

APPROVED

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

March 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 6:00 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 L. Jurs, 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.

BOARD PRESIDENT STATEMENT

Mrs. Dell'Erba read a statement to those in attendance acknowledging the recent arrest of one of the district's teachers and commending the alumni who came forward. She stated that this matter is under investigation by the District Attorney as well as local authorities and internal investigations and the Board will not comment further on this matter. She said the district, like all of you, have been horrified by the allegations of sexual misconduct spanning back decades by teachers and coaches. The district would find it abhorrent and unacceptable even if there was only a single complaint, that the district has received complaints from multiple former alumni is unsettling on the deepest level and a travesty of immeasurable proportions. She stated that it is the district's responsibility to now move the district forward and it should be unequivocally clear that our students' health and safety is the driving force for everything we do. There is absolutely zero tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. It is on the district's shoulders to ensure that students never again be subjected to any kind of sexual misconduct perpetrated by an employee of this district. It is our job and moral duty to instill a culture of accountability, and this starts with proper training, protocols and communication among our students, employees and community members. Students are entitled to learning in an environment this is safe and secure and free from sexual or other harassment, and they should feel supported and encouraged to come forward and know their voice will be trusted, heard and acted on. School should be a place where students learn and grow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 14, 2022 and the Board of Education Work/Study meeting of February 28, 2022 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by N. Montalto. (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 February 2022 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Noesi (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Suffolk Zone Physical Education Leadership Award Winners – Seniors McKenzie Busch and Kevin Mroczka were recognized for their recent award from the Suffolk Zone Chapter of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The award was based on their physical education achievement, scholastically sound ability, outstanding character, physical education leadership and school-wide activities leadership.

Student Delegates Report – Students Alyssa Watral and KJ Graham reported on the senior high student council event BHS Presents on Saturday, March 19, Fine Arts Department news, recognized student musicians for their selection to the SCMEA All-County performance ensembles, World Language new DECA's State Career Competition, the Writers' Club and the Practical Arts Department.

Mrs. Rozzi reported that as we returned from mid-winter recess, we received updated mask guidance from the Department of Health. As a result, we began our new season without masks and we are excited to open our schools this season with in-person events and celebrations such as book fairs, science fairs, spirit concerts and field trips. Mrs. Rozzi reported that Mr. Davey sent out a letter to all families regarding the Grades 3-8 student assessments that will be given at the end of this month. Mrs. Rozzi announced that letter was sent home regarding updated district protocol, based on guidance from the New York State Department of Health, which helps parents understand where schools stand regarding quarantine and wearing masks. She reported on the progress the district is making on the amendment of the Fraternal Policy, which is being worked on by a team of administration, board members and parents. Mrs. Rozzi discussed the Let's Talk App, a reporting tool which can be used by any student, parent or teacher, and she explained the internal teams and tracking system. Mrs. Rozzi reminded all about kindergarten registration and gave the dates of registration, which will be held at the elementary school. The information and registration packet can be found on the district's website. Mrs. Rozzi spoke about the UPK Program for the 2022/2023 school year, which will accommodate up to eighteen students who will be selected to attend the program, free of charge, through a lottery, which will be held on May 25. Information will be going out to district residents and will be available on the website. Parents must register in order to be considered for the lottery. Mrs. Rozzi apprised the Board of the BOCES Budget Vote & Election, which will take place on April 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Before turning the budget presentation over to Mrs. Lunetta, Mrs. Rozzi reported that although the budget is still in the development stages, it will present a zero percent tax rate increase for residents.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Budget Presentation #4 - Mrs. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented a PowerPoint on Budget Presentation #4, which covered Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, 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. Jurs reported that the committee will meet on March 28 at 6:00 p.m.; Building & Grounds Committee - N. Montalto stated there was nothing new to report; Technology Committee – Mr. Sonkin stated that there was nothing new to report and that the committee is scheduled to meet again March 28 at 4:30 p.m.; Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Noesi reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. and the committee will continue to update the Professional Development Plan; Policy Committee – Mrs. Dell'Erba stated that the committee will meet on March 21 at 4:00 p.m. and will continue fine tuning the Fraternalization Policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS

Questions and comments were received from the public, B Kulick, D. Bennett, S DeSa, T. Gonzalez, D. Skarulis, C. Miller, D. Hawkins, K. Janawsky, A. Campagna. Mrs. Dell'Erba addressed the recruitment of the new superintendent and stated that the Board will seek the involvement of parent groups and will send out a survey for community input.

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Noesi, seconded by D. Sonkin, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-20 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by N. Montalto, an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-20 were approved (6-0)

RESIGNATION

1. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Claire Donaldson, Science Teacher, effective July 1, 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 Michael Tenety as District Head of Security effective February 16, 2022.

LEAD SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT

3. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Tom Parson as District Head of Security, effective March 15, 2022. Compensation for this appointment to be \$22.00 per hour.

PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS

4. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time security guard appointments effective March 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022; compensation for these appointments to be \$18.00 per hour:

Anne Marshall	Michael Tenety
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STUDENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS

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

Student Teacher	Field of Study	Cooperating Teachers
Cassandra Johnson	TESOL	Julie Zanghi/Kyle
Cropsey		
Eric Frank	Library Media	Lisa Lindeman

STUDENT OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS

6. **STUDENT OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student observers for the Spring 2022 semester:

Student Observer Teacher	Field of Study	Cooperating
Carly Keating	Elementary Education	Kristen Corso
Kathryn O’Neill	Music Education	Colleen
Angerami		
Danielle Pinna	Elementary Education	Jennifer Brook

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

7. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the second half of the 2021/2022 school year. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers’ Association contract for the 2021/2022 school year.

