

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 3, 2014  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

### Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President  
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker  
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

### Members Absent

Mrs. Linda Jurs

### District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

### Central Office Administration

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

### District Clerk

Linda Pesce

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (6-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014, Work/Study Meeting of October 20, 2014, Special Meetings of October 21, 2014 and October 27, 2014 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by E. Altbacker. (6-0)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2014 were approved on motion by D. Montalto and seconded A. Donaldson. (6-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The students and staff from each of the buildings recognized the Babylon Board of Education for their service to the district and community. The PTA, PTSA and SEPTA provided refreshments for the Board. The Board of Education recognized Mohankumar Chintarlapalli as a Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program, Justin Benoit as a 2015 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant, and Sarah Valencia and Mabel Ye for being selected to have their artwork displayed at the NYS Art Teachers Association Student Art Exhibition at the NYS School Boards Conference in New York City. Student Delegates, Ronnie Pashin, Max O'Handley and Madison Pergolotti, reported on senior high student council events and news from the following departments: Art, World Languages, Practical Arts & Business, English, History, Music, and the Writer's Club. Mrs. Consolo provided an overview of the Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA) final report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the Independent Auditor presented his report at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and it is the recommendation of the committee to accept the report. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that representatives from BBS and School Construction attended the meeting and the committee was updated on the elementary school roof and submission of plans to SED. They also discussed the renovations in Rowe Hall. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the curriculum committee met for the first time with school level administration, teachers, and members of the community and discussed the district's vision and goals. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that the committee met to review policies 1230 and 2350 and the next meeting is scheduled for November 17. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

The following policies were presented:

**FIRST READING OF POLICY 5405-STUDENT WELLNESS**

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 5405-STUDENT WELLNESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness, as attached.

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga, the Board of Education approved the first reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and waived the formal first reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness as attached. (6-0)

**ANNUAL READOPTION OF POLICIES 5300-CODE OF CONDUCT, 6240/6240-R - INVESTMENTS/REGULATION, 6700/6700-R - PURCHASING/REGULATION**

2. **ANNUAL READOPTION OF POLICIES 5300-CODE OF CONDUCT, 6240/6240-R - INVESTMENTS/REGULATION, 6700/6700-R - PURCHASING/REGULATION : RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct an annual readoption of policies 5300-Code of Conduct, 6240/6240-R-Investments/Regulation, 6700/6700-R-Purchasing/Regulation as attached.

On motion by E. Altacker, seconded by A. Donaldson, the Board of Education approved the annual readoption of policies 5300-Code of Conduct, 6240/6240-R-Investments/Regulation, 6700/6700-R-Purchasing/Regulation as attached. (6-0)

**BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

As there were no questions from visitors on agenda items, the Board moved to the next business.

New Business

**APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

1. **APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the independent audit of the Babylon Union Free School District as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Cullen & Danowski for the 2013-2014 school year.

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution #1 was approved. (6-0)

**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

2. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the contract with District Wise Search Consultants dated October 20, 2014 between the Babylon Board of Education and District Wise Search Consultants to modify the payment schedule located in the contract.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, Resolution #2 was approved.

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba a motion to omnibus Items 3-16 was approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altacker Items 3-16 were approved (6-0).

**PAY DIFFERENTIAL**

3. **PAY DIFFERENTIAL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the pay differential for Alexa Grant as a part-time special education teacher effective September 2, 2014 to October 21, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be .2 FTE of Step 2 of the MA column of the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers salary schedule prorated.

**PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT SENIOR CLERK TYPIST**

4. **PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT SENIOR CLERK TYPIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the promotional appointment of Leslie Quinn, 10-month clerk typist, to 12 month senior clerk typist effective November 4, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 4 of Column D of the 2014-2015 CSEA Clerical/Nurses Association contract.

**APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR**

5. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jennifer Martin as a part-time monitor effective November 4, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

**NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT**

6. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Jesse Levy as a non-permanent substitute teacher effective November 4, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$100.00/day.

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

7. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these

positions to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

**Junior-Senior High School**

Junior High Language Club  
Senior High Language Club

Laura Jayne  
Marianne Shaw

**HOME TUTORING  
TEACHER  
APPOINTMENT**

8. **HOME TUTORING TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the home tutoring teacher appointment of Sarah Taylor for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association contract.

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFER**

9. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfer for the 2014-2015 school year:

1. From: A 9760.7300-00-000 Debt Service-Tax Anticipation Notes (17,000)  
To: A 1010.4490-00-000 Bd of Ed-Other Prof Service 17,000

This transfer is required to cover the anticipated cost associated with the Superintendent search.

**SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT**

10. **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the sale of a wrestling mat rack system.

**LONG ISLAND  
SCHOOL NUTRITION  
DIRECTORS  
ASSOCIATION  
COOPERATIVE BID**

11. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the bids for the purchase of food items and supplies as recommended by the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee (FS#1) for the 2014-2015 school year.

**TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTS**

12. **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Regional Transportation Program and Non-Public Transportation Program contracts between the Babylon UFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2014-2015 school year.

**HEALTH AND  
WELFARE SERVICES  
AGREEMENTS**

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFD and the following school districts for the 2014-2015 school year: Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Deer Park UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Longwood CSD, Massapequa UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, West Babylon UFSD and Wyandanch UFSD.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
RECEIPT OF FEDERAL  
PART B FLOW-THROUGH  
ALLOCATIONS**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2014-2015 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Building blocks Developmental Preschool (SEDCAR#1), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SEDCAR#2), Harmony Heights School (SEDCAR#4), Leeway School (SEDCAR#11).

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc. (SE#21) for the 2014-2015 school year.

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AND CPSE**

16. **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 dated October 2014 be approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES OF  
ORGANIZATIONS**

As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions and listened to comments regarding crossing guard assignments, the Wellness policy and a resident shared an article regarding adolescents and sleep.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 and a Regular Meeting will be held on December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (6-0)