

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 2015

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

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Ms. Tricia Pané

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

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 Mrs. Donaldson, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing clerical and administrators negotiations, a specific student matter and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 10, 2015 and Work/Study Meeting of August 24, 2015 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for July 2015 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded T. Pané. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported that on Tuesday, September 1st, we kicked off the year with our annual Superintendent's Conference Day which began with a light continental breakfast, followed by a welcome address. The entire faculty and staff were invited. After the large gathering, the instructional staff returned to their buildings for faculty meetings and literacy workshop trainings and department meetings. Aides, monitors and cafeteria workers remained for workshops on allergies, epi pen administration and FERPA regulations delivered by school nurses and legal counsel. Additionally, that afternoon the district hosted all of the drivers from John Bosch for an orientation. Mrs. Rozzi reported that we had an excellent opening of all schools last Wednesday, September 2nd and that our classrooms were engaging, our bussing was overall very smooth, the students were refreshed, happy to be here and highly enthusiastic to return. Mrs Rozzi reported that earlier last week districts across the state received the final accountability designation for districts and individual schools for the 2015/16 school year. Babylon UFSD is a district in "total" Good Standing; more importantly, the identified schools last year that were required to develop Local Assistance Plans (junior-senior high school and grade school) have returned to being designated as Schools in Good Standing. Such designations represent a strong testament to the focus and determination in identifying and carefully implementing intervention strategies that addressed the needs of students typically at-risk. The accountability status of districts was made public through a press release by the department prior to the start of school. Mrs. Rozzi also reported that the district recently received the final Taxable Assessed Value and STAR Exemption total, and the news is looking fairly positive for Babylon residents. During the 2015-16 budget process, the district projected a tax rate increase of 2.97% by using the prior year AV (Assessed Valuation) & STAR Exemption total of \$18,295,379. The actual AV & STAR Exemption total is \$18,331,500. With no further changes, the actual tax rate for 2015-16 will increase by only 2.77%. The increase in AV is most likely the result of Sandy damaged properties being returned to pre-Sandy values after repairs were made. Mrs. Rozzi shared a terrific article in Newsday detailing the work of the

sharing of services between the Babylon UFSD and the Village. She thanked Dr. Daly for his efforts in this area and to our Board of Education for embracing this. A copy of the article is posted to the district's website. Mrs. Rozzi reported that the grade school garden has been prepped, pruned and cleaned out prior to the opening of school. Special thanks to our grounds crew for taking on that beautification task when asked. It made such a difference. Mrs. Rozzi mentioned that the district recently made a donation of the outgoing grade school playground equipment to the Village. The Village was more than happy to receive it and was taken from our grounds last week. Mrs. Rozzi reported that last week there was an article in Newsday regarding the status of the proposed charter school in the Bay Shore, Brentwood and Central Islip areas. As of last Monday, the academy withdrew its application, with hopes to reapply in December.

Mrs. Rozzi updated the Board and community on field/facilities/construction updates from the week from Dr. Daly as follows: :

LandTek/Relle Electric Jr/Sr High Athletic Fields:

- Outer drain line locations are being excavated and the pipes are being installed and backfilled.
- Entrance was created this week.
- Dr. Daly made contact with the residents and permission slips have been distributed. We are waiting on a response from one neighbor. Tree and root trimmings are to be scheduled in the next couple of days.
- The tennis court fence has been taken down.
- Next stage of work; Installation of curbing around the track and continuation of running conduits. Working on the connection to conduits inside track.

Milcon Construction Jr/Sr High Roofs:

- West gym is awaiting metal trims. Order has been placed. Approximately 2 week delivery time.
- Demo of all roof areas is complete. Base sheet has been installed.
- Next stage of work: install cap sheet, drains, and other detail work after school hours and on weekends.

Roland's Electric all three buildings Generators:

- Currently running conduits for generator wiring in all three schools starting in the areas furthest from the generators.
- Waiting on approval of the Generator by the Architect. Concrete pad to follow.

P.B. Contracting Grade School Vestibule:

- Cove base has been installed along with most of the millwork.
- Next stage of work: install the additional millwork by next week. P.B. to submit storefront to BBS by Friday.

Louis Barbato Landscaping Elementary School and Grade School Playgrounds:

- Waiting on punch list for closeout with Barbato.

