

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 15, 2007
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Melito

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Mr. 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 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Darrell Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Melito and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Melito was present for executive session and excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2007, Special Meeting of September 12, 2007, Work/Study Meeting of September 29, 2007 and Special Meeting of October 4, 2007 was approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2007 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. (6-0)

STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT

Harry Newman, student delegate, reported that today starts spirit week. Homecoming is Saturday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m. Student Council will be conducting a coin fundraiser for the Meningitis Foundation. They are also working on updating the photographs in the main hallway.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education recognized AP Scholars with Honor, Yining Shao and Ul Weenz and AP Scholars, Alexander Grant, Laura Greenman, Ryan Katz and Colleen Pisciotta with a certificate of achievement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that a finance committee meeting is scheduled for October 24th at 6:45 p.m. and at the October 29th Work/Study meeting the districts Independent Audit Report will be presented. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair, and Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair reported that the technology meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and buildings and grounds is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on October 24th. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee is reviewing policies and a first reading of policies 1141, 4526, 4526R, 5421 will be conducted this evening.

- FIRST READING POLICIES 1141-DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY OR TO STUDENTS, 4526-COMPUTER NETWORK USE, 4526R-COMPUTER NETWORK USE REGULATION, 5421-WELLNESS POLICY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of Policies 1141, 4526, 4526R and 5421, as attached.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 1141, 4526, 4526R and 5421.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

NEW BUSINESS

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 1-25 was approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move resolutions 1-25 was approved. (6-0)

TAX RATE

1. **TAX RATE: RESOLVED**, that the tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year be set at \$171.654 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

2. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve appropriation transfers to balance the 2006-2007 school budget as attached.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS

3. **SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the goals established for the 2007-2008 school year as attached.

NYSSBA DELEGATE

4. **NYSSBA DELEGATE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Catherine Vukovich as voting delegate and Judy Anderson as alternate voting delegate to the 2007 NYSSBA Annual Meeting.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

5. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and Release regarding a pending Special Education matter, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said stipulation on behalf of the Board of Education.

HOURLY RATE INCREASE FOR HOME PROGRAMMING

6. **HOURLY RATE INCREASE FOR HOME PROGRAMMING: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the increase in the hourly rate of pay for Home Programming to \$50.00 per hour.

TRANSPORTATION

7. **TRANSPORTATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the overtime athletic transportation hourly rate for John Bosch Bus to \$50.00 per hour for the 2007-2008 school year.

FITNESS INCENTIVE

8. **FITNESS INCENTIVE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an agreement between Fitness Incentive and Babylon UFSD as attached.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

9. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Suffolk, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, acting through its duly constituted Suffolk County Department of Health Services and Babylon UFSD. The parties hereto agree that the Babylon UFSD will provide a mass dispensing site, in the event of a public health emergency for the distribution of medicine to the public, as attached.

ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

10. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for the 2007/2008 school year; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the school year of 2007/2008 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

11. **PERFORMANCE CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Babylon UFSD is interested in upgrading the energy systems for the benefit of our students and **WHEREAS** the concept of a performance contract to accomplish these goals represents a cost effective solution, therefore, **WHEREAS**, it is fully understood that this performance contract will be implemented in a manner which results in all costs being offset completely by energy cost savings and state aid. In effect, there will be no net cost of implementation to the taxpayer, as Johnson Controls Inc. must guarantee all energy cost savings. It is further understood that this project will be implemented provided that it is approved by the State Education Department and the Board of Education with respect to all specifics including insurance requirements. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to select Johnson Controls Inc. as the Energy Service Company (ESCO) for the coordination and implementation of this project and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to develop a specific contract, in the approximate sum of \$2.6 million which delineates all services and equipment applicable to specific locations throughout the district and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign such contract on behalf of the school district subject to prior review and approval by the Babylon UFSD Board of Education.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

12. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2007-2008 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School

Character Chronicles
Chess Club
Community Helpers
Creative Writing
Cross Country Co-Advisors

Joan Altieri
Rick Punzone
Eileen Ratto
Danielle Erardy
Joe Rossi
Shannon Romanchuk

Culture Club
Debate Club
Discovering Science

Joan Altieri
Kim Mielenhausen
Bill Singleton
Pat Mastrandrea
Grace Kiernan
Sue Shanahan
Craig Washington
Don Meier
Cheryl Murphy
Craig Washington
Lisa Gillespie
Valerie Schultheis
Rita Bartenback (Gr. 5 & 6)
Pat Murphy (Gr. 3 & 4)
Bruce Borg

Families and Books
Intramurals

Jazz Ensemble
Kids' Character
Physical Fitness
Safety Patrol Co-Advisors

Student Council
Student Council
Swing Chorus

Elementary School

Singing Club
Computer Club
Gardening Club

Colleen Winther
Jennifer Monteleone
Rob Andrews

Junior-Senior High School

SH Math Team Co-Advisors

Peggy Holguin
John Michele

RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT

13. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointment for Nancy O'Donnell as National Junior Honor Society co-advisor and appoint Barbara Small as National Junior Honor Society Advisor.

APPOINTMENT OF COOK

14. **APPOINTMENT OF COOK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Justine Alaggio as a cook assigned to the Babylon Elementary School effective September 28, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Cafeteria Association Contract.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE

15. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment for Lauren Atchison as a part-time aide, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 17, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Aides and Monitors Agreement.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR

16. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Colleen Saphire as a part-time monitor, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Aides and Monitors Agreement.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKERS

17. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following personnel as part-time custodial workers effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for these assignments to be in accordance with the Custodial Association Agreement.

Michael Gordon Andrew Vita Christopher Sands James Pannullo

APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

18. **APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Martina Luce as a non-permanent substitute teacher effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute per diem rate.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE MONITOR

19. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Elaine Jurs as a substitute monitor effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute monitor per diem rate.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER

20. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Lisa Marie Brunjes as a substitute custodial worker effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute custodial worker per diem rate.

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKERS**

21. **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) the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as substitute food service workers effective October 16, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service workers per diem rate.

Lisa Bray Jodian Robinson Georgia Altbacker

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

22. **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 as listed on Attachment A.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

23. **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.

CONSULTANT

24. **CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Tricia Bocchimuzzo as an educational evaluator. Compensation to be as per attached Schedule B.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACTS**

25. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by the following contractors: Accessible Learning Technology Alternatives, Just Kids Diagnostic and Treatment Agency, Metro Therapy Inc. and Leeway School.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education answered questions regarding the tax rate, status of donation of field lights, Board minutes preparation, meeting guidelines, community involvement in budget process, use of public relations firm, school security, wellness policy and nut allergy awareness.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

The Board of Education will be recognized at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Work/Study Meeting on Monday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Katz.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**LINDA PESCE
DISTRICT CLERK**