

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 17, 2011

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Mr. Thomas Melito (arrived at 6:35 p.m., left at 9:30 p.m.)

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Peter R. Daly

Central Office Administration

Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the Babylon Cafeteria Association, the employment history of a particular staff member, and advise from counsel regarding a proposed contract with the superintendent search firm was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Montalto and approved. (5-0).

The Board resumed public session at 7:41 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2011, Work/Study Meeting of September 26, 2011 and Special Meetings of September 22, 2011, October 6, 2011 and October 11, 2011 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Berenblatt. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2011 and September 2011 was approved on motion by Ms. Berenblatt and seconded by Mr. Melito. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Delegates, Carolanne Murphy, Shannon Going and Grace O'Nishea reported that on October 12th student council held a Lights Out Against Breast Cancer Walk and raised over \$500 to donate to the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition. Homecoming King was Kevin Connolly and Queen was Erica Zigon. They also reported on various activities in the high school. Dr. Daly, Interim Superintendent, reported that Governor Cuomo vetoed the funding bill that would provide approximately \$100,000 in state building aid reimbursement to the district. Dr. Daly reported that the district will work with our legislators and the Governor's office to help reclaim these funds during the 2012 legislative session. Dr. Daly and the Board of Education recognized Patricia Stork, art teacher, for being chosen as the Art Educator of the year for Region Ten. Dr. Daly also reported on the accomplishments of students and staff. Mrs. Carole Polney-Marinello presented a power point on the new technology rooms at the elementary and grade schools. Mr. Steve Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, reported on the 2012-2013 New York State Property Tax Cap. Mr. D'Amico reported on the New York State Assessments and Action Plan. Dr. Daly reported on the restructuring of the 5th grade. Two parent meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th. Dr. Bonagura will meet with the 5th grade students on Thursday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Antolini, audit committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. to meet with the independent auditor. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, scheduled a meeting for October 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Melito, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met to review the building condition survey and to review priorities. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and the next committee meeting will be held in the elementary tech room on November 9th at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a first reading of policies will be conducted and the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 1130 MEDIA RELATIONS, 4311.1/4311.1-R DISPLAY OF THE FLAG AND REGULATION, 4531/4531-R FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS AND REGULATION, 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS AND EXHIBIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School

Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, and approved (7-0) the Board conducted a first reading and waived the formal first reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items and presentations.

TAX LEVY

1. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that the tax levy for the 2011-2012 school year be set at \$35,298,246. The estimated tax rate will be \$191.62 per \$100 of assessed valuation. On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENT

2. **CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consulting services of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to conduct a superintendent search as per a proposal dated October 12, 2011. On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (APPR) PLAN

3. **ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (APPR) PLAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan dated September 1, 2011. On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

4. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Cafeteria Association and Babylon Union Free School District dated October 17, 2011. On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 4 was approved. (6-0)

DONATION

5. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation from the Booster Club for a pair of field hockey goals in the amount \$1,580.00 with gratitude for this generous gift. On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 5 was approved. (6-0)

LABOR COUNSEL CONTRACT

6. **LABOR COUNSEL CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute a Labor Counsel Contract between the Babylon Union Free School District and Guercio & Guercio, replacing the current labor counsel contract, effective October 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 6 was approved. (6-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, a motion to omnibus Items 7-21 was approved. (6-0)
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 7-21 was approved. (6-0)

APPOINTMENT DISTRICT TREASURER

7. **APPOINTMENT DISTRICT TREASURER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Donna Lika as District Treasurer effective October 18, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this appointment to be \$14,220 prorated.

APPOINTMENT PROBATIONARY ACCOUNT CLERK

8. **APPOINTMENT PROBATIONARY ACCOUNT CLERK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Denise Baio as a probationary account clerk, assigned to the Business Office, effective October 19, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column C of the 2011-2012 school year.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE WORKER

9. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Tanya Lindenberg as a part-time food service worker effective October 18, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be \$16.50/hour.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

10. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective October 18, 2011. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00. Enzo Brun, Cecila Galbraith, Dawn Gaynor, Suann Lechnyk, Lauren Moran, Stefanie SantaMaria, Ioanna Spyris, Jennifer Ruggirello

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE NURSE**

11. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE NURSE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Diane Botto as a substitute nurse effective October 18, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute nurse per diem rate of pay of \$175.00.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKER**

12. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Denisse Bruno as a substitute food service worker, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective October 18, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service worker rate of pay of \$10.00/hour.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE AIDE**

13. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Karen Ballman as a substitute aide effective October 18, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be \$16.40/hour.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

14. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2011-2012 school year.

