

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: September 13, 2021

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

Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, President
Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi
Mrs. Theresa Patiri
Mr. David Sonkin

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Mr. Travis Davey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Dell'Erba, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular personnel and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Dell'Erba, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO MOVE QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

A motion to move questions/comments from visitors to after committee reports was made by T. Patiri, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 30, 2021 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Noesi (6-0)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2021 and Internal Claims Audit Report for June 2021 and July 2021 were approved on motion by L. Jurs seconded by D. Montalto (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Council Members reported on incoming 7th & 8th Grade locker days, student assemblies, planning for homecoming football game and other activities. Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- Students returned to school on Thursday, September 9th. It was a terrific start to the new school year, overall an extremely smooth opening with happy students who seemed excited to return to a new school year and see their friends! The Central Office leadership team spent much of the first day in our schools, welcoming all back. Syntax was also here snapping first day photos which were immediately published to the new website.
- On Thursday, September 9, 2021, the UPK program also began with a complete in-district classroom filled with 18 youngsters and staffed with a team of three: one certified teacher, one certified TA and a classroom aide. Our provider created a warm and vibrant classroom setting that immediately engaged children in attendance. Additionally, we have 11 children attending the East Islip location.
- Babylon School District has rolled out a new user-friendly, easy to navigate website. The website features a fresh new look, and residents can visit the site for school news, important announcements, and a calendar of events. A translation button is available, allowing visitors to translate the website content into a variety of languages using Google Translate. Visit www.babylon.k12.ny.us to see all the happenings in Babylon School District.
- On Friday throughout the district students and staff remembered the events of 9/11 in age-appropriate ways, whether it was wearing red, white and blue, taking a moment to reflect in silence or discussing the 20-year mark in a social studies class. Additionally, on 9/11 all flags on district property were flown at half-staff in remembrance of those who lost their lives twenty years ago.
- This week kicks off our first two of three "Meet the Teacher" Nights within the Babylon School District. The GS will welcome parents tomorrow evening (Tuesday, 9/14) and the ES will

welcome parents on Wednesday evening (9/15). Both events will be held virtually as schools have notified parents of the virtual structure for both evenings.

- Mrs. Rozzi personally thank the Babylon PTA for the lovely school decoration initiative that helped our schools welcome back all students to a new school year. Your dedication and efforts do not go un-noticed and the schools looked absolutely terrific and so welcoming for the students' first day back. Thank you PTA for also coordinating the annual school supply initiative. Thanks again!

Mrs. Jurs reported that the music department participated in the 9/11 memorial in the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education committee chairs reported the following committee meeting dates: Finance Committee will be held on January 24 at 6:00 p.m., Buildings & Grounds Committee will be held on September 15 at 4:30 p.m., Technology Committee will be held on October 18 at 4:30 p.m., Curriculum Committee will meet on September 20 at 5:00 p.m., Policy Committee will meet in September 20 at 4:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be held in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mrs. Campagna, reported on Babylon PTA activities. The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding transportation, vacated board seat, agenda items, air quality, athletic hall of fame, use of facilities.

The Board of Education thanked Mrs. Pesce, District Clerk, for her years of service to the District.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Noesi, seconded by L Jurs, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-16 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Sonkin an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-16 were approved (6-0)

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Linda Pesce, District Clerk, effective September 30, 2021 with best wishes on her retirement.

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2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Donna Lika, District Treasurer, effective September 30, 2021 with best wishes on her retirement.

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3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Patricia Brink, Senior Account Clerk, effective October 30, 2021 with best wishes on her retirement.

APPOINTMENT DISTRICT CLERK

4. **APPOINTMENT DISTRICT CLERK: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Carol Feudi as District Clerk effective September 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be \$10,000 prorated.

APPOINTMENT DISTRICT TREASURER

5. **APPOINTMENT DISTRICT TREASURER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Samantha Clancy as District Treasurer effective October 5, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the salary and fringe benefit agreement. (85,000 prorated)

SALARY STEP AMENDMENT

6. **SALARY STEP AMENDMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends the salary step for Christine Ferraro and Frances Olejnik from Step 1 to Step 3 of the Senior Office Assistant column of the 2021-2022 salary schedule in accordance with the Clerical/Nursing/Network& Systems Technicians Association contract prorated effective August 31, 2021. (\$44,921 prorated)

**MENTOR
APPOINTMENT**

7. **MENTOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following teacher as mentor for the 2021-2022 school year. Compensation for this position to be as specified in the 2021-2022 Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract (\$1120 for the 2021-2022 school year or three (3) in-service credits per semester)

