

## **MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 11, 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. Carol Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

### 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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment of the transportation consultant, the employment history of particular individuals, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:45 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to recess the Regular Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015-2016 school budget was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0)

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 school budget was held.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular meeting was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0)

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2015, Special Meeting of April 20, 2015, Work/Study Meeting of April 27, 2015 and Special Meeting of April 28, 2015 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by L. Jurs.(7-0)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2015 were approved on motion by E. Altbacker and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student Council Delegates reported that BHS Presents was held on April 17-18, 2015. They also reported on events in the Art, Science Theater/Fine Arts, Music, DECA, English and Panther Tales/Visions Departments. The Board of Education recognized the following New York State DECA winners: Theodore Allen, Alexander Alessi, Victoria Buonagura, Jack Corcoran, Ryan Cosgro, Michael Logan, Owen McCaffrey, Emma Rende, Thomas Rigelhaupt, Sophia Sherman, Emma Schubart, Andrew Szuchy and State-Level Skills USA Contest winner, Dylan Dell'Erba and Tyler Arth for competing at the State-Level USA Skills Contest. Mr. D'Amico reviewed the work of the Curriculum Committee and also reviewed the new Regents pathways for graduation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met with the external auditors to review the procedures and answer questions regarding the completion of the June 30, 2015 independent audit report. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the district received the permits for the second phase of the construction project. Representatives from BBS discussed the existence of a drainage pipe which runs under the North athletic field. The committee also discussed a temporary fence for the softball team at the grade school which has been reinstalled properly. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that a technology committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Smart Schools Bond. Mrs. Polney-Marinello will present an overview of the Smart Schools Bond at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. Mrs. Altbacker, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee revised policies 0115/0115R to include required wording by the DASA act and a first reading of this policy will be held this evening. The committee also looked at policy 5422-Allergy and will continue its review of that policy on June 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be posted on the district's website. As there were no other committee reports the Board moved on to the next item.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY 0115/0115-R STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION**

The Board of Education conducted a first reading on the following policy:

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 0115/0115-R-STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, as attached.

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto, the formal first reading and to waive the formal first reading of policy 0115/0115-R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention was approved. (7-0)

**BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

New Business

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Babylon Teachers' Association covering the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2018, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a contract setting forth said terms and conditions of employment.

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-1)

Voting Yes: E. Altbacker, L. Jurs, C. Dell'Erba, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto, L. McKeown

Voting No: D. Bencivenga

**LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

2. **LETTER OF COMMITMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a letter dated May 5, 2015 on behalf of the Board of Education, in support of the application by the Village of Babylon for Stage 1 Funding for a Feasibility Assessment for the development of a community microgrid to improve local electric distribution system performance and resiliency, at no cost to the district.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto a motion to omnibus Items 3-12 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs Items 3-12 were approved (7-0).

**NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT**

3. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the non-permanent substitute teacher appointment of Jessica Secondi effective May 12, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$100.00/day.

**SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT**

4. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mary DeChirico as a substitute food service worker effective May 12, 2015. Compensation for this appointment to be \$10.00/hour.

**PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT**

5. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time security guard appointment of Thomas Parson effective May 12, 2015. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

6. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:

1.	From:	A 9760.7300-00-000	Debt Service-Tax Anticipation Notes	(45,000)
	To:	A 2110.1283-02-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr	45,000

This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of retirement benefits.

2.	From:	A 9760.7300-00-000	Debt Service-Tax Anticipation Notes	(13,100)
	To:	A 2110.1300-01-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 7-12	13,100

This transfer is necessary to realign salary costs with budget codes.

3.	From:	A 9010.8001-00-000	Employ Bene/ERS	(153,500)
	To:	A 2110.1383-01-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr	153,500

This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of retirement benefits.

4.	From:	A 2110.1200-02-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 3-6	(32,500)
	To:	A 2251.1507-00-000	Spec Ed-Instr Sal	32,500

This transfer is necessary to realign salary costs with budget codes.

- OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP** 7. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a request from Mrs. Schweider and Mrs. Stork, art teachers, for student participation to attend the NAEA/NAHS Creative Industries Studio Conference in Washington DC from October 8, 2015 to October 10, 2015.
- WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT** 8. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District in the amount of \$230,964.61.
- APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT** 9. **APPOINTMENT TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the transportation consulting services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and John Robertson Transportation Consulting Services dba School Source Technologies.
- AMENDMENT SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES** 10. **AMENDMENT SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the agreement dated December 1, 2014 for facility use for the 2014-2015 school year to include use of facilities for the Babylon Elementary School for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS** 11. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between Babylon UFSD and the Bellmore Public Schools 2014-15 school year.
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE** 12. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases from February 2015 to April 2015, be accepted.
- GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN** 13. **GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD, hereby designates the Cold Spring Harbor CSE, as lead entity on behalf of the Board for purposes of submitting a government Efficiency Plan in accordance with Education Law Section 2023-b. On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 13 was approved. (7-0)
- OTHER BUSINESS** Mr. Rozakis answered questions that were brought to the Board of Education at its last meeting regarding transportation sharing, aides on busses, transportation aide and the number of homeless students being transported. Dr. Daly shared with the Board of Education that the State Legislature has proposed legislation to municipalities regarding tax relief to Sandy damaged homeowners. While this bill is being considered it has not yet been enacted.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS** As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.
- QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** Questions/Comments from visitors included a comment regarding Board members interactions during Board meetings.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** The Annual Meeting Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on May 19, 2015 at the Babylon Memorial Grade School on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.
- ADJOURNMENT** At 9:05 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0)