Grade School

Chess Club	Rick Punzone
Creative Writing	Danielle Vedder
Intramurals	Craig Washington/Chris Morra
Kids Discovery	Cheryl Murphy
Safety Patrol	Valerie Schultheis
Science Exploration	Heather Hosek
Student Council (Gr. 5 & 6)	Rita Bartenback
Student Council (Gr. 3 & 4)	Patricia Murphy
Swing Chorus	Colleen Angerami

Elementary School

Singing Club Advisors (Grade 1)	Colleen Angerami/.5 Jennifer Brown
Singing Club Advisors (Grade 2)	Colleen Angerami/.5 Jennifer Brown
Art Club Advisor (Grade 2)	Patricia Stork

High School

Best Buddies Co-Advisors	Barbara O'Halloran/Eric Rosasco
Chordettes	Brian Kroll

Winter Coaching

Varsity Boys Basketball	Chris Morra
JV Boys Basketball	Andrew Marulis
JH Boys Basketball	Robert Andrews
Varsity Girls Basketball	Chris Ryan
JV Girls Basketball	Tim Harrison
JH Girls Basketball	Rich Villanueva
JH Girls Volleyball	Brenda Mayo
Varsity Boys Winter Track	Joe Rossi
Varsity Girls Winter Track	Tom Nettuno
JH Wrestling	Joseph Fragapane
	Mike Russo
Varsity Cheerleading	Jeanne Allen
Athletic Trainer	Darwin Tavarez
	(South Bay Physical Therapy)

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15. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Eric Solnick and Keri Whalen as the Individual Competitor Swimming supervisor for Babylon students who practice with the West Islip UFSD, West Islip Swim Club, and Islip Aquatics swim team and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the West Islip UFSD appointed coach, Robert Kollar, West Islip Swim Club coach, Keri Whalen, and the Islip Aquatics coach, Edward Kropp, to coach Babylon Students. Compensation for Eric Solnick and Keri Whalen to be at the current supervision rate of pay for the 2011-2012 school year.

**APPOINTMENT
MEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS**

16. **APPOINTMENT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following medical professionals to provide medical coverage for Babylon Schools 2011 Fall home football games in accordance with New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section XI rules and regulations. Compensation for this assignment to be \$165.00 per game. Heidi Shapiro, PA; Kathleen Egner, PA; Susan Whalen, PA; Perry Shapiro, DO; Bruce Zappia, MD

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

17. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following consultant services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year:
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| MNP Tutoring Inc. (Mark Pepe) | Home Tutoring Consultant | \$ 37.00/hour |
| Literacy Success LLC | Literacy Consultant | \$1200.00/day |
| | | (Federal Grant Monies) |
| Literacy Builders | Literacy Consultant | \$ 125.00/hour |
| | | (Federal Grant Monies) |

ADDENDUM TO LICENSE AGREEMENT

18. **ADDENDUM TO LICENSE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Addendum to License Agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Scope Education Services for the After Child Care Program to extend the hours of operation from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

19. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: ACDS (SE#23) and South Oaks Hospital (SE#24).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 annual reviews and cases from March 2011 to October 2011 be accepted.

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

21. **STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Board of Education hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	SS#	Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates in the Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month Based on Record of Activities
<u>Appointed Officials</u>						
District Treasurer	Donna Lika	****	7	10/18/11-6/30/12	Y	n/a

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Education answered questions raised from a prior meeting regarding the feasibility of an Autism program in the district and the cost of the prior CPR Trainer. Mr. D'Amico will report on SAT Scores at the December 14th regular meeting of the Board of Education.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

SEPTA will be hosting a film "Race to Nowhere" in Rowe Hall of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 p.m. on October 18th.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding considering a grading policy, 5th grade reconfiguration, superintendent search consulting services, new technology rooms, final 2011-12 budget and textbook budget and expenditure.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on October 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Topic: Independent Auditor's Report. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:42 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Antolini and approved. (6-0)