

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 8, 2017

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

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President
Mrs. Tricia Pané, Vice President
Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker (left 7:29 p.m.)
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent of 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 the employment history of a particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by T. Pané, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0) Mrs. Altbacker left the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO RECESS

A motion to recess the Regular Business Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 school budget was made by T. Pané, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUDGET

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 school budget was held.
A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017-2018 school budget was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (6-0)

MOTION TO RECONVENE

A motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (6-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business meeting of April 17, 2017, Work/Study meeting of April 24, 2017 and Special Meeting of April 25, 2017 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by T. Pané. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2017 and March 2017 and Internal Claims Audit Report for February 2017 and March 2017 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Montalto. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Council Delegates reported that student council is organizing the annual Powder Puff game scheduled for May 19. They also reported on events in the Fine Arts, Practical Arts, Science and World Languages Departments. The Board of Education recognized the varsity girls gymnastics team as an All-American team by the National High School Gymnastics Association and the varsity cheerleading team who won the Suffolk County Championships and qualified for the NYSPHSAA State Championships in Syracuse. Mrs. Schweider and Mrs. Stork spoke about the NYSATA Olympics of the Visual Arts trip and introduced the fashion students who reenacted their runway walk at the Olympics and the industrial design students who spoke about their tree and place setting design. Mr. Dennis Murphy, Director of Guidance, presented a power point on "College & Career Planning Services-The Hub of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School". Mrs. Rozzi reported that the budget newsletter was mailed. Last Wednesday we held a celebration in honor of naming the baseball field after alumni, Joe DeLucca. The district has embarked on an Alumni Hall of Fame and reminded Babylon residents who know a Babylon alum that nomination forms are available on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on Monday May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. and at that time we will conduct a required pre-audit conference with Cullen and Danowski and still awaiting the dates for the NYSTRS audit which we were selected for this year.
- D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that they met on April 24th and reviewed new designs for technology room, examined site work which came in over budget and asked architects to redesign site work. Will meet on May 22nd and we will need to discuss next approach for grade school field.
- C. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on May 11th to go over the applications for the mini grants.
- Mrs. Donaldson on behalf of policy committee chair, Elizabeth Altbacker, reported that the committee will meet on May 25th at 3:15 p.m.
- Committee meetings will be posted to the District website. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved to the next item

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved to discussion. The Board of Education thanked the Lions Club for their donation. As there was no further discussion, the Board moved on to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-11 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Pané an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-11 were approved (6-0).

STUDENT TEACHER

1. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teacher placement for the Fall 2017 as follows:

<u>Student Teacher</u>		<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Gabriela Vazquez/LIU	English 7-12	Brooke Carey

CHANGE ORDER

2. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 revised for work completed at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School with Hirsch & Co. LLC, of Shelter Island, New York, in the deduct amount of -\$16,379.97, as the net result of a credit for the Unforeseen Conditions.

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3. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 revised for work completed at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School with Renu Contracting & Restoration, of Copiague, New York, in the deduct amount of -\$33,665.00, as the net result of a credit for the Unforeseen Conditions.

SUMMER TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION CONTRACT

4. **SUMMER TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the summer transportation extension contract between the Babylon UFSD and Suffolk Transportation Systems, Inc. from July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

5. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare service agreements for the 2016-2017 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following districts: East Islip UFSD, Jericho UFSD and South Huntington UFSD.

EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

6. **EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the education services agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Educere for the 2016-2017 school year.

CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT

7. **CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the contractor services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Linda S. LaMarca, Ph.D., ABPP-CN for the 2016-2017 school year. (CSA-2016-2017-1)

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

8. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appropriation transfers for the 2016-2017 school year:

1. From: A 1621.4690-00-000	Maintenance-Garbage/Waste Disposal	(9,000.00)
To: A 1320.4420-00-000	Auditing-Auditors	9,000.00

This transfer is necessary to balance account code with current year expenses.

2. From: A 1670.1610-02-000	Central Print-Non Inst Salary	(8,000.00)
To: A 1320.4420-00-000	Auditing-Auditors	8,000.00

This transfer is necessary to balance account code with current year expenses.