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Corinne Figoski	Kelly Arcoleo

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2021-2022 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract for the 2021-2022 school year:

Junior-Senior High School

Publications

Senior Year Book Advisor	Jeff Kenney	(\$6841.00)
School Paper Co-Advisors (Panther Tales)	Keith Fasano/ Kaitlin Loos/ Pat Stork	(\$3858.00 split 3 ways)
Literary Magazine Co-Advisors (Visions)	Keith Fasano/ Kaitlin Loos/ Pat Stork	(\$2700.00 split 3 ways)
Mixed Media Club Co-Advisors (replaces Writers Club)	Keith Fasano/ Kaitlin Loos/ Pat Stork	(\$1543.00 split 3 ways)

All School Musical

Production Director	Jordan Hue	(\$5806.00)
Producer/Technical Director	Edward Storey	(\$4064.00)
Pit Band Director	Ashley Tomei	(\$3452.00)
Musical Director	Charles Leech	(\$4064.00)
Choreographer	Rebecca Olivieri	(\$ 772.00)
Set Construction	Linda Napolitano	(\$1543.00)

Drama Production

Production Director	Rebeca Olivieri	(\$5806.00)
Producer/Technical Director	Edward Storey	(\$4064.00)
Set Construction	Linda Napolitano	(\$1543.00)

Extra-Curricular Music

Choral Director - SHS	Edward Storey	(\$1543.00)
Choral Director - JHS	Edward Storey	(\$1543.00)
HS Select Chorus (Chords)	Edward Storey	(\$2700.00)
Band Director - SHS	Charles Leech	(\$1543.00)
Band Director- JHS	Angela Turk	(\$1543.00)
Orchestra Director	Ashley Tomei	(\$1543.00)
Chamber Orchestra Ensemble	Ashley Tomei	(\$1543.00)
Marching Band (2)	Angela Turk	(\$1736.00)
	Charles Leech	(\$1736.00)
Jazz Band - SHS	Charles Leech	(\$2700.00)
Jazz Lab Band	Angela Turk	(\$1543.00)

Debate Team

Advisor	Jessica Kahn	(\$4629.00)
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DECA CLUB

Head Advisor	Claire Reilly	(\$3858.00)
Assistant Advisor	Edward Storey	(\$2700.00)

JSHS Continued

Mock Trial

JH Advisors (2)	Marissa Scholl	(\$3088.00)
	Alyssa Brunson	(\$3088.00)

Robotics Club

Advisor - SHS	Brian Katz	(\$4629.00)
Advisor - JHS	Peter Mankes	(\$4629.00)

Science Fair

Liaison	Patrick Donaldson	(\$1543.00)
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Secretary/Treasurer Athletics

John Greaney	(\$3228.00)
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Class Advisors

Senior Class (2)	Linda Fama	(\$3088.00)
	Jaime Harrison	(\$3088.00)
Junior Class (2)	Paul Venezia	(\$2700.00)
	Frank Mancuso	(\$2700.00)
Sophomore Class Advisors (2)	Jeff Kenney	(\$1736.00)
	Rebecca Olivieri	(\$1736.00)
Freshman Class Advisors (2)	Barbara Small	(\$1543.00)
	Stephanie Greaney	(\$1543.00)

Student Council

Advisor - SHS (2)	Linda Fama	(\$3858.00)
	Brooke Carey	(\$3858.00)
Advisor – JHS	Keith Fasano	(\$3088.00)

Honor Societies

National Senior (2)	Marissa Scholl	(\$1543.00)
	Kaitlyn Loos	(\$1543.00)
National Junior (2)	Barbara Small	(\$1543.00)
	Stephanie Greaney	(\$1543.00)
National Art	Cheryl Schweider	(\$1543.00)
National Business	Claire Reilly	(\$1543.00)
National English Co-Advisors	Joan Johanson/ Barbara Small	(\$1543.00 split equally)
National French	Melissa Anderson	(\$1543.00)
National Science Advisor	Andrew Sheltz	(\$1543.00)
National Spanish	Michelle Scharff	(\$1543.00)
National Thespian	Rebecca Olivieri	(\$1543.00)
Tri-M Music Advisors	Angela Turk	(\$1543.00)

Clubs – Tier 1

Art Club – SHS	Cheryl Schweider	(\$3088.00)
Art Club – JHS	Patricia Stork	(\$2316.00)
Best Buddies (2)	Jaime Harrison	(\$2316.00)
	Cathy Schipf	(\$2316.00)
Leo Club (2)	Lisa Brush	(\$2316.00)
	Michael Birnbaum	(\$2316.00)
Esports Co-Advisors (replaces Student Store)	Michael Birnbaum/ Frank Mancuso	(\$2316 split equally)

