

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 14, 2022

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

### Members Present

Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba, President

Mrs. Linda Jurs, Vice President

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Mrs. Donna Noesi

Mrs. Theresa Patiri

Mr. David Sonkin

### District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

### Central Office Administration

Mr. Travis Davey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business

### District Clerk

Carol Feudi

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Dell'Erba, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by D. Noesi, seconded by T. Patiri and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:32 p.m. at which time Mrs. Dell'Erba, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 10, 2022 and the Board of Education Work/Study meeting of January 24, 2022 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Noesi. (6-0)

## **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer's Report and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report of January 2022 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by N. Montalto (6-0)

## **STUDENT COUNCIL DELEGATES:**

Student, Mauve Graham, reported on senior high student council events as follows: Fine Arts Department news, recognized senior Vanessa Espinoza, students who have artwork displayed at the Babylon Public Library and Babylon Old Town Hall, and Art Teacher, Pat Stork, who won a scholarship to attend the National Art Educators Conference in March. She also reported on the high school theater's upcoming musical, The Addams Family; the Practical Arts Department and the Babylon Buddies.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Rozzi reported that the district is happy to bring on three new academic support specialists thanks to the generous federal funding that Babylon School District received. She welcomed Lori Tomici, reading specialist at the high school, Kelly Kane, reading specialist at the grade school, and, Sarah Lawrence, math specialist at the elementary school. Mrs. Rozzi announced that the Board would be approving the 2022/2023 school calendar this evening, which aligns with the Western Suffolk BOCES approved calendar. She stated that after this evening's Board approval, the calendar would be posted on the district's website as well as distributed to families. Mrs. Rozzi announced that the 2022/2023 SCOPE Before & After School Child Care Program is also included on this evening's agenda for approval by the Board. Our proposed UF federal funding will remain the same in the 2022/2023 school year and the district is advertising the RFP for professional services over the next four weeks as we anticipate interested providers will submit proposals for consideration and award. Mrs. Rozzi gave a special thanks to the Babylon PTA for recognizing our staff with Valentine's treats. Mrs. Rozzi announced that a new online reporting tool is to be launched online in March, referred to as the Let's Talk App. All administrators received training

its use. Mrs. Rozzi reported that this week’s Grade School concert schedule was distributed earlier, and we look forward to seeing families join us February 15 and 16 for the Grade School musical celebrations at Rowe Hall. Mrs. Rozzi stated that the mid-winter break runs from Saturday, February 19 through Sunday, February 27 and all schools will be closed for the week. Lastly, Mrs. Rozzi announced that Pops concerts at all schools will be held after the break.

**GUIDANCE  
PRESENTATION**

Mr. Dennis Murphy, District Director of Guidance, and Ms. Kristen Scheriff, School Counselor for Grades K-6, presented an overview of the guidance department services followed by questions and answers from the public.

**BUDGET  
PRESENTATION:**

Mrs. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, gave a recap of key points in revenues and fund balance from her last 2022/2023 proposed school budget presentation and presented a Power Point Budget Presentation #2, followed by questions and answers from the public.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Audit Committee – Mrs. Patiri stated that there is nothing new to report. Finance Committee – Mrs. Ju reported that the committee met on January 24, 2022 and discussed the tax cap calculation and presented two alternative scenarios; Building & Grounds Committee - Mr. Montalto stated there was nothing new to report; Technology Committee – Mr. Sonkin reported that the Instructional Technology Integration Specialist, Ms. Emily Moran, was pushing into the elementary and grade school classrooms introducing students to Windows One Drive and TEAMS basics as well as providing grade level integration of instructional technology into the curriculum. He reported that 1,131 of the New York State mandated surveys have been submitted, with 399 to go; he reported on the Ed Law training for staff and gave an update on the technology plan, which is due to BOCES in April and to New York State in June. The committee is scheduled to meet again March 28 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Noesi reported that the committee will continue its discussion on Professional Development sometime in March; Policy Committee – Mrs. Dell’Erba stated that the committee met on January 31 and continued its work on the Fraternalization Policy and has forwarded it to the district’s counsel for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/  
QUESTIONS**

Questions and comments were received from Mrs. Skarulis and Mrs. Campagna.

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Patiri, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-31 were approved (6-0).

Mrs. Rozzi acknowledged, and thanked, the anonymous donor of varsity baseball uniforms, which acceptance is included on the agenda this evening.

On omnibus motion by D. Noesi, seconded by D. Sonkin, an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-31 were approved (6-0)

**RESIGNATION**

1. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kristen Pyes, part-time monitor at the elementary school effective January 6, 2022, with best wishes on her future professional endeavors.

**RESIGNATION**

2. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Patricia Snider as monitor at the elementary school effective February 14, 2022.

**RESCIND  
COOPERATING  
TEACHER  
APPOINTMENT**

3. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Melissa Pascarella as cooperating teacher for the Spring 2022 semester for Steven Marx, physical education student teacher.

