

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 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, and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:40 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 March 8, 2021 and Work/Study Meeting of March 22, 2021 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by T. Pané. (7-0)

APPROVAL TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2021 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Noesi. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- On March 22nd we welcomed back all 7, 8 and 12th graders who opted to return to full-day, in-person instruction. Overall, it was a smooth entrance back to in-person, full day instruction and it was truly wonderful seeing all the students in the building reconnecting with friends as a whole class. We are very excited to have students in grades 9, 10 and 11 return to full-day instruction in-person instruction next Monday and we have a letter going home this week to those students and their parents, respectively.
- We had three students participate with us in the Joint Eastern Suffolk, Nassau and Western Suffolk BOCES Long Island Regional Virtual Student Forum. The virtual forum took place on Friday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. It was a terrific opportunity to hear from students share their feedback after this COVID year. Overall, we felt it was a very insightful and fruitful discussion.
- NYSATA had our student artists work virtually displayed as part of the NYS Legislative art show. Our district is very proud of the work of these great artists.
- Syntax is continuing to make final touches to the new website design, which we plan to review at the April 26 meeting with the Board of Education. The live launch is set for July 2021.
- Mr. D'Amico reported on grades 3-8 NYS Assessments, Regents and AP examinations.
- Mrs. Rozzi and Dr. Daly presented the proposed school budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that on tonight's agenda, Item 10, the audit committee is asking the Board to approve the modified audit report response plan. There were two prior year comments to include on the current year's response plan. The NYS controller's office is continuing to conduct field work and we will keep the Board up to date. Mr. Montalto, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the HVAC is installed in Rowe Hall and all plumbing and electrical work is done. Mrs. Noesi, technology committee chair, reported that there is an uptick in phishing and the IT department is monitoring this. The NYS Ed Law 2d, Part 121 regulations training for staff on Data Privacy and Security modules need to be completed by April 30th. In order to do security and inventory of district devices, the IT department will collect all student devices this summer. The curriculum committee will meet on May 5th and the policy committee meeting will meet on April 26th. There were no other

committee reports. Committee meeting dates will be posted on the district website.

Mrs. Rozzi and the Board of Education thanked Dr. Daly for his service to the Babylon Schools.

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed 2021-2022 school budget.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by C. Dell’Erba , seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-15 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by T. Pané, seconded by A. Donaldson an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-15 were approved (7-0)

ANNUAL BUDGET

1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the proposed tax levy-cap compliant budget for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$56,414,443 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval. The proposed budget has been established at the allowable tax levy of 1.28%.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

2. **PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Property Tax Report Card as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3) for the 2021-2022 school year.

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dr. Peter R. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, effective July 28, 2021, with best wishes on his retirement.

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Anthony Buonincontri, part-time security guard, effective March 23, 2021.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5. **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 Shelbi Feldman, elementary teacher, effective April 6, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

6. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Kimberly Cooney as an elementary teacher leave replacement effective April 6, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this position to be Step 1/BA of the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers Association Contract prorated. (\$56,771 prorated) Ms. Cooney holds an initial certificate in Childhood Education (grades 1-6)

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT

7. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time security guard appointment of Santo Crocco effective April 13, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Compensation for this assignment to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT

8. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sean McDonough as a per diem substitute teacher effective April 13, 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 90 days: \$140.00.

CASUAL APPOINTMENT

9. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointment for the 2020-2021 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2020-2021 Babylon Teachers Association contract.
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| JV Girls' Lacrosse Coach Assistant | - Devyn Antolini | (\$5820.00) |
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APPROVAL OF MODIFIED AUDIT REPORT RESPONSE PLAN

10. **APPROVAL OF MODIFIED AUDIT REPORT RESPONSE PLAN: RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the Modified Audit Report Response Plan for the Independent External Audit prepared for the 2019-2020 school year by Cullen & Danowski LLP.

ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

11. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2021/2022; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2021/2022 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memoria Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT

12. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a five year (2021-2026) multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District according to the following payment schedule:

Year 1 (2021-2022)	\$202,923
Year 2 (2022-2023)	\$131,424
Year 3 (2023-2024)	\$131,424
Year 4 (2024-2025)	\$131,424
Year 5 (2025-2026)	\$131,424

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Service Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts: West Islip School District, Massapequa UFSD, Hicksville School District, South Huntington UFSD.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2020-2021 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Kids in Action of L.I., Inc. (SEDCAR2020.21#11)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

15. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL 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 the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated January 6, 2021 to March 25, 2021.

- OTHER BUSINESS** Mrs. Rozzi spoke about the NYSDOH new interim guidance. The District is waiting for legal interpretation.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS** As there was no other report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS** The following questions were addressed from visitors: student return, CDC guidelines, board meetings. Mrs. Otomo, PTA President, reported on 6th grade year end events and second grade orientation.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021, and Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Topic: WSB Budget Vote & Trustee Election.
- ADJOURNMENT** At 9:02 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell’Erba seconded by A. Donaldson and approved (7-0)