Mrs. Rozzi also presented an update on exterior surveillance of district buildings and fields as follows: Effective immediately, the Village of Babylon Code Enforcement will be providing the exterior surveillance of District buildings and fields during the PM and on weekends. The District has asked our principals that if they have specific areas of concern now or at any point during the year to please share them with Mr. Panno or Dr. Daly. They have also been given the contact number for the VOB Code Enforcement in case of any imminent situation. Dr. Daly has also provided the VOB with an emergency contact list. The list includes all cell numbers of District and building leaders in the event they need to contact us due to an emergency at any building.

Mrs. Rozzi reported on FIOS News Coverage of the Babylon Allergy Education Initiative. If you go to the FIOS webpage, you will notice our district is highlighted in their "Heroes in our Community" section. A great video segment captured the initiative about allergy awareness and what the BES is doing to promote education on the issue. The link is posted on the district website.

Mrs. Rozzi reported that a letter to our families about a new website feature called the Virtual Backpack has been sent and a copy is also located in the back of the room. The Virtual Backpack stores letters of importance sent out by the District Office or individual buildings in an online library. On the website you will notice a small backpack icon on the left hand side of the homepage. If you

click on that, links come up for the District Office as well as each school. When specific locations are clicked, important memos from those respective locations can be found electronically filed for easy access. Mrs. Rozzi also mentioned that an annual memo which will be sent to all families shortly, detailing the important safety drills practiced on an annual basis is on the back table. Mrs. Rozzi will be hosting “Coffee with the Superintendent”. This is an opportunity to hear about and celebrate the latest district initiatives and for our parents and community members to share their thoughts on how to help our schools best serve every youngster. You can find the schedule on the district’s website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the external auditors returned late August to complete the fieldwork for our June 30 audit. They are finished with their fieldwork and we are supplying them with additional documentation. We anticipate receipt of a draft by late September. We will be scheduling meetings with our internal auditors to identify test areas for the 2015/2016 school year. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that they are scheduling a list of meetings for the budget process which will begin in January. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, complimented the facilities staff for getting school ready for opening day. Bond work is proceeding with fieldwork, tennis courts and roof work. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that they are in the process of setting up meetings for the year and will also have a presentation at a future work/study meeting. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that they are in the process of setting up meetings for the year and the first meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Looking at three or four policies and have scheduled meetings for the year which will be posted to the website. Mrs. Rozzi reported that the wellness committee met and reviewed pieces of the allergy policy, they will be continuing their review of that policy and when complete will send it over to policy committee. All meetings will be posted on the district’s website.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the agenda items 1, 4,5, &7

New Business

BOND RESOLUTION

1. **BOND RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, the Babylon UFSD is currently required to pay principal and interest on serial bonds issued on June 17, 2015; and **WHEREAS**, the original budget appropriation for the payment of principal was under budgeted by \$463,498 based on a miscommunication with the District's Fiscal Advisor. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby resolves to increase the voter approved 2015-2016 budget by \$463,498 to provide for the required payment of bond principal, which will be funded through the use of the District's unassigned fund balance.
On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 2-14 were approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by T. Pané an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 2-14 were approved (7-0).

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Erin Morgan, elementary teacher, effective August 31, 2015.

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Cathy Austin, teacher assistant, effective August 31, 2015.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER

- 4. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Laura Feorster as an Elementary Teacher K-6, effective 9/1/2015 through 9/1/2019. Compensation for this assignment is to be at Step 1/MA of the 2015-2016 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule. Ms. Feorster holds certificates in Childhood Education, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

- 5. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Veronica McCarthy as a Library Media Specialist, effective 9/1/2015 through 9/1/2019. Compensation for this assignment is to be at Step 2/MA of the 2015-2016 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule. Ms. McCarthy holds a certificate as a Library Media Specialist.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

- 6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Junior-Senior High School

Extra-Curricular Music Activities Choral Director (JH)	Mr. Brian Kroll
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Choral Director (SH)	Mr. Brian Kroll
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Band Director (SH)	Mrs. Angela Turk
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Band Director (JH)	Mr. Charles Leech
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Orchestra Director	Mrs. Elizabeth Foster
Marching Band Director (3)	Mrs. Angela Turk
	Mr. Charles Leech
	Mr. Dan Krueger
	Mr. Dan Krueger
	Mr. Charles Leech
	Mr. Dan Krueger
	Mr. Brian Kroll
	Mr. Derek Kinnear
	Mrs. Colleen Angerame
	Mr. Derek Kinnear
	Mrs. Colleen Angerame
	Mrs. Nancy O'Donnell
	Mrs. Jaime Harrison
	Mrs. Linda Fama
	Mr. Frank Mancuso
	Mrs. Suzanne Borruso
	Mr. Jeffrey Kenney
	Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran
	Mrs. Barbara Small
	Mrs. Linda Fama
	Mrs. Brooke Carey
	Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran
	Mr. John Michele
	Mr. Christian Murphy
	Mr. Michael Birnbaum/
	Mrs. Lindsey Laurich
	Mrs. Barbara Small
	Mr. Joseph Fragapane
	Mrs. Claire Reilly
	Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
	Mrs. Melissa Anderson
	Mrs. Michelle Scharff

