

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: November 4, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Roger A. Katz, President
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President
Mr. Gregory Antolini
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Katz, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, negotiations with the Babylon Teachers Association and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2013, Special Work/Study Meeting of October 8, 2013 and October 16, 2013 and Work/Study Meeting of October 21, 2013 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by L. McKeown. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by D. Bencivenga. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education was recognized for School Board Recognition Week. Students from the elementary school created a singing video and students from the grade school created a collage; at the high school the talented cast members from Footloose performed a musical number. The Babylon Administrators, the parent-teacher associations, and Western Suffolk BOCES also recognized the Board for their ongoing support of public education and for their dedication to the children of Babylon. The Board of Education recognized the outstanding achievements of Babylon students. Alexandra Diaz Pane was named the 2013 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar and Jedidiah Dale was named the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student. AP Scholars are: Emily Brown, Jennifer Cornbrooks, Maxwell Pitagno, Kelly Quigley, Nicholas Santorelli, Meridith Wardell, and Luke Zappia AP Scholars with Honor are: Lyla Dale, Emily Flaherty, Sara Mikovic, Matthew Steffanetta and Hannah Walsh. The AP Scholars with Distinction are: Rose Ann Bencivenga, Jedidia Dale and Daniel Lum. The following students were selected for the 2013 NYSCAME/SCMEA All County Festival: Brooke Wexler, Amanda Crowley, Camilla Romero and Matthew Taggart who also was selected as an alternate for the All State Band. Marisol Rivas and Eileen Savastano were recognized for having their artwork displayed at the New York State School Boards Association Conference in Rochester. Mr. Goldberg, grade school principal and Mrs. Kemler, elementary school principal, reported on events in their buildings. Student Delegates, Giovanna Domingo and Max O'Handley reported that the Breast Cancer Walk was a big success, members of the NAHS will be holding its bake sale on Election Day at the Grade School and the money raised helps fund the Memory project and other community service projects. Nick Santorelli and Mikalia Hartigan were selected as the Suffolk Zone physical education award winners for Babylon High School. They also reported on other activities in the high school. The Board of Education presented a power point on the proposed Bond Referendum to be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the approval of the independent audit report is on the agenda for Board approval this evening. L. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and discussed the budget development schedule and capital reserves. D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, presented the bond referendum power point earlier and a bond presentation will be held on November 18th. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, scheduled a meeting for November 21 at 7:00 p.m. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the Gifts for the Public policy and scheduled a meeting for November 15 at 9:00 a.m. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

**BOARD AGENDA
ITEM**

The Board of Education discussed particular agenda items and questions from visitors on agenda items were addressed.

New Business

**APPROVAL OF
INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

1. **APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the independent audit of the Babylon Union Free School District as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Cullen & Danowski for the 2012-2013 school year.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by G. Antolini a motion to omnibus Items 2-12, and 14-19 was approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by G. Antolini Items 2-12, and 14-19 was approved (7-0).

**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Sarah Ryczek, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing November 18, 2013 to January 24, 2014, be approved.

**LEAVE
REPLACEMENT
TEACHER**

3. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Keri Rossano as a leave replacement elementary teacher, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective November 18, 2013 to January 24, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2013-2014 teachers salary schedule.

**PART-TIME SPEECH
AND LANGUAGE
THERAPIST**

4. **PART-TIME SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an increase in the FTE of Catherine Schipf, part-time speech and language therapist, from a .4 FTE to a .5 FTE effective November 5, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 FTE of Step 3 of the MA column of the 2013-2014 teachers' salary schedule.

**APPOINTMENT
PART-TIME
AIDE**

5. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointments of Kelly Becker and Amanda Allar effective November 5, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 aides and monitors association contract.