**RESCIND COACH  
APPOINTMENT**

4. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Lauren Heck as JH Girls’ Basketball Coach effective January 18, 2022.

**FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE**

5. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the Family & Medical Leave request of Olivia Calcado, math teacher at high school, effective February 7, 2022 to May 16, 2022.

**PROBATIONARY TEACHER APPOINTMENT**

6. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the appointment of Kelly Kane as probationary reading specialist at the high school effective February 28, 2022 to February 28, 2026. Ms. Kane is New York State certified Literacy. Compensation for this position is MA+15, Step 1, in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association Contract (\$68,569 prorated).

**PROBATIONARY TEACHER APPOINTMENT**

7. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the appointment of Sarah Lawrence as probationary elementary AIS teacher at the elementary school effective February 28, 2022 to February 28, 2026. Ms. Lawrence is New York State certified in Early Childhood Education B-2 and Childhood Education 1-5. Compensation for this position is MA, Step 1, in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association Contract (\$65,115 prorated).

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT AMENDED**

8. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the amended probationary terms of employment of Shelbi Feldman as elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2017 to December 7, 2022 due to her request for extended childcare leave.

**PROBATIONARY ACCOUNT CLERK**

9. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the appointment of Kim Rego as Account Clerk in the Business Office effective March 1, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column C of the 2021/22 Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association prorated (\$45,686 prorated).

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER AMENDED APPOINTMENT**

10. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the conditional appointment of Anya Hixson as leave replacement math teacher at the high school effective February 7, 2022 to May 16, 2022. Compensation for this position is BA, Step 1, to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers Association Contract (\$57,623 prorated).

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE APPOINTMENT**

11. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the appointment of Patricia Snider as special education aide at the elementary school effective February 15, 2022. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the 2021/22 Aides and Monitors Association Contract hourly wage (Step 1: \$18.26; Step 2: \$18.52; Step 3: \$18.92).

**CASUAL APPOINTMENT**

12. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves Ashley Jones as the Winter 2022 JH Girls' Basketball Coach. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association contract for 12021/2022 school year (\$4,790).

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

13. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2021-2022 school year. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract

Club	Name	Compensation
<u>ASL Club</u>	Lindsay Jones	\$1,543.00
<u>Chess Club</u>	Richard Punzone	\$ 772.00 (1/2 year)
<u>Natural Helpers</u>	<u>Co-Advisors:</u>	
	Ed Storey	\$1,543.00
	Melissa Anderson	\$1,543.00

Allison Lepore \$1,543.00  
 Barbara Small \$1,543.00

**CASUAL  
 APPOINTMENTS**

14. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following coaching appointments for the Spring 2022 Season. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract:

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>COACH</b>	<b>COMPENSATION</b>
Varsity Baseball	Mike Birnbaum	\$7,471.00
Varsity Baseball Asst	Robert Molinaro	\$5,907.00
JV Baseball	Christian Falcaro	\$5,907.00
JH Baseball	Patrick Metzger	\$4,790.00
	Alex Marange	\$4,790.00
JH Gymnastics (2)	Steve Silipo	\$4,790.00
	Samantha Sasso	\$4,790.00
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Kyle Cropsey	\$7,471.00
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Asst	Gerard Cunningham	\$5,907.00
JV Boys Lacrosse (2)	Tim Halverson	\$5,907.00
	Scott Jankow	\$5,907.00
JH Boys Lacrosse (2)	John Greaney	\$4,790.00
	Mike Russo	\$4,790.00
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Chris Ryan	\$7,471.00
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Asst	Kristin Yevoli	\$5,907.00
JV Girls Lacrosse	Madeline Lee	\$5,907.00
JV Girls Lacrosse Asst	Devyn Antolini	\$5,907.00
JH Girls Lacrosse (2)	Kelsey Ferguson	\$4,790.00
	Brenda Mayo	\$4,790.00
Varsity Softball	Rick Punzone	\$7,471.00
JV Softball	Ashley Jones	\$5,907.00
JH Softball	John Michele	\$4,790.00
Varsity Boys Tennis	Mike Sinclair	\$5,824.00
JV Boys Tennis	Rob Andrews	\$4,973.00
JH Boys Tennis	Lauren Heck	\$4,790.00
Varsity Boys Spring Track	Adam Geller	\$7,471.00
Varsity Boys Spring Track Asst	Dennis McGovern	\$5,907.00
Varsity Girls Spring Track	Melissa Pascarella	\$7,471.00
Varsity Girls Spring Track Asst	Chris Pedersen	\$5,907.00
JH Track	Jeff Hedberg	\$4,790.00
Weight Room Supervisor	Danny McHugh	\$1,030.00

**CASUAL  
 APPOINTMENTS**

15. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teaching placements for the Spring 2022 semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Eric Frank	Library Media	Mary Biener

Steven Marx  
Lauren Mosca

Physical Education  
Elementary Ed

Lauren Heck  
Danielle Vedder

**PER DIEM  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
APPOINTMENT**

16. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kegan Johnston as per diem substitute teacher at the Jr/Sr High School effective February 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute teacher pay rate: Days 1-30 \$110.00; Days 31-60 \$120.00; Days 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days \$140.00:

**CONSULTANT  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

17. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of School Source Technologies effective February 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022 for consultation and guidance with transportation run/route information to be included in RFP; available add-ons to be included as requirement/alternate; legal notices, a NYSED submissions, not to exceed \$10,000.

