

# MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 23, 2015  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

## Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President  
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

## Members Absent

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba

## District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

## 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 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President at which time she led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD AGENDA ITEMS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

### New Business

#### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION**

1. **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION: BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2015, and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:  
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit: **RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an ultimate amount of \$1,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of funding to be surplus dollars and/or legally available funds available to the District when it closes its books every June 30.  
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

#### **AMENDED LEGAL NOTICE**

2. **AMENDED LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment to the district's legal notice of annual meeting and election of the Babylon Union Free School District to include the capital reserve fund proposition, as attached.  
On motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

#### **WORK/STUDY DISCUSSION**

Mr. Curt Coronato and Jim Weydig of BBS reported on the turf field project. Mr. Rozakis discussed protocols for Refusal to Test/Opt Out. As done last year, parents who submit a written request to their principal asking to have their child placed in an alternative test location during exam times, will receive a response outlining the procedures on testing days. The Board of Education listened to comments from the public regarding after school child care programs and the possibility of adding before school child care was discussed. Dr. Daly presented a draft of the 2015-2016 proposed school budget. Mr. D'Amico, at the Board's request, provided information on FLEX/FLES programs. He also provided options and considerations related to the elementary and grade schools science program and provided information on Project Lead the Way.

Questions were addressed regarding the turf field project, protocols for Refusal to Test/Opt Out, afterschool child care programs and the proposed 2015-2016 school budget. A resident requested a date from the Board of Education to make a presentation on particular programs and corresponding costs.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 10:30 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel regarding executive session board meetings and the open meetings law was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (4-2)

Voting Yes: L. McKeown, D. Bencivenga, D. Montalto, L. Jurs

Voting No: E. Altbacker, A. Donaldson

Mrs. Altbacker left at 10:31 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Public session resumed at 11:45 p.m. There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded L. Jurs and approved (5-0)