

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 8, 2021
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
Via Video Conference

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
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 personnel, pending legal matter and advice from counsel was made by D. Noesi, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0) 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 11, 2021, Work/Study Meeting of January 25, 2021 and Special Meeting of February 2, 2021 were approved on motion by T. Pane and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

APPROVAL TREASURER'S REPORTS AND INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORTS

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2020, Internal Claims Reports for September 2020, October 2020 and November 2020 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Montalto. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Last Week the NYS Comptroller released the 2020 Fiscal Stress scores. The objective of the report is to identify school districts in fiscal stress or districts susceptible to fiscal stress. The report is based on a snap shot of a district's financial conditions. The potential stress scores are: significant, Moderate, susceptible and No Designation. Babylon UFSD 2020 scoring category was "No Designation". In fact, based on the report our position improved or strengthened. Thank you Dr. Daly for the great work coming out of your office.
- Mr. D'Amico reported that the district is working out the details of a fully virtual day of parent/teacher conferences for the junior-senior high school. Conferences will be conducted through TEAMS. Conferences will be held sometime in March.
- Ms. Turk and Mr. Cirone will be distributing information shortly regarding all dates and times of our virtual junior-senior high school concerts along with our annual drama production "Twelve Angry Jurors". These will be virtual events for all to enjoy.
- This past weekend, the District conducted mandated, rapid COVID testing of all students wanting to participate in identified high risk winter sports. I must acknowledge our amazing school nurses who conducted on-site testing, along with our athletic director, Mike DeJoseph, and security personnel who helped to assist. Rapid testing of athletes will continue on Sunday, February 14 and Sunday, February 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- This past weekend the high school also held the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive up event. The school, thanks to the generosity of many, collected gently used coats, new pairs of socks, toiletries and food for the needy.
- The annual "Go Home Early" drill is scheduled for this coming Friday, February 12, 2021. Numerous reminders have been sent home and principals are also including reminders in weekly Sways.

- Special thanks to the wonderful Babylon facilities team who spent the weekend pre-treating and paving our parking lots for today’s safe return. Since we have used all of our allowable snow days for the school year, we will plan on pivoting to virtual instruction if there is any snow-related need to cancel in-person instruction in our near future.

Mrs. Rozzi and Dr. Daly presented the proposed school budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The presentation is posted on the district’s website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee meeting was rescheduled to February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the finance committee meeting is rescheduled to February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met on February 5th. She reported on printer updates at the elementary and grade school. A favorites bar has been pushed to grades K and 2. The help desk at the high school is available in the east gym at the lunch break. The training modules for the required ED2d law are ready to send to staff after the winter break, with completion prior to the spring break. There has been a significant uptick in attacks on education institutes in the last 30 days. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that they met on February 3rd. The committee had a great conversation. Mr. D’Amico went through the plan for DEI training starting with the administrative staff. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4. Mrs. Pané, policy committee chair, reported that this is the second revision from the original policy, which dates back to November 2005. This revision includes transportation to the district of origin, summer programs and extra curriculars, as well as language of parental relation. The second reading is this evening and adoption. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th. Committee meetings are posted on the district website. As there were no other reports the Board moved on to the next item.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by T. Pané, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-20 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-20 were approved (7-0)

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Robert Andrews, physical education teacher, effective July 1, 2021, with best wishes on his retirement.

PROBATIONARY TEACHER ASSISTANT

2. **PROBATIONARY TEACHER ASSISTANT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Krista Maffei as a Teacher Assistant effective February 9, 2021 through February 9, 2025. Ms. Maffei holds a Level 1 Teaching Assistant Certificate. Compensation for this assignment is \$27,025 prorated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Samantha Geller, special education teacher, effective February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

AMEND LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATE

4. **AMEND LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the amended effective unpaid childcare leave of absence date for Alyssa Brunson, social studies teacher, effective March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

AMEND LEAVE REPLACEMENT DATE

5. **AMEND LEAVE REPLACEMENT DATE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Patrick Metzger, as a leave replacement social studies teacher with an amended effective date of March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule prorated. (\$56,771)

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

6. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jamie Preziosi as a leave replacement special education teacher effective February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule prorated.

(\$64,153)

**PART-TIME ENL
TEACHER**

7. **PART-TIME ENL TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the increase in FTE of Sarah Caldwell as a part-time ENL teacher from .6 FTE to .8 FTE and part-time substitute teacher from .4 FTE to .2 FTE, effective January 11, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be .8 FTE of MA/Step 1 of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers Association Contract. (\$64,153) and .2 FTE of the substitute per diem rate of pay scale.

**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 Maureen Clancy Fowler as a part-time monitor effective February 9, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2020-2021 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$16.65, Step 2-\$16.95, Step 3-\$17.30)

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

9. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Alec Blieberg as a per diem substitute teacher effective February 9, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment 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.

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the following coaching appointments for the 2020-2021 school year:

JV Golf	-	Steve Edmonds
Assistant Varsity Gymnastics	-	Nancy O'Donnell
Varsity Girls Tennis	-	Robert Andrews
JV Boys Basketball	-	Mert Sonmez

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the John Greaney as JV Boys Basketball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract for the 2020-2021 school year. (\$6459)

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaching volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers.

Varsity Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	-	Danny Royle
JH Baseball Volunteer	-	Colin Coffey
Varsity Wrestling Volunteer	-	Brett Frole

**ADOPTION
SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

13. **ADOPTION SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the proposed school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as attached.

**SECOND READING
POLICY 5151/5151R
HOMELESS
CHILDREN**

14. **SECOND READING POLICY 5151/5151R HOMELESS CHILDREN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby conducts a second reading of policy 5151/5151R-Homeless Children and regulation and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal second reading of policy 5151/5151R-Homeless Children and Regulation, as attached.

**ADOPTION POLICY
5151/5151R
HOMELESS
CHILDREN**

15. **ADOPTION POLICY 5151/5151R HOMELESS CHILDREN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and adopts policy 5151/5151R-Homeless Children and Regulation, as attached.

**TRANSFER OF
FUNDS**

16. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds from the defunct Interact Club to the Senior Class of 2021 in the amount of \$2102.00.

**REVISED
AUTHORIZATIONS**

17. **REVISED AUTHORIZATIONS: RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following authorization revisions:
Establish Petty Cash Funds - Business Office:
From: Peter Daly & Gail Farley To: Peter Daly & Carmela Safina

Official Bank Depositories:
From Empire National Bank To: Flushing Bank

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK**

18. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COUNTY OF SUFFOLK: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the School District Point of Dispensing Sites Memorandum of Understanding between the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and the Babylon UFSD to provide a point of dispensing site in the event of a public health emergency, at no cost to the county or school.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

19. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreements for the 2020-21 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Amityville UFSD and Bay Shore UFSD.

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

20. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL 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 Committee on Preschool Education for cases dated December 22, 2020 to January 29, 2021

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi acknowledged the retirement of Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews has been a champion of all children and best wishes to Rob Andrews on his retirement. Mrs. Rozzi explained the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Suffolk. The district has been working very closely with the Suffolk County Health Department to provide a point of dispensing site. Mrs. Rozzi addressed a board members question regarding high risk sports and covid testing.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The following questions were addressed from visitors regarding: 7-12 school reopening plan and the 2021-2022 budget.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs seconded by D. Noesi and approved (7-0)