

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 9, 2019

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

Members Present

Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, President  
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, Vice President  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
Mr. Dominick Montalto  
Mrs. Donna Noesi  
Mrs. Tricia Pané

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

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 Ms. O'Brien, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter, and negotiations was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0) Mrs. Donaldson arrived at 6:40 p.m. Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. O'Brien, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION TO RECESS**

A motion to recess the Regular Business Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the District's Code of Conduct was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (7-0)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the District's Code of Conduct. Those present were invited to provide comment regarding the changes.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by T. Pané and approved. (7-0)

**MOTION TO RECONVENE**

A motion to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 18, 2019 and Special Meeting of December 2, 2019 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded by D. Noesi. (7-0)

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2019 and Internal Claims Audit Report for October 2019 were approved on motion by D. Montalto, seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Board of Education recognized the Varsity Girls' Soccer team for being named the Long Island Class B Champions. Congratulations to Coaches Frank Mancuso and Melissa Pascarella and the Varsity Girls' Soccer team! Mrs. Rozzi also acknowledged student athlete Emma Ward who was selected as the next winner of the "news12 Scholar Athlete for this school year. As a winner, Emma will be featured on News12 LI, News12.com and receive a college scholarship. News 12 will be at the school later this week to present Emma with her award and tape a segment about her that will air on News12 Long Island as well as interview coaches. Congratulations to Emma! Student delegate, Alyssa Watral, reported that student council will be hosting the second annual Jingle Walk on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is a fun community event which supports the school's Rock Can Roll and Cohen's Childrens Hospital fundraisers. There is a \$2.00 entry fee. Student council is also selling YUDA bands for \$7.00 each. Proceeds will contribute to a young person's education in Guatemala. She also reported activities in the Fine Arts and English departments, drama club and in the Project Based Learning Class.

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

- Mrs. Cheryl Schweider and Mrs. Patricia Stork were selected as presenters at this year's NYSATA conference in upstate New York. They presented on Andy Warhol's Ink Blot Drawings. We congratulate them for being outstanding representatives of the Babylon School District Arts department.
- On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Jurs, Mrs. Noesi and I attended the Annual Wester Suffolk BOCES Holiday Dinner meeting at Wilson Tech. It was a wonderful event celebrating our Babylon students in occupational programs our district supports at Wilson Tech. In total, we have 37 students attending occupational educational programs, ranging from aviation to culinary arts and everything else in between. In the spring, we will once again hear from the students in these programs.
- Last month, Mr. D'Amico presented to our community and to the Board of Education the annual data presentation, reviewing the exit outcomes from State assessments, Regents exams, AP exams and graduation rate results from the 2018-2019 school year. Residents can find that presentation on our website. We are very happy with our year-end results that solidify the district has moved in a very positive direction regarding exit outcomes and students leaving well-prepared for life after graduation.
- Last month Mr. D'Amico held Title 1 parent information meetings at both the elementary and grade schools which were open to parents whose children receive services. The federal government requires all districts receiving Title 1 funding to hold informational meetings in each Title 1 building. With early intervention as the motivating factor we have historically dispersed the Title 1 allotment in equal parts to the elementary school and grade school.
- We are heading into concert season. Please check your school calendar for upcoming events.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> to review some reports from our auditors before presenting them to Board. Mr. Montalto, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported on capital reserve projects. The District received the SEQRA report required by NYSIR for the permit process and it says that Rowe Hall steps and the two bathrooms will have no significant impact on the environment. John Grillo Architects has filed a letter of intent with NYSED facilities planning and our plans and specs will be submitted within the month. We expect final approval no later than February 2020 and once we have SED approval, we can bid shortly after and award contracts in the Spring 2020. Hopefully work will begin July 1. Mrs. Donna Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that all new 9<sup>th</sup> grade devices are configured and ready for distribution. The goal is to complete this prior to the holiday break. Disaster recovery plans and protocols are progressing and we hope to have that finished within the next few months. Azure Site Recovery project has started, we anticipate that finishing by January 11<sup>th</sup>. The wiring project in high school will be completed from a vendor perspective on Monday night. Internally we still have configurations that need to be completed. Grade school wiring is in place, we are cutting over our first IDF Wednesday and Thursday. The ES wiring project will start in January when we return from break. Mrs. Tricia Pané, policy committee chair, reported that a first reading of the Code of Conduct which was discussed earlier this evening is on the agenda. The committee will be meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. covering new immunization policies based on State Public Health Law and rescind our old policy.

## New Business

### OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-14 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by D. Noesi, seconded by D. Montalto Resolutions 1-14 were approved (7-0)

### TENURE APPOINTMENT

1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Mary O'Hara-Biener as a Library Media Specialist effective February 9, 2020.

### RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Katelyn Adaszewski, teaching assistant, effective November 26, 2019.

**PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS**

3. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time aide appointments effective December 10, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2019-2020 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$17.90, Step 2-\$18.20, Step 3-\$18.55)

Lisa Tourin

Amanda Lotriglio

**PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT**

4. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Krista Maffei as a part-time monitor effective December 10, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2019-2020 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$16.65, Step 2-\$16.95, Step 3-\$17.30)

**RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT**

5. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the casual appointment of John Greaney as the winter weight room supervisor for the 2019-2020 school year.

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2019-2020 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2019-2020 school year:

Winter Coaching

Winter Weight Room Supervisor      Tim Halverson      (\$1000)

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

7. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following per diem substitute teachers from December 10, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay scale: Days: 1-30 \$110.00; Days: 31-60 \$120.00; Days: 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days: \$140.00.

Brian Morgan

Amy Cohen

Luke Merz

Ashley D'Amico

Jennifer Kelly

Dianne Messing

Teresa LaForgia

Samantha Bliss

**STUDENT OBSERVER/ INTERNSHIP**

8. **STUDENT OBSERVER/INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student observer/interns for the Spring 2020 semester as follows:

Student Observer

Christina Perillo      Social Studies 7-12/Special Education 7-12 (Molloy College)

Nicholas Galeto      ESL (SUNY Cortland)

Cooperating Teacher

Jessica Kahn

Julie Zanghi

Internship

Jacqueline Noon      Administrative Intern (SUNY Stony Brook)

Nidia Keaveny      Administrative Intern (SUNY Stony Brook)

Dr. Peter Daly

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**HOME TUTORING TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

9. **HOME TUTORING TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following home tutoring teaching appointments effective December 10, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for these assignments to be in accordance with the 2019-2020 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract. (\$43.00/hour)

Allison Buser

Patrick Metzger

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS AGREEMENT**

10. **TEACHING ASSISTANTS AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the salary and fringe benefit agreement between the Board of Education and the Babylon UFSD Teaching Assistants for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement.

**DONATION**

11. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of consumable materials valued at approximately \$500.00 from Babylon SEPTA with appreciation for this generous donation.

**OBSOLETE ITEM**

12. **OBSOLETE ITEM: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declares the following item obsolete: Rifton K170 Large Stander.

**FIRST READING  
CODE OF  
CONDUCT**

13. **FIRST READING CODE OF CONDUCT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby conducts a first reading of the Code of Conduct and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of the Code of Conduct, as attached.

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION AND  
CPSE**

14. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases from October 2019 to November 2019 be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from a visitor regarding the 2019-2020 school budget.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Pané and approved (7-0)