

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: December 10, 2007
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

Mr. Darrell J. Conway, President
Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice President
Mr. Henry Brunjes
Mr. Roger A. Katz
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Mr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Darrell Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and unanimously approved.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Anderson seconded by Mr. Melito, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2007, Work/Study Meeting of November 26, 2007, Special Meetings of November 19 and 26, 2007 and December 4, 2007 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.
- STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT** Shannon O'Malley, student delegate, reported that BHS Presents will be held on February 1-2, 2007. Students are participating in Christmas Magic. A Pep Rally was held on Friday, December 7, 2007. The Foreign Language Club is holding a holiday boutique and the French Honor Society will be selling flowers at the winter concert.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** The Board of Education recognized AP Scholar Shannon O'Malley with a certificate of achievement. The Board of Education also recognized Babylon High School junior, Jason Roman, for being accepted into the House of Representatives Page Program. Dr. Best-Laimit conducted a grade 3-8 assessment report.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met this evening and a RFP has gone out for a company to prepare year-end financial statements. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the Board will be approving the budget development schedule this evening. Mr. Henry Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that work is being performed earlier this year in preparing the fields. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the distribution and installation of technology purchases. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee is reviewing policies and a first reading of policies 5225 and 5210 and second reading and adoption of 0115 and 0115R will be conducted this evening.
- FIRST READING POLICIES 5225 AND 5210**
1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 5225-STUDENT PERSONAL EXPRESSION, 5210-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 5225 and 5210, as attached.
On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Katz the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 5225 and 5210.
 2. **SECOND READING POLICIES 0115-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING, 0115R-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING REGULATION. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 0115 and 0115R, as attached.
On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Brunjes the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 0115 and 0115R.
- SECOND READING POLICIES 0115 AND 0115R**
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 1-17 was unanimously approved.

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move resolutions 1-17 was unanimously approved.

APROPRIATION TRANSFERS

1. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appropriation transfers, as attached.

CONTINGENT EXPENDITURES

2. **CONTINGENT EXPENDITURES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education amend the 2007-2008 budget to \$40,838,808 for unanticipated contingent expenditures related to the high school courtyard renovation project. The contingent expenditures include:

- 1. Irrigation/lighting \$ 5,150.00
- 2. Masonry \$13,050.00
- 3. Plantings \$ 8,200.00

The revenue source for this project includes \$7,935 from donations and \$20,000 from a New York State Special Legislative Grant.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

3. **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the proposed 2008-2009 school budget, as attached hereto.

APPOINTMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

4. **APPOINTMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE: RESOLVED**, that Mr. Darrell Conway be appointed as a member of the audit committee effective July 1, 2007.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 0115-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING, 0115R-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING REGULATION

5. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 0115-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING, 0115R-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 0115-Harassment, Hazing & Bullying and 0115R-Harassment, Hazing & Bullying, as attached.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Stacy Neidig, foreign language teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 18, 2008 through June 30, 2008, be approved.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

7. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Katina Pugsley as a leave replacement foreign language teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective January 18, 2008 to June 30, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2007-2008 teachers' salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS CONSULTANTS

8. **APPOINTMENTS CONSULTANTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Artie Voigt and Erica Pecorale as educational consultants for the 2007-2008 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be paid through Federal Grant funding.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT

9. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michelle Lopez as a special education consultant. Compensation for this assignment to be at the home programming hourly rate of pay.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR

10. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Ida Foca as a part-time monitor, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective December 11, 2007. Compensation to be in accordance with the Aides/Monitors Association Contract.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER

11. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Mary Howard as a substitute food service worker effective December 11, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service worker hourly rate of pay.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTES

12. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTES: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as non-permanent teaching substitutes effective December 11, 2007. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute per diem rate.

Erin Frawley Christen McHale Christina Pinnola Daniel Powers

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

13. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff:

Gina Vanno	Gerald Egan	Lauren Shanks	Lisa Marie Brunjes
Lisa Bray	Georgia Altbacker	Margaret McEnroe	Brendan Ferry
Haritha Chintarlapalli	Elizabeth Quinn		

**APPOINTMENT
DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVES**

14. **APPOINTMENTS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD designates District representatives to have the authority to initiate referrals to the Committee on Special Education pursuant to NYS Education Law 4401-a(1): Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit, Lisa Carelli-Lang, Yvette Chase, Daniel D'Amico, Joanne Fasano, Eric Freidman, Steve Goldberg, Anne May, Carole Polney-Marinello, Dr. Clare Savage, Dana Spincola, Dr. Nancy Welch, Robert Visbal. All other professional staff shall be authorized to request a referral to the Administrator for Special Education which shall be made on the form approved by the Administrator for Special Education.

**EXTENSION
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS**

15. **EXTENSION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the extension for contracts with Acme Bus and Educational Bus for transporting Babylon students for the 2007-2008 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACTS**

16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by the following contractors: Bilinguals, Inc., Kidz Therapy Services, LLC, The Summit School, County of Suffolk, Metro Therapy.

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

17. **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, as attached hereto, be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Katz asked that Board of Education Instructional Goal 3 - To evaluate the Languages Other than English program be reported on at the February 25th Work/Study meeting.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Dennis Lally, BTA President, reported that a representative from NYSIR visited Babylon Schools.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education answered questions regarding security, school maintenance and safety regulations, schedule of finance committee meetings, state aid and extra curricula activities.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mr. Melito.

Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office.