

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 14, 2008
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

Mrs. Judy Anderson, President
Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President
Mr. Darrell Conway
Mr. Roger A. Katz
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Anderson, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board unanimously agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President J. Anderson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2008, Special Meetings of September 11, 2008 and September 15, 2008 and Work/Study Meeting of September 22, 2008 was approved on motion by Mr. Melito and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2008 was approved on motion by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mr. Melito.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Delegates, Michael Augello and Neil Cusamano, reported that homecoming will be on October 25th and the parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the football game will start at 2:00 p.m. Spirit week will be held from October 20-24, 2008. Mrs. Theiss, Home and Careers teacher, along with Directors Mrs. Drance and Mr. Michele, reported on the 7th and 8th grade Academic Enrichment Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee met with the auditor and received a very good report. Mr. Cullen will present his report at the next audit committee meeting scheduled for October 27th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the manufacturer for the field lights will be coming to finalize the heads. The third floor classrooms will be ready for classes next week. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be conducting a first reading of policies 4321.3, 4321.14 and 2270.

FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.13, 4321.4 AND 2270

1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.13-PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION, 4321.14-SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL AND 2270-SCHOOL ATTORNEY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 4321.13-Preschool Special Education, 4321.14-Special Education Personnel and 2270-School Attorney and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 4321.13, 4321.14 and 2270 as attached.

On motion by C. Vukovich, seconded by H. Brunjes the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 4321.13, 4321.14 and 2270 as attached.

As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Conway, an omnibus motion to move Items 1-14 was unanimously approved.

On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move items 1-14 was unanimously APPROVED.

TAX LEVY

1. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that the tax levy for the 2008-2009 school year be set at \$33,431,725. The estimated tax rate will be \$180.136 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

**STUDENT
OVERNIGHT AP
GOVERNMENT TRIP**

2. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT AP GOVERNMENT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an overnight trip for AP government students to attend the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC from January 18-21, 2009.

LEAVE OF ABENCE

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Erin Andrews, English teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing November 12, 2008 to January 23, 2009 be approved.

**LEAVE
REPLACEMENT
ENGLISH TEACHER**

4. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Valan as a leave replacement English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective November 12, 2008 through January 23, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

**PART-TIME MONITOR
APPOINTMENT**

5. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Jeanette McGinley as a part-time monitor, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective October 15, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the aides and monitors association contract.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Junior-Senior High School

Junior High Student Council Co-Advisors

Barbara O'Halloran

Melissa Colapinto

Senior High Student Council Co-Advisors

Cheryl Schweider

Lauren Shanks

Set Construction

Linda Napolitano

Choreographer All School Musical

Cassandra Mercurio

Grade School

Character Chronicles

Joan Altieri

Chess Club

Rick Punzone

Community Helpers

Shannon Romanchuk

Creative Writing

Danielle Erardy

Cross Country Co-Advisors

Joe Rossi

Culture Club

Danielle Erardy

Debate Club

Lilly Salcedo

Discovering Science

Kim Mielenhausen

Families and Books

Bill Singleton

Intramurals

Cheryl Murphy

Grace Kiernan

Jazz Ensemble

Sue Shanahan

Kids' Character

Craig Washington

Physical Fitness

Charles Leech

Safety Patrol

Cheryl Murphy

Student Council (Gr. 5 & 6)

Craig Washington

Student Council (Gr. 3 & 4)

Valerie Schultheis

Swing Chorus

Rita Bartenback

Pat Murphy

Elementary School

Bruce Borg

The Kindergarten Musical Co-Advisors

Sarah Ryczek

Art Club Advisor

Colleen Winther

Earth Science Club Advisor

Helen Dietrick

Singing Club Advisor

Stacey Aprea

Computer Club Advisor (K)

Colleen Winther

Computer Club Advisor (Grades 1-2)

