

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 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

Members Absent

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 a confidential student matter, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by C. Dell’Erba, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0) 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 Special Meeting of November 7, 2017, Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017 and Work/Study Meeting of November 27, 2017 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded by D. Montalto. (6-0)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S AND BUSINESS OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Treasurer’s and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2017 and Internal Claims Audit Report for October 2017 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson seconded by D. Bencivenga. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Rozzi and the Board of Education recognized AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor and AP Scholars with Distinction, music students who participated in the NYSCAME/SCMEA High School All County/All State Music Festivals and student athletes in gymnastics and cross country. The varsity girls soccer team was recognized as the 2017 Long Island Class B Soccer Champions. DECA students presented a power point and spoke about their Chapter and what DECA is about.

The Student Delegates reported on Senior High Student Council Events. Student Council representatives have been actively participating in the season of giving helping support donation drives for Rock Can Roll, Toys for Tots and Rotary Club Drive for teens in need. Student Council representatives will be serving pancakes on Friday to the seniors while they have the opportunity to hear from recent BHS Graduates about their college experiences. Preparations for BHS Presents are already underway. The show will be held on February 10th and applications are available outside of room 140 for all interested participants. They also reported on activities in the science, drama and fine arts departments.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, introduced Jon Taylor, 1st Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, who presented the Board of Education with the beautiful refurbished WWII brass wall plaque. The plaque represents an important part of Babylon’s history and pays honor and tribute to those Babylon alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice. The plaque will soon be once again situated in the junior-senior high school so current and future students, alumni and community members can appreciate these fine heroes.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

- Drama Production: Bravo to all of our drama club students for a terrific performance this past weekend of Almost, Maine. Special thanks also to all advisors who helped to make the show such a success.
- BOCES Advocacy Workshop Invitation: Our Board of Education has been invited to attend the annual BOCES Advocacy Winter Workshop to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2017 at the Sherwood Center at ES BOCES.
- Early Release Drill: A letter was sent a few weeks ago to all families regarding the annual “Early Release”/“Go Home Early” drill. This drill will take place on Friday, December 22, 2017. This information is being sent home on a weekly basis by all three buildings through the principals’ weekly newsletters and is also posted to the main page of the district website.
- SCOPE Summer Enrichment Program: This past week Mr. D’Amico and I arrange a sit down meeting with SCOPE Educational Services administrators to devise a possible 4 week elementary summer enrichment program that could be housed at the Babylon Elementary School during the month of July 2018. We will be prepared to discuss this possibility at the December Board of Education Regular Business Meeting prior to moving ahead with the planning. SCOPE offers excellent summer enrichment programs in some of their component districts and it would be fully self-funded by interested parents of incoming students in grades 1-6.

Mr. Goldberg, Grade School Principal, along with Mr. Rossi and students from his class gave a very enthusiastic science presentation and demonstrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee will meet on January 8th at 6:00 p.m. with the internal auditors. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the next finance committee meeting will be held on January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that they met on November 27th and received an update on the bond project, we have about \$600,000 in surplus column going in to the final phase of the bond. We are in the process of preparing bids for the new work. We will be discussing new high school lockers at the end of the meeting. Grade school field project will be awarded this evening. The punch list work over the summer was discussed. The next meeting will be held on January 22nd following the Work/Study meeting. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the Smart School Bond application was approved, we will be purchasing over 1100 lap tops 36 charging stations and 1000 blue tooth mice. Professional development for teachers in Windows 10 will be starting and our cameras are being installed in all three main entrances this week; software is being installed on servers and machines that will be at the desk. Mrs. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Pané on behalf of Ms. O’Brien, policy committee chair, reported that two policies will be discussed at the next meeting on January 11th at 3:30 p.m. 4327-Homebound Instruction and 5420-Student Health Services. 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 asked a question on Item #13.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-3 and 5-17 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by L. Jurs an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-3 and 5-17 were approved (6-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Jessica Kurtz, special education teacher, for an unpaid FMLA from December 14, 2017 to March 8, 2018.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. **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 January 29, 2018 to June 25, 2018.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

3. **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 January 29, 2018 to June 25, 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

4. **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 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers Association contract.