3. From: A 1670.5420-00-000 Central Print-Paper (5,000.00)
 To: A 1420.4410-00-000 Legal Attorneys 5,000.00
 This transfer is necessary due to increase based on current year activity.
4. From: A 2110.1314-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-6th Period
 To: A 1420.4410-00-000 Legal Attorneys 5,000.00
 This transfer is necessary due to increase based on current year activity.
5. From: A 1620.4170-02-000 Operation-Elec & Gas (4,700.00)
 To: A 1620.1620-00-000 Operation-Non Instr O/T 4,700.00
 This transfer is necessary to cover overtime related to bond project.
6. From: A 1620.4170-03-000 Operation-Elec & Gas (9,000.00)
 To: A 1620.1620-00-000 Operation-Non Instr O/T 9,000.00
 This transfer is necessary to cover overtime related to bond project.
7. From: A 5582.4900-00-000 Boces Trans-Handicapped (30,000.00)
 To: A 1680.4900-00-000 Central Data Process-Boces Services 30,000.00
 This transfer is required as a result of additional Boces Services.
8. From: A 2110.1300-01-000 Tch/Reg sch-Instr 7-12 (15,800.00)
 To: A 2110.1620-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Security 15,800.00
 This transfer is necessary due to increased security at the High School Field for weekends and evenings.
9. From: A 2110.4820-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Text 7-12 (10,700.00)
 To: A 2110.4195-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Commencement 10,700.00
 This transfer is necessary due to new stage configuration/turf field accommodations.
10. From: A 2251.4900-00-000 Sped Ed-Boces (150,000.00)
 To: A 2251.4102-00-000 Spec Ed-Professional/Technical Services 150,000.00
 This transfer is necessary for anticipated expenses in the 4102 tuition.
11. From: A 9010.8001-00-000 Employ Bene/ERS (100,000.00)
 To: A 9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical Ins 100,000.00
 This transfer is necessary due to January 1, 2017 premium increase being higher than estimated.
12. From: A 9050.8006-00-000 Employ Bene/Unemploy Ins (20,000.00)
 To: A 9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical Ins 20,000.00
 This transfer is necessary due to January 1, 2017 premium increase being higher than estimated.
13. From: A 9040.8004-00-000 Employ Bene/Worker Comp (50,000.00)
 To: A 9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical I 50,000.00
 This transfer is necessary due to January 1, 2017 premium increase being higher than estimated.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CSE

9. **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 February 2017-May 2017.

WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT

10. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a five year (2017-2022) multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District according to the following payment schedule:

Year 1 (2017-2018): \$434,055
 Year 2 (2018-2019): \$286,864
 Year 3 (2019-2020): \$286,864
 Year 4 (2020-2021): \$286,864
 Year 5 (2021-2022): \$286,864

DONATION

11. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,000.00 from the Babylon Lions Club.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi and Dr. Daly briefed the community on an item that was brought up at the last meeting regarding safety of the grade school fields. We reached out to NYSIR to have one of their staff who specializes in fields to come out. They walked the field and it was brought to our attention a few different issues one of them being the surface itself and the amount of geese droppings. Conclusion did not feel that the fields are unhealthy due to geese droppings in the course of normal play and that there are some bare spots that need to be re-seeded. A

Board member asked if we could have information available at the work/study meeting regarding turf and safety information. Mr. Bencivenga asked for the breakdown in transportation costs. Mrs. Dell'Erba asked to clarify misinformation regarding students being identified in a co-teaching environment and if we allow non certified or non-trained staff to work with special needs students. Mrs. Consolo reported that general education and special education students sit side by side and both teachers work with all students. Our teachers are certified and received professional development as well as all para professionals have had increased training. All para professionals attend an orientation with the school district attorneys regarding confidentiality and federal laws. Mrs. Jurs asked to clarify information on social media that stated we have a 71% literacy rate. Mr. D'Amico responded that it sounds like the Mastery Rate of 71% for the English Regents.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there was no report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding the Director of Guidance presentation.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School and a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by L. Jurs and approved (6-0)