Clubs – Tier 2

Chess Club - JSHS	Tim Harrison	(\$1543.00)
Environmental Club	Kristen Dixon	(\$1543.00)
Family & Consumer Science Club Co-Advisors	Lisa Brush/ Jenna Schwartz	(\$1543.00 split equally)
Safe Space	Brooke Carey	(\$1543.00)
Sign Language Club	Alessia Olsen	(\$1543.00)

Technology Club	Peter Mankes	(\$1543.00)
World Language Club – SHS	Melissa Anderson	(\$1543.00)
World Language Club – JHS	Rebecca Olivieri	(\$1543.00)
<u>Clubs – Tier 3</u>		
Peer Tutoring Advisor	Christian Falcaro	(\$ 772.00)

**WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION**

9. **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes Ms. Deirdre Lunetta to attend the New York ASBO School Business Management Workshop from November 2, 2021 to November 5, 2021 in Saratoga Springs with a registration cost of \$225 plus any reasonable reimbursements for accommodations and meal expenses permissible by law.

**WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION**

10. **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes Mr. Robert Lorefice to attend the New York State School Facilities Association Conference from October 3, 2021 to October 6, 2021 in Saratoga Springs with a registration cost of \$1295 plus any reasonable reimbursements for accommodations and meal expenses permissible by law.

CAPITAL RESERVE

11. **CAPITAL RESERVE: WHEREAS**, in response to the emergency conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the Board of Education requires prompt access to the funds necessary to replace the roof-top air conditioning/heating unit at the High School-Rowe Hall as well as any ancillary or related work required in connection with such project; and WHEREAS, 2020 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 157 (A. 10492) temporarily allows school districts to temporarily transfer reserve fund moneys to cover operating costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, notwithstanding that these reserve fund moneys are statutorily restricted for specified uses; and WHEREAS, in accordance with 2020 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 157 (A. 10492) the temporary transfer of such reserve fund moneys shall not be subject to a public referendum; and thus, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the terms of 2020 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 157 (A. 10492), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the temporary transfer of \$150,645 from Capital Reserve I. (2015) to the Capital Projects Fund for the costs attendant to the roof-top air conditioning/heating unit replacement at the High School-Rowe Hall.

**CAPITAL RESERVE
FUNDING**

12. **CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING: WHEREAS, upon** the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the terms of 2020 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 157 (A. 10492), the Board of Education authorized the temporary transfer of \$150,645 from Capital Reserve I. (2015) to the Capital Projects Fund for the costs attendant to the roof-top air conditioning/heating unit replacement at the High School-Rowe Hall. And WHEREAS, the operating surplus for the June 30, 2021 allows for the repayment of this temporary transfer as of June 30, 2021. Therefore, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the repayment of \$150,645 to the Capital Reserve (2015) from unassigned fund balance.

**RESERVE FUNDS
TRANSFER**

13. **RESERVE FUNDS TRANSFER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes a transfer from unassigned fund balance to fund reserves as follows:

Capital Reserve (2016)	\$1,400,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	\$1,000,376
Reserve for Workers’ Compensation	\$ 300,000
Retirement Contribution Reserve	\$ 300,000
Retirement Contribution (TRS) Reserve Sub Fund	\$ 428,300

TAX LEVY

14. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year be set at \$44,472,506. The estimated tax rate will be 234.46 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

15. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appropriation transfers for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. From: A 2251.4700-00-000 Special Ed-Tuition (13,885.00)
To: A 9900.9500-00-000 Interfund Transfer/Special Aid Fund 13,885.00

This transfer is necessary due to year-end adjustments in preparation of the audit.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

16. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated July 22, 2021 to September 2, 2021.

MOTION TO ADD ITEM

A motion to approve an item be added to the agenda as Item #17 was made by D. Montalto, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0)

CENTRAL OFFICE ASSIGNMENT

17. **CENTRAL OFFICE ASSIGNMENT: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an Agreement between the Board of Education and Mr. Travis Davey, on the terms and conditions fully discussed in executive session, regarding his assignment to Central Office effective September 14, 2021 through October 18, 2021, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement on behalf of the Board.

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi, Resolution #17 was approved. (6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

Representatives of organizations reported under the question/comments from visitors portion of the meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITOR

Questions/comments from visitors was moved to after committee reports by Board resolution.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Patiri and approved (6-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**LINDA PESCE
DISTRICT CLERK**