

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BUDGET ADOPTION**

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 8, 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

**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

**School Attorneys**

Nicole Murphy  
Doug Spencer

**APPROVED**

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting and Budget Adoption of April 17, 2023 and the BOCES Budget and Trustee Vote Meeting of April 25, 2023 were approved on motion by D. Noesi and seconded by D. Sonkin. (7-0)

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer’s and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Reports for March 2023 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Sonkin. (7-0)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

D. Montalto reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier today to talk about the energy performance contract. They will be having a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> regarding that. They also spoke about a couple of bond projects regarding school security as well as some building upgrades. T. Patiri reported that they originally had a meeting scheduled for today, but that date has been changed to May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Conboy reported that he is glad to see so many people attending tonight’s meeting. First thing tonight is that we will go over our regular business meeting and then we will go into the annual budget hearing. We will take questions regarding the agenda items at the beginning of the meeting and we will take questions regarding the budget after the budget hearing presentation. Everyone will leave here with proper information.

In addition to that, we are coming down to the conclusion of our school year. We have 31 school days remaining in the 2022-2023 school year. It went very quickly, in my view, and I know other people feel the same way. Also, I am thankful the weather is warming up. A number of our Spring athletes have been out there in the cold weather. Spring is a very busy time, the end of the school year is always busy. Next Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, is the Annual School Budget Vote and Trustee Election. It is the same for every school district in New York State. We have AP exams the last couple of weeks and we are thankful to our neighbors at St. Joseph’s for allowing us to use some space over there for students to take the exams without distractions. It allows our students to concentrate on their exams, so thank you. We have Kindergarten screening coming up, concerts, field days, Adventureland Night, so a lot of good stuff!

I hope everyone received a copy of the budget brochure in their mailbox.

I would also like to congratulate the Babylon Community Scholarship Fund. They had their annual fashion show and dinner last week. That was really emblematic of what the Babylon Community

can do. It was a great showing. It was a highly spirited event, well planned, and the student speeches were great. The kids looked fantastic. I really enjoyed being there.

Regarding an athletics update, several of our teams are doing well. Our Varsity Baseball team is 15-0. They have three games left. Varsity Softball is heading to the play-offs. It looks as though Boys Varsity Lacrosse is heading to the play-offs. Girls Varsity Lacrosse is probably the second seat of the play-offs. Some of our tennis athletes and track athletes will be competing in county and state championships. Congratulations to all those Spring athletes. I will also mention that every single one of our Varsity teams is a scholar athlete team this year! That really says something to our Babylon Community.

Congratulations to all the Mothers and Happy Mother's Day!

**PUBLIC COMMENT/  
QUESTIONS**

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from Kelly O'Hara regarding bullying, Corinne Samon regarding School Status, Danielle Skarulis regarding Mr. Strifolino, Jeannine Mullan regarding the special education program and ASL, Wendy Higgins regarding a BOCES program, Fumi Otomo regarding NYSSMA and SCMEA, Derek and Christine Stevens regarding the 8:1:3 class, Janice Wiener regarding the 8:1:3 class, Angela Campagna regarding the 8:1:3 class, ??, an aide in the 8:1:3 class, Theresa Sedaris regarding the 8:1:3 class.

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Noesi, seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus resolutions 1-19 were approved (7-0).

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**New Business**

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Loredana Tomici, reading teacher at the Babylon Jr./Sr. High School, effective June 30, 2023, with best wishes.
2. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute teachers. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay scale: Days 1-30: \$110.00; Days 31-60: \$120.00; Days 61-90: \$130.00; Over 91 days: \$140.00.

**High School**

Joseph Moritz – effective May 1, 2023

Peyton Ryan – effective May 17, 2023

3. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time aide appointment from May 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2022-2023 Aides and Monitors Association contract. (Step 1-\$18.62)

**Babylon High School**

Juliette Diaks – Nurse's office aide

4. **CHILDCARE LEAVE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the eight (8) week childcare leave of Stephanie Greaney, High School Physical Education Teacher, effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, with congratulations on the birth of her daughter.
5. **CHILDCARE LEAVE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the four (4) week childcare leave of John Greaney, High School Social Studies Teacher, effective May 1, 2023 through May 25, 2023, with congratulations on the birth of his daughter.
6. **CHILDCARE LEAVE EXTENSION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the childcare leave extension of

Alyssa Brunson, High School Social Studies Teacher, effective May 5, 2023 through June 23, 2023.

7. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District Clerical/Nursing/Network & Systems Technicians Association, CSEA Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, related to the collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract setting forth such terms on behalf of the Board.
8. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and the CSEA Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Custodial Association, related to the collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract setting forth such terms on behalf of the Board.
9. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the Key Controls report for 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
10. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts Food Services Cycle report for 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
11. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts Annual Risk Assessment Update for 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
12. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the corrective action plan for the Key Controls report for 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
13. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the corrective action plan for the Annual Risk Assessment Update 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
14. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and hereby accepts the corrective action plan for the Food Service Cycle report 2021-2022 issued by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.
15. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION** for Tutorial & Special Education Services: **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:  
**WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial & Special Education Services for Students, Western Suffolk BOCES & Component School Districts – RFP #22/23-04 P-E51-LH, Opened March 30, 2022, Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; First Extension of Contract: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, the district is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law §119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Initiative in the areas mentioned above; and

**WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Western Suffolk BOCES, the District wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, extending awards of bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the District.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the District hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the District shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

16. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES TECHNOLOGY LEASE PURCHASE PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the multi-year technology lease purchase with Western Suffolk BOCES financing under Coser A501.020:

Equipment	\$161,798 (5 years)
Coordination	\$ 80,899
Insurance/Legal	\$ 11,545
Financing	\$ 19,186 (5 years)
Total Payment	\$273,428 (\$997,364)