**CONSULTANT  
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18. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Consultant Services Contract with MF Tobin Consultant Corp. for IT Coordination services effective February 14, 2022 to June 30, 2022 at a per diem rate of \$650 per day.

**MASK MANDATE  
RESOLUTION**

19. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the following mask mandate resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 24, 2021, the New York State Department of Health re-adopted emergency regulation, 10 NYCRR 2.60, which requires indoor masking under certain circumstances, as determined by the Commissioner of Health based on COVID-19 incidence and prevalence, as well as any other public health and/or risk factors related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 10, 2021, the New York State Acting Commissioner of Health issued “Commissioner’s Determination on Indoor Masking Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60 which provided for “universal masking of teachers, staff, students and visitors to P-12 schools over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask and regardless of vaccination status”; and

**WHEREAS**, said emergency regulation 10 NYCRR 2.60 expires February 21, 2022; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby declares that, upon the expiration of emergency regulation 10 NYCRR 2.60, or upon its earlier repeal or vacatur, and provided that no other law, rule, regulation or decision/order is subsequently adopted by New York State or Suffolk County requiring mandatory face covering/masking in P-12 schools, it shall be the policy of the Board of Education that each individual Babylon Union Free School District teacher, student, staff member and/or visitor will have the discretion to determine whether they will or will not wear face mask while on district property unless that individual is under a quarantine/isolation protocol or test to stay protocol pursuant to NYSDOH guidance which would necessitate the wearing of a mask. In the event the emergency regulation ends during the school day, the district’s policy shall be implemented at the conclusion of the day for implementation the following day. All members of the school community are encouraged to respect each individual’s decision to wear or not wear a mask at such time as the mandate is lifted. In accordance with current Federal guidelines mask wearing remains required on the school bus until further amended.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby rescinds any portion of the District’s Re-Opening Plan 2021-22 regarding mandatory face masking that is in conflict with this Resolution at such time.

**COVID TEST-TO-  
STAY PROTOCOL**

**ADOPTION OF  
2022/2023 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
ANNUAL PUBLIC  
SCHOOL FIRE &  
BUILDING SAFETY  
INSPECTION**

**PROPERTY  
SURVEY  
RESOLUTION**

**SCOPE EDUCATION  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

**DYNTEK SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

**HEALTH SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
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**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

**DONATION**

**OBSOLETE ITEMS**

20. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the COVID Test-to-Stay Protocol as presented and authorizes it to be added to the District's Re-Opening Plan.
21. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education adopts the Calendar for the 2022/2023 school year (as attached).
22. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2022/2023; **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 2022/2023 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial 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 hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District official newspaper within twenty (20) days.
23. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education hereby authorizes its architect, John A. Grillo, PC to obtain a title and deed search, include a restrictive covenant and easement search, for a certain parcel of District property located on the east side of Babylon Junior-Senior High School, commonly known as the garage area.
24. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the 2022/2023 SCOPE Child Care Program to be held at the Babylon Elementary and Grade Schools for the 2022/2023 school year.
25. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the Professional Services agreement with DynTek Services, Inc. for LA Support effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, not to exceed \$45,000.
26. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the health services contract between the Bay Shore Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.
27. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the special education services agreement between the West Babylon Union Free School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.
28. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education approves the special education services agreement between the Massapequa School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.
29. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated November 23, 2021 through February 8, 2022.
30. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the donation of home and away baseball uniforms for the Varsity Baseball Team valued at \$2,875. This donation has been made available through an anonymous party.

31. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the discard of two outdoor fitness units and refrigerator (#000555) from the Babylon Memorial Grade School. The equipment no longer work and cannot be repaired.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF  
ORGANIZATIONS**

Ms. Angela Campagna, PTA President, gave an update on the events taking place in the district both past and upcoming.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

Mrs. Dell'Erba announced the following future Board meetings: Board of Education Work/Study Meeting, Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; Regular Board of Education Business Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AND  
ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by T. Patiri; seconded by D. Noesi, the Board adjourned to executive session at 9:09 p.m., and announced that the Board would not be returning to public session. Approved (6-0)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



**CAROL FEUDI  
DISTRICT CLERK**