

# MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 5, 2017

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

## Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President  
Ms. Tricia Pané, Vice President  
Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker  
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 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 contractual negotiations, a confidential student matter and advice from counsel was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Bencivenga 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 May 8, 2017, Annual School District Meeting of May 16, 2017, Special Meetings of May 4, 2017, May 16, 2017, May 30, 2017 and Work/Study Meeting of May 22, 2017 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Internal Claims Audit Report for January 2017 and April 2017 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded by D. Montalto. (7-0)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, started the evening with the Board of Education recognizing the 2017 Valedictorian, Gabriella Albanese, 2017 Salutatorian, Ece Bapcum, Board of Education Student Council Representatives Katherine Bencivenga, Max O'Handley, Danish Farooq and Chloe Gigliotti, Mr. Frank Mancuso as the recipient of the NYS Senate's Teacher of Excellence Award and the grade school students who participated in the Western Suffolk BOCES Mock Trial Tournament.

Student delegates reported that just over \$750 was raised through the Powder Puff game and was donated to the ALS Association. Student Council has had their final celebration to thank their current leadership and appoint next year's leaders. They have discussed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and various ideas/initiatives for next year. The senior class hosted the second annual faculty softball game to raise funds for the Shannon Saturno Scholarship Fund. They also reported on activities in the Practical Arts and Science Departments.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

- As a result of sound financial planning and community support, the Babylon School District's bond rating has been upgraded from Aa3 to Aa2 by Moody's Investor Service. The upgrade reflects the District's strengthened financial position and signs of stable tax base values. The Moody's rating is determined based on the assessment of such measures as fund balance, financial management, tax base wealth and tax base stability and is a critical element used by prospective lenders to determine the credit worthiness of public entities, including schools.
- The District' Shared Decision Making committee has accomplished a good deal this year with its revision of District bi-laws and the creation of a parent survey to generate workshop ideas/topics for a winter "Parent University" next January. The District SDM survey was distributed this past week to all K-12 parents. A copy can be found on the district home page.
- The Nominating Committee chose 8 recipients to be inducted into the new Distinguished Babylon Alumni Hall of Fame. We will be holding the official induction during homecoming, set for October 14, 2017.
- Spring concert season was spectacular!
- This past month screening is being held for incoming kindergarteners as well as transition events for our incoming Grade 3 students to the grade school.
- A commercial LED lighting rebate program is offered through PSEG. We met with the company Representatives and they can come in to conduct an energy audit of our lighting for free.

- The boys' lacrosse team will play in the NY State East Regional Semi-Final this Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>; Babylon vs West lake, 6:30 p.m. – Adelphi University.
- The Softball team will play in the NY State Championships this Saturday, June 10; Moreau Park, South Glens Falls.
- The new field sign was permanently affixed last week on Joe DeLuca field. Congratulations to Mr. DeLuca for this wonderful honor. Mr. DeLuca thanked the Board of Education, staff and community for this honor.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the committee held its last meeting on May 22 to conduct the required state audit with Cullen and Danowski. The annual audit will commence later this month. We are still awaiting dates for the NYSTRS audit that we were selected for this year and also the draft policy 6645-Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets was forwarded to the policy committee for review. L. Jurs, finance committee chair, thanked the community for passing the budget. D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to review color schemes for work during the summer. Mrs. Rozzi responded to questions submitted to the buildings and grounds committee by a resident. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that we will be ordering the surface pros for the teachers this summer and we will also be placing purchase orders for the Wi-fi so we can get that started over the summer. C. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met and previewed the mini-grant applications. The committee will be meeting again to go over and finalize the grant awards. E. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that the committee is reviewing three policies; 6645-Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting, 4710-Grading Systems, and adding language to #1500-Community Use of School Facilities.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS ON  
AGENDA ITEM**

The Board of Education addressed a question from a visitors on Item# 23. The Board of Education discussed Item #20. As there was no further discussion, the Board moved to New Business.

New Business

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-30 were approved. (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by T. Pané, seconded by L. Jurs an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-30 were approved (7-0)

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Kerrin Brennan as an elementary teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Cecila Galbraith as a special education teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

3. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Erin Kennedy as an elementary teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

4. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Lindsay Laurich as an English 7-12 teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

5. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Deirdre McIntee as an elementary teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

6. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Marissa Scholl as a special education teacher effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

7. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Danielle Weis as an educational technology specialist effective September 1, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

8. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Patricia Ryder as a teacher assistant effective September 1, 2017.

**RESIGNATION**

9. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennifer Mangone, social studies teacher, effective July 1, 2017.

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an unpaid leave of absence for Matthew Turk, groundskeeper II, effective June 26, 2017 to September 18, 2017.

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

11. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an unpaid leave of absence for Judith Ashby, library media specialist, effective April 19, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

12. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an unpaid leave of absence Heather Hosek, science teacher, effective May 26, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

**LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT**

13. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jessica Desz as a leave replacement effective April 19, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2016-2017 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$60,445) Ms. Desz holds an initial certificate in literacy.

**LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT**

14. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Natalie Sabia as a leave replacement science teacher effective May 26, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2016-2017 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$53,490) Ms. Sabia holds an initial certificate in biology.

**PART-TIME  
SECURITY GUARD  
APPOINTMENTS**

15. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time security guard appointments effective June 6, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for these positions to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.  
Vincent Weiss Ryan Bellittieri

**SUBSTITUTE  
AIDE/MONITOR  
APPOINTMENTS**

16. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute aide/monitor appointments effective June 6, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.  
Farzana Karimi Cristina Napolitano

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER**

17. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Emily Moran as a substitute teacher effective June 6, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$110.00/day.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

18. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the Extended School Year Program for the Summer of 2017. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract (\$43.00/hour), Babylon Clerical/Nursing Association Contract (\$43.00/hour), and the Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Agreement (from \$17.90 to \$18.55/hour depending on step).  
Teachers: Kristine Best, Jonathan Kowalchuk, Keith Fasano\*, Marissa Scholl\* (\*Co-Facilitators)  
Substitute Teacher: Kathy Reynolds, Samantha Geller, Cecila Galbraith  
Aides: Karen Altieri, Ellen Altieri, Rachel Higgins, Jackie Meth  
1:1 Aides: Annette Cariello, Christine Franklin, Clare Joseph  
Substitute Aides: Anna Schaefer, Cathy Mrzocka, Pat Ciambriello  
Nurse: Nina Burke  
Reading: Nancy Murphy  
Speech: Catherine Schipf, Denise Glynn (shared position)

**STUDENT  
TEACHER**

19. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the placement of Karissa Calamari as a student teacher for the Extended School Year Program for the Summer of 2017.

**ESTABLISHMENT  
OF SCHOLARSHIP**

20. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the following scholarship: The Pinnacle of Perseverance Scholarship.

**REORGANIZATION  
MEETING/  
REGULAR  
MEETING**

21. **REORGANIZATION MEETING/REGULAR MEETING: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District be scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD be held immediately following the Reorganization Meeting on July 13, 2017.

**MEDICAL  
APPOINTMENT/  
EXAMINATION**

22. **MEDICAL APPOINTMENT/EXAMINATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Randall Solomon as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his/her duties; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Randall A. Solomon on June 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHANGE ORDER**

23. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G7-1/Change Order #3 for athletic field reconstruction at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School with The LandTek Group, Inc. of Amityville, New York, in the amount of \$50,000.00 to remove unsuitable subsoil material and replace with select granular fill under the baseball field/north field.

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFER**

24. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFER: RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfer for the 2016-2017 school year:

- 1. From: A2110.4810-02-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Text 3-6 (10,000.00)
  - To: A2110.5300-02-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Instr Supp 10,000.00
- This transfer is necessary to purchase additional school supplies

**LONG ISLAND  
SCHOOL  
NUTRITION  
DIRECTORS  
COOPERATIVE BID**

25. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS COOPERATIVE BID: WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2017-2018 school year. **WHEREAS**, Babylon Union Free School District is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and **WHEREAS**, Babylon Union Free School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility of drafting specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District's Board of Education authorized the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees 1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; 2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; 3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**AMEND RATE OF  
PAY**

26. **AMEND RATE OF PAY: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends the Election Inspector/Board of Registration rate of pay for Eileen Scudlo and Corneilus O'Connell to \$25.00/hour, not to exceed three hours.

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

27. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contracts for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon Union Free School District and the following school districts: Deer Park UFSD, Brentwood UFSD (DOL#1 2017-18), Central Islip UFSD (DOL#2 2017-18), and Wyandanch UFSD (DOL#3 2017.18)

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
CONSULTANT  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

28. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contracts for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon Union Free School District and the following providers: Access 7 (SECSC-2017/18-#2), Barbara Lee Christensen (SECSC-2017/18#6), William A. Davis (SECSC-2017/18-#8), Islip Tutoring Service, Inc. (SECSC-2017/18-#10), Creative Tutoring (SECSC-2016/17-#7), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SECSC-2017/18-#11), New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. (SECSC-2017/18-#12), MKSA LLC (SECSC-2017/18 #16), The Long Island Home, d/b/a South Oaks Hospital (SECSC-2017/2018-#17), CJI Consulting, Inc. (SECSC-2017/18-#3).

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AND CPSE**

29. **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 to May 2017.

**DONATION**

30. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of camera and lighting equipment from WETV/AMC Networks with appreciation.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A Superintendent Coffee Hour was added on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the elementary school at 9:30 a.m. and in the evening at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there was no report from Representatives of Organization, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS/  
COMMENTS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding the grade school field and 7<sup>th</sup> grade mock trial.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017.

At 8:40 p.m., the Board recessed the meeting to hold a brief reception to honor our tenured staff.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 8:55p.m., a motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (7-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Public session resumed at 9:15 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs and approved (7-0)