**APPOINTMENT
PART-TIME
SECURITY
GUARDS**

6. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following part-time security guard appointments for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these positions to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

Tina L. Cardinal

Hans Lewald

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

7. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$100.00/day. Catherine Schipf, Samantha Boniberger, Barry Feldman, Maria Meinken, Sandra Parrington, Chelsea Reimer, Ingrid Rowland, Brittany Siragusa

**APPOINTMENT
HOME TUTORING
TEACHERS**

8. **APPOINTMENT HOME TUTORING TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following home tutoring teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$39.50/hour. Michael Pello, Alexa Grant, Andrew Sheltz, Jeannette Pierrepont

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Elementary School

Singing Club Advisor (Grade 1)

Yaniriz Rodriguez

Singing Club Advisor (Grade 2)

Yaniriz Rodriguez

**APPOINTMENT
ALTERNATE CSE
CHAIRPERSON
AND DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE**

10. **APPOINTMENT ALTERNATE CSE CHAIRPERSON AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Steve Vaccaro as a CSE alternate chairperson and as a District representative to have the authority to initiate referrals to the Committee on Special Education pursuant to NYS Education Law 4401-a(1) for the 2013-2014 school year.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR
SPECIAL DISTRICT
MEETING**

11. **APPOINTMENTS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel for the Special District Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013:

Permanent Chairperson/Chief Election Inspector/Assistant Clerk - \$16.00/Hour

Nancy Sharapata

Board of Registrars/Election Workers/Election Inspectors - \$12.00/hour

Barbara Witthohn, Corrine Samon, Donna Ryan, Eileen Scudlo, Karen Bustamante,

Patricia Brink, Gail Farley, Maria Lethin, Patricia Resky, Marie Bohrer, Karen

Parrish. Alternates: Linda McGarvey, Laura Lynn Browning, Joanne Petruzzelli

**STUDENT
INTERNSHIP**

12. **STUDENT INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of Jenilee Fuertes as a school psychologist student intern assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School for the 2013-2014 Fall and Spring semesters.

DONATION

13. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a scoreboard valued at approximately \$4800.00 from the Babylon Booster Club, with appreciation for this generous gift.

On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 13 was approved.

(7-0)

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

14. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2013-2014 school year:

From: A9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical Ins (12,000)

To: A2630.4190-00-000 Computer Instr-Contracts 12,000

This transfer covers a 2012-2013 technology invoice received after the year-end closing.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS**

15. **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Regional Transportation Program and Non-Public Transportation Program contracts between the Babylon UFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2013-2014 school year.

**CONSULTANT
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

16. **CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following consultant service agreements for the 2013-2014 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Literacy Success, LLC. And Literacy Builders.

- SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT**
17. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services agreement and special education consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Creative Tutoring (SE#20), Positive Behavior (SE#21) and The Cleary School for the Deaf (SE#22) for the 2013-2014 school year.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT**
18. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the amended health and welfare services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and the Deer Park UFSD for the 2013-2014 school year.
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE**
19. **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 from September 2013 to October 2013 be approved.
- RECOMMENDATIONS AND FACT FINDING REPORT**
20. **RECOMMENDATIONS AND FACT FINDING REPORT: The Board of Education accept the October 28, 2013 Report and Recommendations of the Fact Finder, Eugene S. Ginsberg, Esq., regarding pending negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association.**
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by G. Antolini, Resolution 20 was approved. (7-0)
- TITLE REPORT AND SURVEY**
21. **TITLE REPORT AND SURVEY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Administration to obtain a title report and updated survey regarding the Babylon Junior-Senior High School property.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 21 was approved. (7-0)
- OTHER BUSINESS**
- A Board member inquired about a banner that was displayed at the football game.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**
- As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**
- The Board addressed questions from visitors regarding the proposed bond referendum, a high stakes testing resolution, the affordable health care act, and second grade class size.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**
- The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Presentation of the proposed bond referendum. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- At approximately 9:10 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person was made by G. Antolini and seconded by D. Bencivenga.
- ADJOURNMENT**
- Public session resumed at 9:32 p.m., there being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown and approved. (7-0)