

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL WORK/STUDY MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 16, 2015  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

### Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President  
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker  
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs  
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 and Instruction

### District Clerk

Linda Pesce

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. McKeown, President, at which time she led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Robyn Silvestri, resident, presented her view of the district's transportation program to the Board of Education. The Board will review the information and hold a follow-up meeting on April 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. As a follow-up to Mrs. Silvestri's presentation, Mr. Rozakis, on behalf of the Board of Education, stated that the District's transportation program complies with District policy and Education Law. Current practices can be revisited through a third-party audit of our transportation program by a school transportation consultant or reviewed by a district committee. The Board consensus was obtained to pursue a RFP for an independent audit of the transportation services. The Board of Education will also consider forming a transportation committee.

### **BUDGET**

Dr. Daly discussed the next phase of the budget development process. Staffing requirements were discussed and requests for more information on adding back the K-6 FLEX/FLES program, summer music lessons, and options for adding clubs to the high school level, such as Robotics, Mock Trial and Debate.

### **MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA**

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:** A motion to amend tonight's agenda to add a resolution for the Board's acceptance to place a transportation proposition on the May 19, 2015 ballot and to authorize an amendment to the legal notice regarding same was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (7-0)

### **TRANSPORTATION PETITION**

**TRANSPORTATION PETITION: WHEREAS**, the District Clerk has been presented with a petition signed by more than ten percent of the number of voters who cast votes in the district's last annual meeting, which seeks to add a transportation proposition on the May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting, and such petition appears to be submitted in accordance with District policy, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts this transportation petition and hereby authorizes the inclusion of said transportation proposition on the May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting ballot. The Board hereby approves the amendment to the District's legal notice to include this transportation proposition as Proposition number 2.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, Resolution named, Transportation Petition, was approved. (7-0)

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### **WORK/STUDY**

Prior to the Board's discussion on after school child care, Mrs. McKeown stated that she will not be a

**DISCUSSION**

participant in the Board discussion or decision-making relating to the consideration of a change from SCOPE to the YMCA afterschool program. Though Mrs. McKeown is not connected to the YMCA's after school program, she is an employee of the Great South Bay YMCA in their Aquatics Department. Mr. D'Amico provided to the Board of Education a side by side comparison of the programs. Currently the school contracts with SCOPE. The YMCA is interested in providing similar services. A survey is being developed to gather community feedback regarding after school child care.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05 p.m. there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by L. Jurs and approved (7-0)