

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2016

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

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President

Ms. Tricia Pané, Vice President

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker

Mrs. Linda Jurs

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Donaldson, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by T. Pané, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (5-0) Public session resumed at 7:48 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of October 17, 2016 and Work/Study Meeting of October 24, 2016 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by D. Bencivenga. (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2016 and Internal Claims Audit Report for September 2016 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded by D. Montalto. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The student delegates reported that the breast cancer walk held on the BHS track helped raise nearly \$300.00. Safe Halloween was a huge success. Several of the school's clubs came together to create this terrific event. Multiple boxes of food donations are ready to go to help our Babylon families in need this holiday season. They also reported on activities in the Science and World Language Departments, French National Honor Society, DECA, National Junior Honor Society and Writers Club.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following items:

- Homecoming: The school community joined together to show support for their Babylon Panthers during the 2016 homecoming weekend back on October 15. It began with a spirited parade through the Village of Babylon. Prior to the start of the game, four individuals were recognized for their athletic contributions to the Babylon community and were inducted into the Athletic Booster Club Wall of Fame. This year's inductees included former football coach Tom DiNuovo, along with Babylon alumni and decorated former athletes Drew Peters ('01), Christine VanSchaick ('98) and Hans Seidenberg ('73). This year's homecoming was special for the school community, as it marked the first one played in the renovated football stadium. The varsity football team tore through a giant "Homecoming 2016" banner to take on their opponents, the Center Moriches Red Devils. At halftime the district rededicated the new turf field to Coach Walter F. Williams. Mr. Joseph DeLucca, a 1943 graduate and former athletic coach under Mr. Williams, shared a reading celebrating the late coach's life. In addition to the ceremony, both the marching band and cheerleading squad performed and Robert Lum and Celina Saffioti were crowned homecoming king and queen, respectively. Mrs. Rozzi read a letter from the Williams family.
- Veterans' Day Celebrations: The elementary school hosted local veterans on November 10th and the grade school had a Veteran's Day Celebration assembly and honored our local veterans in attendance.
- District Award: The Babylon UFSD has made Niche.com's "Best Places to Teach in America" list. The online ranking assesses school districts based on such factors such as health and safety, the student-teacher ratio and the overall learning experience.
- District School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making Committee: Mrs. Rozzi is organizing the District SBP and SDM team to revise the bylaws according to Board policy. Teachers, administrators, parents and community representatives sit on this district committee. Annually, the district will be conducting consensus training, as each individual school based team is to do.
- Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame: The recent edition of Babylon Highlights mentioned that alumni are needed to volunteer their time to sit on the nominating committee that will identify notable alumni to be considered for the first Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

- Varsity Football SC Championship Game: Join us this Saturday, November 19th at 4:00 p.m. at LaValle Stadium at the Stony Brook Campus as Babylon Football takes on Shoreham Wading River.
- Student Stranger Danger Safety Programs: All K-6 students will be involved in age-appropriate presentations this November that will teach them skills to “be in charge” of themselves and their feelings. Both the Elementary and Grade Schools leadership has decided to bring in the program titled, "You're in Charge", specifically being offered by Parents for Megan's Law. There is a primary program K-2 and a grades 3-6 program, built specifically to empower and educate students. There was a collective feeling that given the content, a parent workshop prior to each building's student presentation would be prudent. The parent workshop called “Apple of My Eye” will be delivered as part of the PTA meeting on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grade School. The K-2 school presentations will be held on November 29th and the grade school student workshops are scheduled for November 14 and 16. As always, prevention is the key to keeping our children safe. The high school is booking the Parents for Megan's Law program on Sexting & Cyber Safety later in the fall.
- Mrs. Rozzi conducted a presentation on the 2016-2017 Board of Education Priorities and District SMART Goals. This presentation can be found under the Superintendent's tab at www.babylonschools.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Pané, committee chair, reported that the audit committee met in executive session on October 24th with the external auditor to review the 2015-2016 draft annual report. The firm of Cullen and Danowski presented their findings of the year's end external audit during our Work/Study Meeting on October 24th. The approval of the external audit is on the agenda this evening and will be posted to the website in the coming week. The next audit committee meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 12th. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that there was a very comprehensive report at the last meeting on October 24th. We had the architects and SCC with us. We are in very good shape and the progress we are making is solid. Rowe Hall is completed. Mr. Bencivenga encourages everyone to attend the next buildings and grounds committee meeting on November 28th. We will be updating the bond information on the website. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that they met this afternoon. The Smart Schools Grant which includes the wireless project is still up at the State level. On Superintendent's Conference Day we had teachers testing the Surface Pro. We are looking to see if we would like to go with Surface Pro or stay with Chrome Books. The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2016. The Curriculum Committee will meet on November 28th at 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee will meet on November 28th at 7:30 p.m. As there was no report from other committees, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda item #15 and #12. As there was no discussion, the Board moved to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-14 and 16-21 were approved. (5-0).