Name	Position	Compensation
Nicole Blair	Sophomore Class Co-Advisor	\$1,736 (prorated)
Melissa Anderson	Junior Class Advisor	\$2,700 (prorated)

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

8. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Brian Monteleone as Varsity Softball Assistant Coach for Spring 2022. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract for the 2021/2022 school year (\$5,907.00).

PER DIEM FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

9. **PER DIEM FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Zdene as per diem food service director effective March 15, 2022 not to exceed June 30, 2022 at the rate of \$75.00 per hour. Ms. Zdenek will provide assistance in the Food Service Department should the need arise.

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENT

10. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Gayle McGuickian as substitute custodial worker effective March 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the substitute custodial pay. (\$15.00/hour).

CSE/CPSE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

11. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mona Tobin as CSE/CPSE Chairperson effective March 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES

12. **APPROPRIATION CHANGES APPROVAL: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following budget appropriation changes:

Account Code	Description	From
A2010.1503-05-000	Curriculum Develop - Asst Supt	26,050.0
A2020.1503-03-000	Supv - Principals Sal ES	

Transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salaries costs.

A1910.4270-00-000	Unallocated Ins – Student Acc	11,548.6
A1670.5420-00-000	Central Print Paper	1,101.4
A1910.4250-00-000	Unallocated Ins - Liability	

Transfer is necessary to reallocate budget code to actual premium costs.

A2630.1600-00-000	Computer - Non-Instr Salary	23,500.0
A2630.4190-00-000	Computer - Instr Contracts	

Transfer is necessary to cover Dyntek contract needed due to resignation of employee in technology

A2110.1200-02-000	Tch Reg School – Instr 3-6	255,000.0
A1430.4120-05-000	Personnel - Prof Services	7,500.0
A2110.4820-01-000	Tch Reg School - Text 7-12	16,306.0
A2110.1300-01-000	Tch Reg School - Instr 7-12	
A2110.1200-03-000	Tch Reg School - Instr K-2	
A2110.1382-01-000	Tch Reg School – Intsr Long	
A2110.1383-01-000	Tch Reg School – Career Incr	
A1310.1502-05-000	Bus Adm – Instr Sal	
A1430.1600-05-000	Personnel – Non-Instr Sal	
A1620.1600-00-000	Operation – Non-Instr Sal	

Transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.

Account Code	Description	From
A2110.1400-01-000	Tch Reg School - Substitutes	45,000.0
A2110.1400-02-000	Tch Reg School - Substitutes	40,000.0
A2110.1400-03-000	Tch Reg School - Substitutes	14,387.0
A2110.1314-01-000	Tch Reg School – 6 th Period	

Transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.

A9010.8001-00-000	Employee Benefits - ERS	100,000.0
A1420.4410-00-000	Legal - Attorneys	

Transfer is necessary for current and anticipated legal costs.

A2251.1611-01-000	Special Ed – Non-Instr Sal P/T	39,932.0
A2251.1514-00-000	Special Ed – Instr Sal – 6 th Period	

Transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.

**HEALTH &
WELFARE
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

13. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement between the West Islip School District and the Babylon Union Free School District.

**WESTERN
SUFFOLK BOCES
NOMINATIONS**

14. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Babylon Board of Education hereby nominates Mrs. Ilene Herz, Esq., Mrs. Brian J. Sales and Mrs. Maryan Zumpano, as candidates for re-election, to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL MEETING**

15. **RESOLVED**, that the annual meeting and election of the Babylon UFSD, Town of Babylon Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of the Babylon Union Free School District and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the Babylon Beacon and South Bay Neighbor Newspaper, two papers having general circulation in the District.

**ANNUAL MEETING
APPOINTMENTS**

16. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following as Election Workers/Election Inspectors:
Compensation to be \$15.00 per hour (Election Inspectors Nursing Home (\$25.00/hour):
Karen Bustamante Linda McGarvey

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

17. **COMMITTEE ON 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 20, 2022 through March 8, 2022.

OBSOLETE ITEMS

18. **OBSOLETE ITEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the removal of library books from the Babylon Memorial Grade School to be donated to The Book Fairies. Books are being removed due to low circulation for books added to the collection from 2008; damaged books; multiple copies of book and irrelevance to current curriculum topics.

**SCHOOL
REOPENING PLAN**

19. **SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the updated District School Opening Plan developed for the Babylon Union Free School District for the 2021-2022 school year based on the March 2022 NYSDOH Guidance recently released.

**HOME
TUTORING/INSTRUCTION
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

20. **HOME TUTORING/INSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Home Tutoring/Instruction Services Agreement between Long Island Tutorial Services and the Babylon Union Free School District.

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, March 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; Regular Board of Education Business Meeting,

Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:30 p.m.; Board of Education Special Meeting - BOCES Budget & Election
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

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

On motion by L. Jurs; seconded by T. Patiri, the Board adjourned to executive session at 9:04 p.m.
Approved (6-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**CAROL FEUDI
DISTRICT CLERK**