

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 10, 2020

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
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi

Members Absent

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 the employment history of particular individuals, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. O'Brien, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 13, 2020 and Work/Study Meeting of January 27, 2020 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by L. Jurs. (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 December 2019 and Internal Claims Audit Report for December 2019 were approved on motion by D. Noesi, seconded by L. Jurs. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Delegate, Allison Fama, reported that BHS Presents was a great success this weekend and thanked all who participated. She also reported activities in the Art, Music and Science departments. The ASL Club is selling "Love Ya Lollies" for the senior scholarships and have collected items for Valentine's Day to send to soldiers.

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

- ✓ We would like to thank Mr. Murphy for bringing NBA athlete Chris Herren to the JSBS community and the high school for their support in promoting the program. Mr. Herren travels the nation sparking honest discussions on the topics of substance use disorder and wellness. As a person in long term recovery, Chris continues to share his story with high schoolers with a renewed focus on prevention education and challenging audiences to rethink how we look at the disease of addiction. He also addressed how school systems, communities and people across the country are impacted by, directly or indirectly, substance use and mental wellness.
- ✓ The 5th and 6th grade First Lego League Robotics team wrapped up their season in January. Under the supervision of Mrs. Pat Stork (Art) and Mrs. Jennifer Bell (K) the team competed in the Long Island Qualifier held at Huntington High School on Saturday, January 25th. This year's theme was City Shaper. The team was charged with coding their robots to perform various tasks associated with the operation of a city. The team also had to develop and present a project to a committee of judges on something designed to improve their local village or city. The team designed an overpass intended to safely transport students from the Grade School, over Park Avenue to the athletic fields on the other side. The team was evaluated on the originality of the project, their presentation skills, and the total amount of tasks completed by their robot. Overall, they had a fantastic season and both Mrs. Stork and Mrs. Bell were very proud of their work, their accomplishments and their performances.

- ✓ The Rotary Club made its annual visit to the Grade School last month to distribute new dictionaries to the third graders. Rotary President Kanzler along with other past presidents, present board members and volunteers were on hand to talk about the purpose and mission of the Rotary Club and to assist in the handing out of dictionaries to our very grateful students.
- ✓ Within the last month we have celebrated various performing groups as we enjoyed the grade school winter concerts and the high school ensemble concert.
- ✓ January Regents exams were administered the week of 1/21–1/24. Our high school administration and high school guidance department is now in the process of determining preliminary graduation rate, specifically Advanced Regents earners.
- ✓ Last month Mr. D’Amico and I attended the Annual BOCES Legislative Symposium where I had the honor of presenting to component districts on “Equitable School Safety” and ways legislators can help us fund such initiatives that general operating budgets have difficulty cushioning each year. Much of my talking points will be talking points at our own Legislative Community Summit in March, among other items we will be discussing with our leaders.
- ✓ Last month Dr. Daly and I presented to the Babylon community on school safety detailing the district’s safety upgrades this past year. Special thanks to Donna Noesi for joining us! The powerpoint from that evening is on the district website.
- ✓ The 2020/2021 School Year Calendar has been posted to the district website, pending its official approval this evening.
- ✓ Last month the New State Comptroller’s office released their annual Fiscal Stress Monitoring report. For the 2019 school year the Babylon UFSD received “No Designation, meaning that the District’s 2019 Stress Score still qualifies us as “No Designation”, meaning we are fiscally in “good health.”

**BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, gave the 1st presentation of the Proposed 2020-2021 school budget. The budget presentation is on the website.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the tax levy. A fund balance analysis will be presented at the work/study meeting on March 9th. Mr. Montalto, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the Board will be adopting a resolution to use the Capital Reserve Fund to replace the roof top air conditioning/heating unit in the high school Rowe Hall including ancillary or related work including incidental costs. Mrs. Donna Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that the 9th grade device upgrade rollout has been completed. The wiring back-end from our vendor is complete. The IT Department is completing checks and district documentation. We anticipate completing the front-end work by the end of this summer. NYS Ed Law 2d part 121 regulations have been approved by the Board of Regents, which will require additional policies be approved, guidance has not been released, and guidelines/procedures be implemented in 2020-2021, including mandatory training for all staff. Ms. O’Brien, on behalf of Mrs. Pané policy committee chair, reported that a first reading of policy 8130 establishes a new civil procedure that allows a concerned family member, school official or member of law enforcement to obtain a court order, known as an Extreme Risk Protection Order, to remove and keep guns away from individuals who pose a serious risk of harm to themselves or others. In a school district’s case, that would be a current or former student we receive information on that could cause heightened concern. This court order, approved within 24 hours by a judge, would specifically prohibit a person from purchasing or possessing a firearm, rifle or shotgun while the order is in effect accompanied by a search of the home by the Sheriff’s department within hours of the order being granted. The new law became effective August 24, 2019. As there were no other reports, the Board moved to the next item. All committee meetings are posted to the District’s website.

New Business

**MOTION TO TABLE
ITEM #18**

A motion to Table Item #18- First Reading Policy 1741-Home Schooled Students was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by C. Dell’Erba and approved. (6-0) The policy will go back to the policy committee for further review.

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by L. Jurs, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-17 and 19-24 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-17 and 19-24 were approved (6-0)

AGREEMENT

1. **AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an Agreement between the Board of Education, the Babylon Administrators’ Association, and the employee referenced on Confidential Attachment “A”, as more fully discussed in Executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Jennifer Mangone as Assistant Principal effective June 30, 2020.

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennifer Lister, school monitor, effective January 14, 2020.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an unpaid childcare leave of absence for Sarah Ryczek, elementary teacher, effective March 24, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

5. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Megan Connolly as a leave replacement elementary teacher effective March 24, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2019-2020 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule prorated. (\$63,205) Ms. Connolly holds an initial certificate in childhood education Birth-2 and 1-6, SWD Birth-2 and 1-6.

PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT

6. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jennifer Lister as a part-time aide effective January 14, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this position 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)

PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT

7. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Deena Lepper as a part-time aide effective February 11, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this position 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)

PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT

8. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kathleen Manoleas as a part-time monitor effective February 11, 2020 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)

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD

9. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Scott Lynster as a part-time security guard effective February 11, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENT

10. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Wesley Ramkhalawan as a substitute custodian effective February 11, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.00/hour.

SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT

11. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Priscila I. Flores Cruz as a substitute food service worker effective February 11, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.00/hour.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

12. **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 2019-2020 Babylon Teachers Association contract.

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| Varsity Baseball Coach | Mike Birnbaum | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach | Robert Molinaro | (\$5734) |
| Junior Varsity Baseball Coach | Joseph Savastano | (\$5734) |
| Junior High Baseball Coach (2) | Jeff Kenney | (\$4649) |
| | Alex Marange | (\$4649) |
| Junior High Gymnastics Coach | Steve Silipo | (\$4649) |
| | Samantha Sasso | (\$4649) |
| Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach | John Greaney | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach | Dan Royle | (\$5734) |
| Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach (2) | Tim Halvorsen | (\$5734) |
| | Josh Carlock | (\$5734) |
| Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach (2) | Kevin McSwiggan | (\$4649) |
| | Mike Russo | (\$4649) |
| Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Olivia Cabral | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Kyle Cropsey | (\$5734) |
| Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Emilee Rahner | (\$5734) |
| Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach (2) | Alyssa Brunson | (\$4649) |
| | Brenda Mayo | (\$4649) |
| Varsity Softball Coach | Rick Punzone | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Softball Coach | Steve Fasciani | (\$5734) |
| Junior Varsity Softball Coach | Sam Czeczotka | (\$5734) |
| Junior High Softball Coach | John Michele | (\$4649) |
| Varsity Boys Tennis Coach | Rob Andrews | (\$5653) |
| Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach | Lauren Heck | (\$4828) |
| Junior High Boys Tennis Coach | Rich Villanueva | (\$4649) |
| Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach | Adam Geller | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach | Dennis McGovern | (\$5734) |
| Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach | Melissa Pascarella | (\$7252) |
| Assistant Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach | Stephanie Greaney | (\$5734) |
| Junior High Track Coach | Jeff Hedberg | (\$4649) |
| Weight Room Supervisor | Danny McHugh | (\$1000) |

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT

13. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following volunteer coaches for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with Board of Education policy 4532-School Volunteers.

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| Junior High Softball Volunteer | Chris Skaar |
| Junior High Baseball Volunteer | Colin Coffey |
| Varsity Softball Volunteer | Amy Malone |

STUDENT TEACHER

14. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teacher for the Spring 2020 semester as follows:

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| <u>Student Teacher</u> | | <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> |
| Amanda Gribbin | Music (SUNY Fredonia) | Colleen Angerami |

**SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

15. **SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the proposed school calendar for the school year 2020-2021, as attached.

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

16. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the following appropriation transfers for the 2019-2020 school year:
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| 1. From: | A 9030.8003-00-000 | Employ Bene/Soc Sec | |
| | (48,300.00) | | |
| To: | A 2630.4630-00-000 | Computer Instr-Software | 48,300.00 |
- This transfer is necessary to cover cost of Network Engineer to be paid to Dyntek

**CAPITAL RESERVE
PROPOSITION**

17. **CAPITAL RESERVE PROPOSITION: BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote to be held in said School District on the 19th day of May, 2020.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote the following with reference to the submission of said proposition:

“FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at said Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote to be held on May 19, 2020, the following proposition will be submitted:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

Shall the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District be authorized to expend funds already deposited in the Babylon Union Free School District Capital Reserve Fund which was established on May 19, 2015 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law for the following capital improvement projects: Replacement of the roof top air conditioning/heating unit high school Rowe Hall; including ancillary or related work required in connection with such project and to expend from the Reserve Fund, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$200,000 Dollars?

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**TABLED
FIRST READING
POLICY 1741
HOME-SCHOOLED
STUDENTS**

A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #18 WAS MADE BY A. DONALDSON, SECONDED BY C. DELL’ERBA AND APPROVED. (6-0) The policy will go back to the policy committee for further review.

18. **FIRST READING POLICY 1741-HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 1741-Home-Schooled Students; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 1741-Home-Schooled Students, as attached.

**FIRST READING
POLICY 8130-
EXTREME RISK
PROTECTION
ORDERS**

19. **FIRST READING POLICY 8130.1-EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 8130.1-Extreme Risk Protection Orders (The “Red Flag Law”); and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 8130.1-Extreme Risk Protection Orders (The “Red Flag Law”), as attached.

SCOPE EDUCATION AGREEMENT

20. **SCOPE EDUCATION AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the license and operating agreement for the Before/Afterschool Programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

CONSULTANT SERVICES

21. **CONSULTANT SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consultant services between Staff Development Associates and the Babylon Union Free School District. Compensation for services to be \$800.00 for SDM training on February 26, 2020.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

22. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Service Agreements for the 2019-2020 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts: East Islip School District Hicksville School District, Uniondale UFSD.

CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

23. **CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2019-2020 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Adults and Children With Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.(SEDCAR 2019.20-1)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE

24. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL 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 November 2019 to January 2020 be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the 5th Annual Babylon Legislative Breakfast and Community Advocacy Summit will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020.

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 visitors regarding retirements and Board of Education policy 1741.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of 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 L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved (6-0)