

# MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 13, 2017

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

## Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President

Ms. Tricia Pané, Vice President

Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba

Mrs. Linda Jurs

Mr. Dominick Montalto

## District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

## Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

## District Clerk

Linda Pesce

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Donaldson, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual, contractual matters and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:39 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 6, 2017, Regular Business Meeting of February 13, 2017, and Work/Study Meeting of February 27, 2017 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by E. Altbacker. (7-0)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for January 2017 was approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegates reported that student council is starting to plan the annual Powder Puff game. Students will also be working with the PTSA on the Community Creek Clean Up Day on April 22. They also reported on events from the Art, World languages, Music, History Departments and DECA.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

1. At the February 27<sup>th</sup> Work/Study, the Board of Education was apprised on the mid-year update as to the progress of goals accomplished to date. This presentation has been posted to the website.
2. The final version of the consolidated school year calendar for the 2017/2018 school year was approved last month and has been posted to the website.
3. The latest edition of *Babylon Highlights* is in the back of the room; this edition's theme is focused on STEAM education, which champions the top-rated STEAM initiatives occurring in Babylon Schools.
4. On Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast and Community Summit. We focused on articulating our needs to our legislators, particularly the 2% tax levy cap and what should be allowable exclusions, the never ending list of unfunded mandates and the current teacher evaluation system. Our elected leaders who attended were able to provide us with an Albany update which was refreshing.
5. Our first college fair will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our guidance staff who facilitated this initiative.
6. The online Grade Book launches live on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parent letters will go out by early next week.
7. Mr. D'Amico is in the process of working with department directors in gathering specific information on all upcoming AP Review Classes for the upcoming AP Exams in May. Each teacher has been provided the opportunity to offer a number of sessions and each is in the process of developing a review schedule for Mr. D'Amico to publish shortly onto the website. This will also be disseminated to all AP students and families by the HS administration.
8. The annual Senior Dinner was held on Thursday evening; it was wonderful to see our senior class enjoying an evening celebrating the culmination of their school years with their families. Our celebratory season has begun!

9. As a reminder, the bids are set to be opened for the kitchen and serving line project next Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Central Office.
10. As you know, extensive water quality testing has been done throughout all buildings and the last phase was to test the bottle filling stations. We had taken the 7 bottle filling stations off line. The district has pinpointed where the issue was and it's with the filters inside the system. We tested the one station and when we circumvented the filter and retested it came back completely clean. We are testing the other 6 stations and once they come back clean we will put them back on line.

- Mr. David DiLeo, Director of Technology, presented a powerpoint entitled Technological Advancements in Promoting a 1:1 World Computing Environment.
- Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent and Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented budget presentation #4 on the proposed 2017-2018 school budget.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and are in the midst of policy development for accounting fixed assets. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on February 27<sup>th</sup> to finalize recommendations and forward our recommendations to the policy committee. L. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met this evening, reviewed the budget which is being presented this evening. D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that they met last week and discussed the next phase of work. We expect the bids for the high school cafeteria to come in this week. The bids on the grade and elementary school fields came in and have not yet been awarded. The technology room project has grown since the implementation of Project Lead the Way. The next meeting is March 27<sup>th</sup> after the Work/Study meeting, please join us. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met this evening and talked about the Smart School Bond. C. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met and started developing the timeline for mini grants awarded to teachers. E. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that they met and discussed revisions to policies 1500-Community Use of School Facilities, 2160-School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics, 4710-Grading Systems. The suggested revisions have been sent to counsel.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM**

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved on to Board discussion. The Board of Education extended their congratulations to Mrs. Cabral and Mrs. Dieterich as we accept their intentions for retirement. We thank them for their years of service and dedication. Thank you to the Booster Club for this generous donation. As there was no further discussion, the Board moved to New Business.

New Business

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by T. Pané, seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-17 were approved. (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-17 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 Donna Cabral, K-6 teacher, effective July 1, 2017, with best wishes on her retirement.

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2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Dieterich, K-6 teacher, effective July 1, 2017, with best wishes on her retirement.

**PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT**

3. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Veronica Cutchall as a part-time aide effective March 14, 2017 or thereafter pending the districts receipt of fingerprint clearance to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2016-2017 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$17.90, Step 2-\$18.20, Step 3-\$18.55)

**APPOINTMENT AFTER SCHOOL AIDE**

4. **APPOINTMENT AFTER SCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Debra Trosper as an after school aide effective March 14, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2016-2017 aides and monitors association contract. (Step1-\$17.90, Step 2-\$18.20, Step3-\$18.55)



**DONATION**

16. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of a home run fence, pop-up tent, baseball scorer's table, chairs, and bike rack valued at approximately \$10,700 from the Babylon Booster Club, with appreciation for these generous gifts.

**LETTER TO SENATORS SCHUMER AND GILLIBRAND**

17. **LETTER TO SENATORS SCHUMER AND GILLIBRAND: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission of a letter to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, as attached as exhibit "A", and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said letter on behalf of the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Altbacker inquired as how they raise the trip money and if the cost is defrayed for students who are attending the DECA conferences. Mr. Bencivenga suggested the Board discuss financial options for the technology suite. Mrs. Donaldson announced that there is misinformation in the community that the Board is not doing the grade school fields. This information is inaccurate. Mrs. Rozzi mentioned that we will not be using doves for the high school graduation. Since this is a night ceremony we have been informed that the doves are trained for certain times of the day. Mr. Bencivenga asked about the soundboard in Rowe Hall.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mrs. Silvestri, PTA President, reported that the PTA sponsored a book fair at the elementary and grade schools, PARP at the elementary school, the Wizards Game will be held on Saturday and the end of the year activities will be starting.

**QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding the Proposed 2017-2018 school budget and technology portion of the budget, letter to Senators, and grade school field.

**NATIONAL DECA COMPETITION RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was presented regarding the National DECA Competition:

18. **RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of up to 5 District students at the 2017 National DECA Competition in Anaheim, California, during the period April 25, 2017 through April 30, 2017 at a total cost not to exceed \$500 per student.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 18 was approved. (7-0)

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School followed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. The topic for the Work/Study Meeting will be a presentation on the proposed 2017-2018 budget. A Regular Business Meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Topic: Budget Presentation and Annual Budget Adoption.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by T. Pané, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved (7-0)