

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 22, 2023
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. Ari McKenzie
Mr. Dominick Montalto
Mrs. Donna Noesi
Mrs. Theresa Patiri
Mr. David Sonkin

APPROVED

Interim Superintendent

Mr. Brian L. Conboy

Central Office Administration

Ms. Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Carisa Manza, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda McGarvey

CALL TO ORDER

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Good evening. Ordinarily in a work/study meeting we don't necessarily make comments, but I think that, since we are in close proximity to what happened last Tuesday night, I really felt the need to first thank the community for showing the confidence that was needed to pass that super majority budget. It's not a complete panacea, but, believe me, it is going to help remarkably going forward to have a good budget foundation to build upon, so we are just very thankful to everybody who helped to put in the effort to get the votes out. I am mindful that 38% of the community did not vote yes, so I am respectful of the way anyone voted, but we are very pleased that we were able to pass that super majority budget. And, proposition #2, which passed overwhelmingly, is also going to aid with the safety of our district with more cameras, etc. and that is great. And congratulations to Ms. Wieland and Mr. Verdi who will take the Board seats starting in July. I think that my secretary, Linda McGarvey, did an outstanding job in her first year as the District Clerk, so congratulations to Linda. We know that Linda Jurs will be returning to the Board and her leadership is definitely going to be a very big benefit. And, of course, the woman to my right here, Carol Dell'Erba, she deserves great respect for the leadership she brought to the job.

OMNIBUS MOTION

It is a very exciting time for the District. Athletics is going well. We have almost every team in the play-offs. I know that the baseball team won today. I know the softball team didn't win, but that is still the best out of three. We have concerts going on this week and next week. We have the Memorial Day celebration at the Grade School this Thursday morning at 8:45 in the circle.

The school year is not over and we said it to the Leadership Team last week; we need to keep vigilant every single day because, when kids get fired up and excited, crazy things can happen. We will be keeping the schools as safe as we can. So, again, thank you very much to the Babylon community.

Next, Carol Dell'Erba announced the following: Tonight, we are pleased to announce that we have entered into contract negotiations for our next Superintendent of Schools, who is scheduled to take over on July 1, 2023. We are further pleased to share that the person we have chosen has proven before our very eyes throughout this school year that she has the experience, intelligence, energy, and courage to handle this great challenge. She has made a tremendous impact on our school district this year and we hope will make a long-term commitment for effective leadership for Babylon, which is a hallmark of every successful school district. It is my pleasure to announce that our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Ms. Caris Manza, will take over as Superintendent of Schools on July 1st. We will immediately do a posting for her current position. Congratulations, Carisa.

Next, Caris Manza stated the following: I do want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Education for your unrelenting support of me throughout this school year. I also appreciate your expressed trust in me to assume this very critical role. It is an honor and a privilege to be identified as your next Superintendent of the Babylon School District. I do have to acknowledge Mr. Conboy, Ms. Lunetta, and my esteemed colleagues who I have had the great fortune of working with this past year and it has been an invaluable experience gaining their insights into the priorities of the Babylon District. I have also had the great fortune of getting to meet with students, staff and families and I agree with everything that Mr. Conboy has said about how the future of this District is really great. It is with great excitement that I look forward to working collectively with our team as we advance the Babylon Schools. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I look forward to working with all of you.

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Sonkin, a motion to omnibus resolutions 1-3 was approved (7-0).

On motion by D. Noesi, seconded by D. Montalto, resolutions 1-3 were approved (7-0).

New Business

1. **EXCESSED TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the need to excess the following teachers, effective June 30, 2023. In accordance with Section 3013 of New York State Education Law, these teachers will be placed on a Preferred Eligibility List and may be entitled to re-instatement to the same or a similar position in the same tenure area that becomes vacant within seven (7) years. Entitlement to such a position will depend upon the similarity to the excessed teacher’s prior position, certification, and accrued seniority.

Elementary School	
Gabrielle Cetta	Special Education Teacher
Gina Connelly	1 st Grade Teacher
Kim DeRosa	P/T Librarian
Kelsey Ferguson	Physical Education Teacher
Sarah Lawrence	AIS Math Teacher
Hannah McGarvey	Kindergarten Teacher
Britney Penna	Speech Teacher
Jamie Preziosi	Special Education Teacher
Cynthia Ruiz	Reading Teacher
Emily Taxin	ENL Teacher
Grade School	
Nicole Campanaro	Guidance Counselor
Kelly Kane	Reading Teacher
Olivia Stegner	P/T Physical Education Teacher
High School	
Heather Adamski	Science Teacher
Cristina Calvano	Art Teacher
Angel Davenport	Special Education Teacher
Phillip Inguanta	Science Teacher
Nicole O'Donnell	ASL Teacher
Karen Pinto	P/T Psychologist
Kristine Quinn	Math Teacher
Jacqueline Ryan	Science Teacher
Cassidy Treanor	Math Teacher
South Bay	
Deborah Peterec	P/T Special Education Teacher

2. **CHILDCARE LEAVE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the six (6) week childcare

leave of Olivia Calcado, High School Mathematics Teacher, effective May 10, 2023 through June 23, 2023, with congratulations on the birth of her son.

3. **FITZGERALD DRIVING SCHOOL SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the In-Car Driver Education Instruction Services agreement between Fitzgerald Driving School and the Babylon Union Free School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$365.00 per p.m. driving student and \$375.00 per a.m. driving student (fees to be paid by student).

**WORK/STUDY
PRESENTATION**

Justin Benoit, from Energia, started a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on what Energia can offer the school district pertaining to energy performance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
QUESTIONS**

Members of the Board of Education had questions and comments for Mr. Benoit about the Energia presentation.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by A. McKenzie, the Board adjourned the executive session at 8:08 p.m. Approved (7-0)

**RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,**



**LINDA MCGARVEY
DISTRICT CLERK**