

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 2007
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

Mr. Darrell J. Conway, President
Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice President
Mr. Henry Brunjes
Mr. Roger A. Katz
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Mr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter was made by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 8:15 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board unanimously agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President D. Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING A Public Hearing on the proposed 2007-2008 budget was presented by Mr. Daly. On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito a motion to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed 2007-2008 school budget and enter into public session for the purpose of conducting the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was unanimously approved.

MINUTES The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2007 and Special Meeting of April 26, 2007 were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Brunjes and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2007 were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mr. Melito.

STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT As there was no student delegate report the Board of Education moved on to the next item.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Best-Laimit, Superintendent, and the Board of Education recognized Samantha Lipman as Valedictorian and Aditya Ramanathan as Salutatorian for the Class of 2007. Mr. D'Amico reported on Instructional Goal 1 to provide staff development for the implementation of a multi-sensory instructional approach in grades K through 3. Mr. D'Amico and Mr. Wiederkehr reported on Instructional Goal 2 to review, modify, and improve the physical education curriculum in grades K through 12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mr. Melito, audit committee chairperson, reported that the RFP's for external auditors were received. The Board of Education will be recommending Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski. The audit committee has received the risk assessment from the internal auditors and we are in the process of preparing a response. Mrs. Martino, finance chairperson, reported that the committee will be meeting after the budget vote. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chairperson reported that the committee will be meeting on June 11th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair reported that the district is waiting for BOCES to finalize the multi-year financing plan. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

TENURE APPOINTMENT

1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Leah Freese, as an elementary teacher K-6, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by C. Vukovich Resolution 1 was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Tracy Lesnick, as a school counselor, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by H. Brunjes Resolution 2 was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

3. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Nicole Marconi, as a special education teacher K-12, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by T. Melito Resolution 3 was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

4. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Christian Murphy, as a teacher of mathematics 7-12, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by H. Brunjes, seconded by R. Katz Resolution 4 was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

5. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Yaniriz Garcia, as an elementary teacher K-6, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by A. Martino, seconded by T. Melito Resolution 5 was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

6. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to William Singleton, as an elementary teacher K-6, effective September 1, 2007.
On motion by A. Martino, seconded by J. Anderson Resolution 6 was unanimously approved.

OMNIBUS MOTION

- On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 7-16 was unanimously approved.
On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Katz an omnibus motion to move resolutions 7-16 was unanimously approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Laura Jayne, foreign language teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence commencing September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 be approved and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Stipulation of Agreement for an unpaid leave of absence as per attached.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Linda Fama, mathematics teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence commencing September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 be approved and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Stipulation of Agreement for an unpaid leave of absence as per attached.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

9. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Lauren Elward, English teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing May 7, 2007 to June 30, 2008 be approved.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER

10. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER: RESOLVED**, the Board of Education appoint Kathryn McGrorty as an English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective May 7, 2007 to June 30, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2006-2007 teachers' salary schedule.

REGISTRATION/ VOTING PERSONNEL

11. **REGISTRATION/VOTING PERSONNEL: RESOLVED**, that the following personnel be appointed members of the Board of Registrars for school district registration and elections to be held on May 15, 2007: Laura Lynn Browning, Lisa McKeown, Joanne Petruzzelli

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES

12. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as non-permanent teaching substitutes effective May 8, 2007. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate.

Edward Lattari
Kelly Maier

Gene Adesso
Melissa Joseph

Shannon Farley
Darryl Newman

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

13. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff as listed on Attachment A.

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

14. **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, as attached hereto, be accepted.

**LICENSE AND
OPERATING
AGREEMENT WITH
SCOPE EDUCATION
SERVICES**

15. **LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the license and operating agreement between the Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the 2007-2008 school year as attached.

**INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITORS
APPOINTMENT**

16. **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORS APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski as the independent school district auditors for the school year 2006-2007 with the option to renew for the school years 2008-2011.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved on to the next item.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved on to the next item.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Budget Vote & Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Grade School from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the regular meeting was adjourned and a motion to re-enter into executive session to continue discussion on a particular personnel matter was made by H. Brunjes and seconded by T. Melito. At 10:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn executive session was made by A. Martino, seconded by C. Vukovich and unanimously approved.