On omnibus motion by D. Montalto, seconded by T. Pané an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-14 and 16-21 were approved (5-0)

APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

1. **APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDIT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the independent audit of the Babylon Union Free School District as prepared by the external auditing firm of Cullen & Danowski for the 2015-2016 school year.

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS

2. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time security guard appointments effective November 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for these positions to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

Justin Muller Danny McHugh David Cronemeyer

**SECOND READING
POLICY 8130-
SCHOOL SAFETY
PLANS AND TEAMS**

11. **SECOND READING POLICY 8130-SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AND TEAMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a second reading of policy 8130-School Safety Plans and Teams and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal second reading of policy 8130-School Safety Plans and Teams, as attached.

**ADOPTION OF
POLICY 1900-
PARENT AND
FAMILY
ENGAGEMENT**

12. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 1900-PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and adopts policy 1900-Parent and Family Engagement, as attached.

**ADOPTION OF
POLICY 8130-
SCHOOL SAFETY
PLANS AND TEAMS**

13. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 8130-SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AND TEAMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves and adopts policy 8130-School Safety Plans and Teams, as attached.

**INTERNAL
AUDITOR**

14. **INTERNAL AUDITOR: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes its internal auditor to review the certified payrolls submitted in connection with the District's bond project and other current capital projects, for facial validity and compliance with the Second Supplemental Conditions, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a letter of engagement with Nawrocki Smith, LLP on behalf of the Board.

**TABLED
LABOR LAW 22**

15. **LABOR LAW 22: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, ___ is hereby designated pursuant to Labor Law 220 for Public Works for the receipt, collection and review for facial validity of payrolls. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be posted in a conspicuous location at the District's project site(s).
A motion to table Item #15-Labor Law 22 was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved. (5-0) A motion in favor of Tabling Item 15 was made by T. Pané, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (5-0)

CHANGE ORDER

16. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for work completed at the Babylon Elementary School with PB Contracting, Inc., of Hicksville, New York, in the deduct amount of -\$15,000.00, as the net result of a credit for the entire Unforeseen Conditions and Additional Asbestos Abatement Allowance.

CHANGE ORDER

17. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for work completed at the Babylon Memorial Grade School with PB Contracting, Inc., of Hicksville, New York, in the deduct amount of -\$10,740.00, as the net result of a credit for the entire Unforeseen Conditions and Additional Asbestos Abatement Allowance.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

18. **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Regional Transportation Program contract between the Babylon UFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2016-2017 school year.

**CONSULTANT
AGREEMENTS**

19. **CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the professional development services contracts for the 2016-2017 school year between the Babylon Union Free School District and Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TC#1/TC#2/TC#3/TC#4) and Distinctive Educator's Institute (SB#1).

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

20. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2016-2017 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Building Blocks Developmental Preschool (SEDCAR2016.17-#3), Cleary School for the Deaf (SEDCAR2016.17-#4), Variety Child Learning Center (SEDCAR2016.17-#9), The Hagedorn Little Village School (SEDCAR2016.17-#10).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

21. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL 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 September 2016 to October 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi reported that the district received a letter from the Town of Babylon informing the district of a NYS Assembly memorandum amending the real property tax law for Cold War Veterans. The district must notify the Babylon Town Assessor's office prior to February 1, 2017 if we intend to grant the 34 eligible Cold War Veterans living within our catchment area the basic exemption of 15% for a total of \$13,565.65 on school taxes. A resolution will be placed on the December agenda.

Due to the amount of traffic on Grove Place during school events, Mr. Bencivenga respectfully suggested that if the district is holding or sponsoring any event on Veteran's Day to please keep in mind a ceremony takes place in front of the American Legion Hall across from the school that day.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there were no questions from Representatives of Organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding the Veterans Exemption, Vocational training, hydration stations and track team.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School followed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:48 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by T. Pané and approved (5-0)