

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

October 7, 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 (arrived 6:40 p.m.)

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 particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0). Mr. Montalto arrived at 6:40 p.m. Public Session resumed at 7:35 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013, Work/Study Meeting of September 23, 2013 and Special Work/Study Meeting of October 1, 2013 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by L. McKeown. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by D. Bencivenga. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Max O'Handley, reported that homecoming will be held on October 19th, the Breast Cancer Walk will be held on October 24th and the first Annual Safe Halloween will be held on October 31st. On September 21st over 40 BHS students volunteered at Gilgo Beach to celebrate International Coastal Clean-up Day. They also reported on other activities in the high school. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, reported that October is Emergency Preparedness Month in the Babylon Schools. In the coming weeks, our students will undergo practice drills in sheltering-in and locking-down. Mr. Cirone was presented with a certificate from NYSED declaring Babylon Junior-Senior High School a Reward School. The building principals reported on highlights in each of their buildings. Mr. D'Amico presented the June 2013 Regents exam results and our plans for moving forward. Mr. Roger Smith from BBS Engineering and Architectural Firm gave an update on the state of the Bond proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee will meet in executive session on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. with the district's external auditor to review the 2012-2013 draft annual report. L. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on November 4 at 6:00 p.m. D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a special work/study meeting is scheduled for October 8 at 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed bond referendum. Dr. Daly reported on the mold remediation. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, scheduled a meeting for October 25 at 9:00 a.m. and will be scheduling a policy committee meeting to discuss selection/classification. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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

New Business

- TAX LEVY** 1. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that the tax levy for the 2013-2014 school year be set at \$36,901,120. The estimated tax rate will be \$203.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation. On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by D. Bencivenga, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)
- REVISED APPROPRIATION BUDGET** 2. **REVISED APPROPRIATION BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby revises the 2012-2013 appropriation budget for unanticipated expenditures and increases code A2110.1383.01 in the amount of \$149,581 to pay for compensated absences to employees retiring as of June 30 2013: and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education utilize the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR) to provide funding for these compensated absence benefits
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)
- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by G. Antolini a motion to omnibus Items 3-8, 10-12, and 14-17 was approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by G. Antolini Items 3-8, 10-12, and 14-17 was approved (7-0).
- PROBATIONARY CLERK TYPIST** 3. **PROBATIONARY CLERK TYPIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the probationary appointment of Jean Marie Sheehan as a 12-month clerk typist effective September 17, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1, Column D of the 2013-2014 CSEA Clerical Association Contract.
- PART-TIME READING TEACHER** 4. **PART-TIME READING TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an increase in the FTE of Daisy Holzmacher, part-time reading teacher, from a .5 FTE to a .8 FTE effective October 8, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be .8 FTE of Step 9 of the MA+15 column of the 2013-2014 teachers' salary schedule.
- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER** 5. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alexa Grant as a part-time (.2) social studies teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective October 8, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be .2 FTE of Step 1 of the BA+30 column of the 2013-2014 teachers' salary schedule.
- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE** 6. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointment of Susan Stark effective October 8, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 aides and monitors association contract.
- APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR** 7. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the substitute aide/monitor appointment of Laura Doherty effective October 8, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS** 8. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$100.00/day.
Elizabeth Palumbo Teri Polis Kristie Hirten

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **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 2013-2014 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	Danielle Vedder
Club Invention Grade 5	Lisa Necroto
Cross Country (1/2 stipend)	Joe Rossi

Elementary School

Singing Club Advisors (Grade 1)	Colleen Angerami
Singing Club Advisors (Grade 2)	Colleen Angerami
Kindness Counts Visual Club(1/2 stipend)	Kristie Hirten
Book Club (1/2 stipend)	Teri Polis
Journalism Club (1/2 stipend)	Teri Polis
Art Club (Grade 2)	Kristie Hirten