Coaching Appointments

Varsity Baseball Coach	Victor Manzella	(\$7004)
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Ed Aromando	(\$5538)
Junior High Baseball Coach (2)	Patrick Donaldson	(\$4490)
	Jeff Kenney	(\$4490)
Junior High Gymnastics Coach	Steve Silipo	(\$4490)
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	John Greaney	(\$7004)
Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	Dan Royle	(\$5538)
Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach (2)	Dennis McGovern	(\$5538)
	Jonathan Kowalchuk	(\$5538)
Junior High Boys Lacrosse	Stephen Edmonds	(\$4490)
	Kevin McSwiggan	(\$4490)
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Olivia Cabral	(\$7004)
Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach	Emilee Rahner	(\$5538)
Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach (2)	Brenda Mayo	(\$4490)
	Alyssa Choinski	(\$4490)
Junior Varsity Softball Coach	Cecila Galbraith	(\$5538)
Junior High Softball Coach	Lisa Brush	(\$4490)
Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	Rob Andrews	(\$5460)
Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach	Peter Mankes	(\$4663)
Junior High Boys Tennis Coach	Rich Villanueva	(\$4490)
Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach	Adam Geller	(\$7004)
Asst. Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach	Hans Wiederkehr	(\$5538)
Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach	Melissa Pascarella	(\$7004)
Asst. Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach	Stephanie Sirico	(\$5538)
Junior High Track Coach	Chris Morra	(\$4490)
Weight Room Supervisor	Danny McHugh	(\$ 966)

On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-1)

Voting for: C. Dell'Erba, L. Jurs, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto, T. Pané

Voting Against: D. Bencivenga

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT

5. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following volunteer coaches for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with Board of Education policy 4532-School Volunteers.

Varsity Baseball Volunteer	Michael Birnbaum
Varsity Softball Volunteer	Steve Fasciani
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Volunteer	Kyle Cropsey

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute custodial appointments effective December 12, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Compensation for these positions to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay of \$11.00/hour.

Christopher Lenski George Javurek

OBSOLETE ITEMS

7. **OBSOLETE ITEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following obsolete items:
1. Salt Spreader #20091037
 2. High School Stove #20090210

STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP

8. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an overnight field trip for the Babylon Varsity Cheerleaders to attend the UCA National Cheerleading Championship in Orland Florida from February 8-12, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

9. **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Regional Transportation Program Contract between the Babylon UFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2017-2018 school year.

CHANGE ORDER

10. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for plumbing with Hirsch & Company, LLC, Shelter Island, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$10,000.00, as the result of credit for unused asbestos allowance.

CHANGE ORDER

11. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for general construction with Arrow Steel Windows, E. Farmingdale, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$10,000.00, as the result of credit for the entire unused lump sum allowance.

CHANGE ORDER

12. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for general construction with Watral Brothers, Inc., Bay Shore, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$10,000.00, as the result of credit for the entire unforeseen conditions allowance.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

13. **CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the professional development services contract for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in the amount of \$23,000 paid through Federal Grant monies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2017-2018 school year between the Babylon UFSD and United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. (SEDCAR 2017.18 #10).

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

15. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the educational services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Our Lady of Peace Academy at Montfort Therapeutic Residence Ministry for Hope, Inc. for the 2017-2018 school year.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

16. **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 2017 to November 2017.

CONTRACT AWARD

17. **CONTRACT AWARD: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to Sager Concrete Company to provide the labor and equipment to install a series of drainage wells at the Grade School athletic fields. The cost of this contract is \$34,650.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Pané, BOE President, reported that the Board had the opportunity to attend the BOCES Annual Dinner at Wilson Tech and many Babylon students are attending the fine programs offered at Wilson Tech. Mrs. Rozzi is exploring a summer enrichment program K-6 offered through SCOPE funded through parents. Mr. Cirone reported that along with the SDM team they looked at lockers for next summer's renovations at the high school and decided on the color scheme and locker.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education and Mr. Robertson, transportation consultant, addressed questions from visitors regarding transportation. The Board addressed questions regarding the grade school fields and Chinese club.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 and Work/Study Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:47 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved (6-0)