Jennifer Monteleone

Multicultural Club Advisor

Jennifer Brown

Yani Garcia

Newspaper Club Co-Advisors

Yani Garcia

Jennifer Brown

Gardening Club Advisor

Robert Andrews

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKERS**

- 7. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as a substitute food service workers effective October 15, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute food service worker hourly rate of pay. Linda Thompson, Penny Walsh, Ellen Serota, Karen Bumbalo

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS NON-
PERMANENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

- 8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as non-permanent substitute teachers effective October 15, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute teacher per diem rate. Michelle Bartlett, Gayle Boring, Sabrina Brunjes, Gustavo Caicedo, Rachel Mirabal, John Parrinello, Regina Parlapiano, Marlo Richards, Courtney Croteau, Robert Grandjean, Keryn Schappert, William Sullivan

**APPOINTMENT
PHYSICIAN**

- 9. **APPOINTMENT PHYSICIAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Jack Gefken as the physician who annually reviews and certifies Babylon UFSD AED machines and related protocols and services as per the contract between Babylon UFSD and Dr. Gefken for the 2008-2009 school year.

**APPOINTMENT
SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONSULTANTS**

- 10. **APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoint the following special Education Consultants for the 2008-2009 school year:

Artie Voigt	ELA Consultants	\$1200.00/day
Patricia Koch	Special Education Consultant	\$ 350.00/day
Literacy Builders	ELA Consultant	\$ 125.00/hour
Steve Vaccarro	Special Education Parent Trainer	\$ 50.00/hour
Henry Mack	Special Education Parent Trainer	\$ 50.00/hour
Erin Cutrone	Special Education Parent Trainer	\$ 50.00/hour

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

- 11. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff: Stephen Fasciani, Nicole Galetto, Maria Scaduto

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACTS**

- 12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by the following contractors for the 2008-2009 school year: AHRC, Center for Communication Care, Education and Assistance Corp., Bilinguals Inc.

SEQRA RESOLUTION

- 13. **SEQRA RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows: SED #58-01-01-03-0-001-014 Babylon Junior-Senior High School: Energy Efficient Lighting, Lighting Controls, Weatherization Improvements, Boiler Controllers, Building Management System Upgrade, Steam System Upgrade, Summer Domestic Hot Water Heater, Energy Efficient Burner Replacement, Vending Machine Controllers, Computer Energy Management System, Install Premium Efficient Motors, Pipe & Valve Insulation; SED#58-01-01-03-0-002-011 Babylon Memorial Grade School: Energy Efficient Lighting, Lighting Controls, Weatherization Improvements, Boiler Controllers, Building Management System Upgrade, Steam System Upgrade, Summer Domestic Hot Water Heater, Energy Efficient Burner Replacement, Vending Machine Controllers, Computer Energy Management System, Install Premium Efficient Motors, Pipe & Valve Insulation; SED#58-01-01-03-0-003-011 Babylon Elementary School: Energy Efficient Lighting, Lighting Controls, Weatherization Improvements, Boiler Controllers, Building Management System Upgrade, Steam System Upgrade, Summer Domestic Hot Water Heater, Energy Efficient Burner Replacement, Vending Machine Controllers, Computer Energy Management System, Install Premium Efficient Motors, Pipe and Valve Insulation; WHEREAS, in 1995 amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories: A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5(c)(1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing

facility. B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5(c)(2): replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR§617.5(4). C. 6NYCRR§617.5(c)(8): Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings. THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, all the above referenced projects fall under Categories "A" or "B" above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is "No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a)".

**COMMITTEE ON SE
AND CPSE SPECIAL**

14. **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, as attached hereto, be accepted.

DONATION

15. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$500.00 from Dr. and Mrs. Adamo and family for the Grade School Courtyard Garden with thanks and appreciation.

On motion by D. Conway, seconded by A. Martino, Resolution 15 was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved on to the next item.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS/
QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

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

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding teachers e-mail and webpages.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. The topic will be Independent Audit Report and Board of Education Goals. The Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school. The topic will be Literacy Collaboration in the elementary school.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.

Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office.