Junior -Senior High School

Yearbook Advisor	Jeffrey Kenney
National Honor Society Advisor	Jeffrey Kenney
Drama Club/Int'l Thespian Society Advisor	Lisa Drance
All School Production Director	Lisa Drance
Pit Band Director	Charles Leech
All School Musical Assistant to Director	Michael Birnbaum

Winter Coaching Appointments

Varsity Boys Basketball	Chris Morra
JV Boys Basketball	William Singleton
JH Boys Basketball	Robert Andrews
Varsity Girls Basketball	Chris Ryan
JV Girls Basketball	Kevin Delaney
JH Girls Basketball	Rich Villanueva
JH Girls Volleyball	Brenda Mayo
Varsity Boys Winter Track	Craig Washington
Varsity Girls Winter Track	Joe Rossi
Varsity Wrestling	Kenny Brodmerkel
JV Wrestling	Danny McHugh
JH Wrestling	Joe Fragapane
	Mike Russo
Varsity Cheerleading	Jeanne Allen
JV Cheerleading	Jacqueline Donnelly
Winter Weight Room Supervisor	Hans Wiederkehr
Athletic Trainer	South Bay Physical Therapy

On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 9 was approved. (4-3)
Voting Yes: R. Katz, G. Antolini, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto
Voting No: L. McKeown, A. Berenblatt, D. Bencivenga

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
APPOINTMENT**

10. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Timothy Harrison as a varsity girls basketball volunteer for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers.

**MENTOR
APPOINTMENT**

11. **MENTOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teacher as a mentor for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for this position to be as specified in the Babylon Teachers Association Contract.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>
Stacy Neidig	Jennifer Mangone
Brian Katz	Michael Birnbaum

**STUDENT
TEACHER/
INTERNSHIP**

12. **STUDENT TEACHER/INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement the following student teachers/interns for the Fall 2013 semester:

Tiffani Frazier	School Counseling Intern	BJSH
Samantha Escalera	Student Teacher	GS

DONATIONS

13. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor, an Oklahoma Football Chute valued at approximately \$964.00 from the Babylon Booster Club and a Comstar Single wireless headset valued at \$595.00, football shorts and water bottles valued at approximately \$270.00 from the Babylon Hits Club, with appreciation for these generous gifts.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 13 was approved. (6-1)

Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown, G. Antolini, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto

Voting No: D. Bencivenga

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

14. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2013-2014 school year:

From: A9760.7300-00-000 Debt Service-Tax Anticipation Notes (200,000)

To: A9900.9600-00-000 Interfund Transfer/Capital Fund 200,000

This transfer is being done to cover the cost for the Mold Remediation Project

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and The Long Island Home (SE#19) for the 2013-2014 school year.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

16. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health and welfare services agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2013-2014 school year: Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Deer Park UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Longwood CSD, North Babylon UFSD, West Babylon UFSD, Westbury UFSD, Wyandanch UFSD.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND CPSE**

17. **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 July 2013 to September 2013 be approved.

BTA GRIEVANCE

18. **BTA GRIEVANCE: WHEREAS**, the Babylon Teachers' Association filed a Stage 3 Grievance, regarding Director Positions with the District, and such grievance was denied at Step 2; and, **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement ("CBA"), between the BTA and the Board of Education, the grievance was presented to the Board of Education on October 1, 2013, in executive session, **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the evidence submitted by the BTA, and, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that after a careful review of the facts, circumstances, documentation, and contract provisions involved in this Grievance, the Board finds no violation, misinterpretation or inequitable application of the CBA's provisions, district policy and/or past practice, and therefore, the grievance is denied. On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 18 was approved. (7-0)

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 from visitors regarding the proposed bond referendum, energy report, curriculum resources.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Special Work/Study Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to hold a discussion of the proposed bond referendum, a Work/Study Meeting will be held on October 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Independent Auditor's Report, and a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Recognition will be held during the public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 9:50 p.m. there being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown and approved. (7-0)