17. **APPROPRIATION CHANGES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appropriation changes for the 2021-2022 school year as well as the 2022-2023 school year:

	Account	Account Description	Transfer Out	Transfer In
1	A1310.1600-05-000	Bus Adm - Non-Intr Sal	9,000.00	
	A1040.4120-00-000	Dist Clk - Advertising		9,000.00
	This transfer is necessary for current and anticipated expenses.			
2	A1310.1600-05-000	Bus Adm - Non-Intr Sal	9,300.00	
	A1325.1600-00-000	Treasurer - Non-Instr Sal		9,300.00
	This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.			
3	A1480.4900-00-000	Public Info - BOCES Serv	9,400.00	
	A1430.4900-05-000	Personnel - BOCES Serv		9,400.00
	This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with BOCES costs.			
4	A2020.1610-03-000	Supv - Non-Instr PT	21,100.00	
	A2010.4150-05-000	Curr Develop/Supv-Travel/Conf	13,000.00	
	A2010.1504-01-000	Curr Develop/Supv-Directors	9,600.00	
	A1622.1610-01-000	Security - Non-Instr Sal		43,700.00
	This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.			
5	A2010.1517-00-000	Curr Develop/Supv-Curr Writing	18,000.00	
	A1622.1610-03-000	Security - Non-Instr Sal		18,000.00
	This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.			
6	A2280.4900-00-000	Occupational Education-BOCES	108,000.00	

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	A1680.4900-00-000	Central Data Process - BOCES Serv	108,000.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with BOCES costs.	
7	A2251.4900-00-000	Spec Ed - BOCES	50,000.00
	A2110.1200-03-000	Tch/Reg Sch - Inst K-12	50,000.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.	
8	A2320.4120-00-000	Summer School Prof/Tech Serv	14,000.00
	A2612.1507-02-000	Library - Instr Sal	14,000.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.	
9	A1310.1600-05-000	Bus Adm - Non-Instr Sal	10,000.00
	A1320.4420-00-000	Auditing - Auditors	18,000.00
	A1480.4900-00-000	Public Info - BOCES Serv	15,000.00
	A1910.4270-00-000	Unallocated Ins - Stud Acc	20,000.00
	A2280.4900-00-000	Occupational Education - BOCES	10,000.00
	A2320.1517-00-000	Summer School	8,850.00
	A2815.4480-00-000	Health Serv - Private Placement	12,500.00
	A9010.8001-00-000	Employ Bene/ERS	20,000.00
	A2630.4900-00-000	Computer Instr - BOCES	114,350.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with BOCES costs.	
10	A2825.1507-00-000	Social Work - Instr Sal	15,500.00
	A2805.1507-00-000	Attendance - Instr Sal	15,500.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.	
11	A2815.1610-01-000	Health Serv - Sal P/T	25,000.00
	A2810.1507-01-000	Guidance - Instr Sal	25,000.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.	
12	A2825.1507-00-000	Social Work - Instr Sal	17,000.00
	A2810.1507-03-000	Guidance - Instr Sal	17,000.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with salary costs.	
13	A5510.1610-00-000	Transportation Non-Instr PT	14,700.00
	A2825.1507-00-000	Social Work - Instr Sal	23,000.00
	A5541.4000-01-000	Contract Trans - Athletics	37,700.00
		This transfer is necessary for current and anticipated expenses.	
14	A9062.8009-00-000	Employ Bene/Dental Ins	45,500.00
	A9760.7300-00-000	Debt Service - Tax Anticipation Notes	45,500.00
		This transfer is necessary to realign budget code with interest due on 22-23 TAN issued.	
15	A2251.1611-02-000	Spec Ed Non-Instr Sal P/T	60,000.00
	A2251.4900-00-000	Special Ed - BOCES	30,000.00
	A2850.1508-02-000	Pupil Activ Serv - Instr Sal	20,000.00
	A2850.5800-01-000	Pupil Activ Serv - Printed Supp	11,000.00
	A5510.4900-00-000	Transportation - BOCES	24,700.00
	A5582.4900-00-000	BOCES Trans - Handicap	161,354.00
	A5543.4000-00-000	Contract Trans - District Buses	307,054.00
		This transfer is necessary for current and anticipated expenses.	
16	A9050.8006-00-000	Employ Bene/Unemploy Ins	40,000.00
	A9061.8008-00-000	Employ Bene/Medical Ins	40,000.00
		This transfer is necessary for current and anticipated expenses.	
17	A2251.4102-00-000	Special Ed - Professional/Tech Serv	33,000.00
	A2251.4700-00-000	Special Ed - Tuition	33,000.00

This transfer is necessary to realign budget codes with tuition costs due to unanticipated additional placements.

18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the term of February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, between the Babylon Union Free School District and Amityville Union Free School District.

19. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL 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 March 6, 2023 through May 1, 2023.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

L. Jurs discussed the responses to the Superintendent Search Survey.

**2023-2024 BUDGET HEARING**

Mr. Conboy and Ms. Lunetta presented the 2023-2024 Budget via PowerPoint and discussion.

**QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET**

The Board of Education received questions and comments from several members of the audience regarding the 2023-2024 School Budget presentation.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there were no representatives from organizations, the meeting moved on to the next item on the agenda.

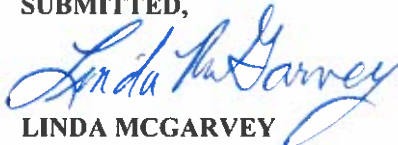
**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 16, 2023 and a Work/Study meeting on May 22, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Noesi, the Board adjourned the executive session at 10:35 p.m. Approved (7-0)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

  
**LINDA MCGARVEY**  
**DISTRICT CLERK**