National Science Honor Society Co-Advisors

Mr. Eric Rosasco/
Mr. Andrew Sheltz
Mrs. Angela Turk
Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
Mrs. Patricia Stork
Mrs. Jaime Harrison
Mr. Richard Villanueva
Mrs. Claire Reilly
Ms. Lisa Brush
Mr. Michael Birnbaum
Mrs. Sarah Schreiber
Mrs. Claire Birone
Mrs. Joan Johanson
Mrs. Brooke Carey
Mr. Peter Mankes
Dr. Mark Malaszczyk
Mr. Jeffrey Kenney
Mrs. Brooke Carey/
Mrs. Sarah Schreiber
Mrs. Laura Jayne
Mrs. Marianne Shaw
Mr. Robert Andrews
Mr. Steven Silipo

Tri-M Honor Society Advisor
SH Art Club Advisor
JH Art Club Advisor
Best Buddies Club
Chess Club Advisor
DECA Club Advisor
Leo Club Advisor (2)

Literary Magazine Advisor (Visions)
LI Science Fair Liaison
Interact Advisor
School Paper Advisor (Panther Tales)
Technology Club Advisor
Thoreau Society
Yearbook Advisor
Writers' Club Co-Advisors

JH World Language Club
SH World Language Club
Secretary Treasurer Athletic Association
Computer Support/Technician

Grade School

First Lego League Club

Ms. Jen Brown

**PROBATIONARY
TEACHER
ASSISTANT
APPOINTMENT**

7. **PROBATIONARY TEACHER ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appointment probationary of Jaclyn Pipitone as a Teacher Assistant, effective 9/9/15 through 9/8/19. Compensation for this assignment IS \$24,000. Ms. Pipitone holds an Initial Certificate in Birth-Grade6.

**PART-TIME
MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time monitor appointments for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 aides and monitors association contract.

Jodi Flynn	Patricia Lipira	Diane Papeo	Roseanne Cavarra
Catherine Mroczka	Victoria Brennan		

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following per diem substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$110.00/day. Kristie Hirten

**SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR WORKER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Susan Stark as a substitute aide/monitor for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

11. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:

1. From:	A 2110.1200-02-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 3-6	(17,680)
To:	A 2110.1400-01-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Substitutes	17,680
2. From:	A 2110.1200-02-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 3-6	(16,200)
To:	A 2110.1610-03-000	Tch/Reg Sch-Non Instr P/T	16,200
3. From:	A 9760.7300-00-000	Debt Service-Tax Anticipation No	(30,250)
To:	A 9731.6000-00-000	BANS Principal	30,250

These are end of year budget transfers required to satisfy ST-3 reporting codes.

LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

12. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the bids for the purchase of food items and supplies as recommended by the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association cooperative Bid Committee (FS#1) for the 2015-2016 school year.

CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

13. **CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, that the board of Education approves the consulting service contract for the 2015-2016 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Cristina Repetto (SECSC-2015/16-#18).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

14. **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 Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated August 2015, be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi answered a question from a previous meeting regarding the administrative assistant stipend amount which is \$5,189.00. Dr. Daly answered questions from the previous meeting from a community member regarding cost of overrides vs credits from change orders.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Silvestri, K-6 PTA President, reported that the PTA is running its annual membership drive, PTA room representatives and board committee representatives have been assigned, PTA was awarded the National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Grant in the amount of \$2,000. Thank you to Mr. D'Amico and Jen Brown for getting the Lego First League off the ground. PTA has kicked off the fundraising and PTA events for the beginning of the school year. PTA will be holding a joint meeting with PTSA and SEPTA on September 16, 2015 with Mrs. Rozzi as the guest speaker at the grade school.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

Questions from visitors included the following: Intro to Theatre course, summer reading assignment book choice, public addressing the Board of Education.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved (7-0)