stipend)	Steve Fasciani
Club Invention Grade 3	Christopher Tordy
Club Invention Grade 4	Michael Breiner
Club Invention Grade 5	Michael Breiner
Computer Support Technician	Steve Fasciani

CASUAL

Elementary School

APPOINTMENTS

Singing Club Advisors (Grade 1)	Colleen Angerami Yaniriz Rodriguez
Singing Club Advisors (Grade 2)	Colleen Angerami Yaniriz Rodriguez
Newsletter Club-Grade 2	Teri Polis
Book Club-Grades 1 & 2	Teri Polis
Tiny Tech (STEAM) Club Advisors - Grade 2	Kristie Hirten Stephanie Kiriakopoulos
Art Club-Grade 1 (1/2 stipend)	Kristie Hirten

Junior -Senior High School

JH Jazz Band	Dan Kreuger
Tri-M Honor Society Co-Advisor	Dan Kreuger
Drama Club/Thespian Honor Society	Derek Kinnear
LI Science Fair Liaison Advisor	Claire Birone

Winter Coaching Appointments

Varsity Boys Basketball	Chris Morra
JV Boys Basketball	William Singleton
JH Boys Basketball*** (Black)	Robert Andrews
JH Boys Basketball***(Orange)	Steve Edmonds
Varsity Girls Basketball	Chris Ryan
JV Girls Basketball	Stephanie Sirico
JH Girls Basketball**(Black)	Rich Villanueva
JH Girls Basketball**(Orange)	Hans Wiederkehr
JH Girls Volleyball**(Black)-	Brenda Mayo
JH Girls Volleyball**(Orange)	Hans Wiederkehr
Varsity Boys Winter Track	Craig Washington
Varsity Girls Winter Track	Jess Prochilo
Varsity Wrestling	Kenny Brodmerkel
JV Wrestling	Danny McHugh
JH Wrestling***	Joe Fragapane
JH Wrestling***	Mike Russo
Varsity Cheerleading	Jennifer Shelorke
JV Cheerleading	Bryanna Kelly
Winter Weight Room Supervisor	John Greaney

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

7. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following staff as volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers:

Varsity Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach	Tim Harrison
JH Boys Soccer Volunteer Coach	Michael Birnbaum

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES

8. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time aide appointments effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for these assignments to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

Jamie Grassa Jonathan Kowalchuk Tamara Gumbardo Susan Ziegler

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITORS

9. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time monitor appointments effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for these assignments to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

Mary Batura Denise Delaney

APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDES

10. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Karen Altieri and Claire Joseph as aides for the 2014-2015 afterschool program. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL
WORKERS**

11. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following substitute custodial workers effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for these assignments to be \$11.00/hour.

Fredy Rodas William Flynn Jr. Joseph Fiore

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR**

12. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the substitute aide/monitor appointment of Bridget Schwarz effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

**NON-PERMANENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENT**

13. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Cara Ginsberg as a non-permanent substitute teacher effective October 7, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$100.00/day.

**MENTOR
APPOINTMENTS**

14. **MENTOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the Babylon Teachers Association Contract.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>
Kathy Reynolds	Danielle Weiss
Michelle Scharff	Lindsay Laurich
Claire Birone	Stephanie Sirico

**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP**

15. **STUDENT INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the student placement of Robby Harris as a school psychologist intern assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School for the 2014-2015 school year:

**OVERNIGHT
FIELD
TRIP**

16. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for a DECA overnight trip to Rochester, New York from March 4-6, 2015 to participate in the DECA State Career Conference.

DONATIONS

17. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a Vibraphone from Joel Sikowitz and two pianos from Mr. Gerry Gravina with appreciation for these generous gifts.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 17 was approved.
(7-0)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
SERVICES AGREEMENT**

18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Achieve Beyond (SE#20), Barbara Christensen (#A19) for the 2014-2015 school year.

**CONSULTANT
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

19. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Creative Tutoring for the 2014-2015 school year.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND CPSE**

20. **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 March 2014 to September 2014 be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

A Board member asked that a discussion regarding alumni outreach be added to the work/study topics at the October 20th meeting.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Keating, SEPTA President, inquired as to attendance of Board members at SEPTA meetings. The Board will add this as a topic for discussion for its work/study meeting to be held on October 20th.

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QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board addressed questions and listened to comments regarding special education, Common Core issues, Smart School Bond impact in Babylon and transportation.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014 and Regular Meeting on November 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0)