

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 2, 2017

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

### Members Present

Mrs. Tricia Pané, President  
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga  
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mrs. Linda Jurs (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)  
Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien

### 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 Ms. Pané, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals, contractual matters and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. O'Brien and approved. (6-0) (Mrs. Jurs arrived at 6:50 p.m.) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. Pané, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017 and Work/Study Meeting of September 25, 2017 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

## **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2017 and Internal Claims Audit Report for August 2017 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson seconded by E. O'Brien. (7-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student Delegates, Chloe Giglioti and Danish Farooq, reported that student council members are working to ensure that the upcoming homecoming will be a success. Student council facilitated a "Goal for Gold" event on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the home football game to generate funds to support research for pediatric cancer. On October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., we will have our annual Safe Halloween event. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 40 members of the student council will be going to Caumsett Park to participate in a project adventure team building trip. They also reported on activities in the Practical Arts, Art, Science, and English Departments. The NJHS is sponsoring the Scholastic book Fair once again this year on October 14-15, 2017.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported the following:

- The first installment of "Coffee with the Superintendent" is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Babylon Elementary School from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the library. We hope parents are available to join in this first of a series of positive discussions.
- Annual Open Houses in September were very well attended. We thank all teachers and principals for providing thoughtful and informative evenings for all attending parents.
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual Babylon Homecoming. The day's festivities begin with a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. honoring all newly-inducted Distinguished Babylon Alumni into the new Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. The parade down Main Street follows at noon and then the annual homecoming football game at 2:00 p.m. concludes the day with a halftime celebration of the newly inducted distinguished alumni. We hope all Babylon families can join in the celebrations.
- Last week the district hosted Assemblywoman Christine Pellegrino and members of the NYS Assembly to showcase the newly-district adopted Second Step program in grades K-6. Principals and teachers were available to detail the program's components to our visitors and they were able to also observe a classroom lesson delivered centered on the week's theme. Special thanks to the grade school who hosted this visitation and to the Board of Education for its ongoing support.

Mr. D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the 2016-2017 Assessment Data Report.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the next meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and ground committee chair, reported that they met on September 25<sup>th</sup> and discussed the 2017 summer construction projects nearing completion; working on punch list, discussed upcoming projects at the elementary school and junior-senior high school and summer 2018 site reconstruction as well as grade school fields and the use of capital reserve funds. Continued discussion on the final phase of the bond will be held at the next meeting scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met last Monday night. Mr. Dileo presented and brought us up to speed on the Wi-Fi, surface pros and security cameras. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met last week. The meeting focused on language programs, specifically the K-6 levels. Mrs. Scharff, Director of World Languages, shared some history of the program and the committee will continue their discussion at the next meeting on November 20, 2017. Ms. O’Brien, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee met to finalize two policies for a first reading tonight. Policy 4710-Grading Systems is a current Board policy. Tonight’s updated version adds a line formalizing that the eSchool Grade Book that is now the official grade book for our instructional staff in grades 7-12. Policy 6645 is a new policy pertaining to Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting. This policy memorializes the current tracking of fixed assets that the district has always had in place but the policy itself is new, at the recommendation of our auditing firm. Both the Audit Committee and legal counsel have reviewed the draft policy. All meetings are posted on the website.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS ON  
AGENDA ITEM**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items. A board member inquired what music group of students will be attending the overnight trip to Disney.

New Business

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by E. O’Brien, seconded by D. Montalto, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-4 and 6-21 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-4 and 6-21 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 Adam Geller as a special education teacher effective October 22, 2017.

**TENURE  
APPOINTMENT**

2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants tenure to Keith Fasano as a special education teacher effective November 10, 2017.

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Danielle Vedder, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence from December 4, 2017 to January 29, 2018.

**LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT**

4. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Brittany Mueller as a leave replacement elementary teacher effective December 4, 2017 to January 29, 2018. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule. (\$54,025) Ms. Mueller holds an initial certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education Grades (1-6).

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract for the 2017-2018 school year:

Elementary School

Art Club	-	Elizabeth Losito	(\$1447)
Coding Club	-	Jennifer Brown	(\$1447)
Yoga Club	-	Shelbi Feldman	(\$1447)
FLES Club	-	Julie Zanghi	(\$1447)
Special Education Lead Teacher (K-6)	-	Joanne Fasano	(\$3819)



**MENTOR  
APPOINTMENT**

10. **MENTOR APPOINTMENT: RESOVLED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following teacher as a mentor for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation for this position to be as specified in the 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract. (\$1050 or 3 in service credits per semester)

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>
Kathleen Anderson	Shelbi Feldman

**INTERNSHIP**

11. **INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following internship placement for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

<u>Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Supervisor</u>
Olivia Cabral/LIU      School Counseling	Francesca Siciliano

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER PER  
DIEM PAY SCALE**

12. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PER DIEM PAY SCALE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes the following substitute teacher per diem rate of pay scale: Days: 1-30 \$110.00; Days: 31-60 \$120.00; Days: 61-90 \$130.00; Over 91 days: \$140.00

**FIRST READING  
POLICY 4710-  
GRADING SYSTEMS**

13. **FIRST READING POLICY 4710-GRADING SYSTEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 4710-Grading Systems and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 4710-Grading Systems, as attached.

**FIRST READING  
POLICY 6645 FIXED  
ASSETS AND  
INTANGIBLE  
ASSETS  
ACCOUNTING**

14. **FIRST READING POLICY 6645 FIXED ASSETS AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS ACCOUNTING: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a first reading of policy 6645-Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal first reading of policy 6645-Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting, as attached.

**STUDENT  
OVERNIGHT TRIP**

15. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves student participation for an overnight field trip to perform in the Disney Performing Arts On Stage in Orlando, Florida from April 14-17, 2018.

**TAX LEVY**

16. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tax levy for the 2017-2018 school year be set at \$40,517,723. The estimated tax rate will be \$219.96 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

**CONSULTANT  
SEVICES  
AGREEMENT**

17. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consultant services agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Erica Pecorale for the 2017-2018 school year.

**HEALTH &  
WELFARE SERVICE  
AGREEMENTS**

18. **HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2017-2018 school year: Amityville UFSD, Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Deer Park UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Hauppauge UFSD, Longwood CSD, North Babylon UFSD, Patchogue-Medford UFSD, West Babylon UFSD and Wyandanch UFSD.

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
CONSULTANT  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

19. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consultant services contract for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Achieve Beyond (SECSC-2017/18-#1).

**SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW THROUGH ALLOCATIONS**

20. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the County of Suffolk acting through its duly constituted Suffolk County Department of Health Services. (SEDCAR2017-2018#12))

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

21. **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 July 2017 to September 2017, be approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Rozzi briefed the Board that she has left call back messages for the Red Cross and will continue to reach out to them. Mrs. Rozzi responded to a resident's question from the last Board meeting regarding the timeline for referendums. Mr. Robertson, transportation consultant, will be presenting at the November work/study meeting. Mrs. Rozzi announced that she sent home the letter of safety drills to parents.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mrs. Noesi, PTSA representative, announced two upcoming events: On October 17<sup>th</sup> Screenagers will be presented in conjunction with K-6 PTA and SEPTA and The Ugly Truth on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

Questions/Comments from visitors included: grade school field, presentation screen, AP exams, fund balance.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a work/study meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:39 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)