

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 2018

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 (arrived 6:45 p.m.)
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 the employment history of particular individuals, negotiations with clerical and advice from counsel was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (5-0) Mr. Bencivenga arrived at 6:45 p.m. Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Ms. Pané, 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 2018-2019 school budget was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUDGET

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 school budget was held.

Mr. Bencivenga made a statement that he was unable to attend the last meeting and asked to go on record that as good a job as we did with this budget he had one objection and that had he been at the last meeting he would have voted No for excessing staff.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2018-2019 school budget was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (6-0)

MOTION TO RECONVENE

A motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 16, 2018 and Special Meeting of April 24, 2018 and Work/Study Meeting of April 30, 2018 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (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 March 2018 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga seconded by D. Montalto. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Delegates reported that student council members participated in the Polar Plunge on April 21st, raising \$722. Plans are also in the works for the annual Shannon Saturno softball game and fundraiser, which will be held on June 1st. They also reported on activities in the Fine Arts, English and Science Departments, as well as, DECA, Babylon Buddies and Safe Space.

The Board of Education recognized two teachers this evening:

Mrs. Yaniriz Rodriguez, elementary school teacher, was recognized as a Teacher of Excellence by the NYS Senate and Hans Wiederkehr is being recognized for his induction into the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

- The Budget Newsletter has been delivered to residents' mailboxes. It has also been posted onto the website for our community residents. The district has also filed the Property Tax Report Card with NYS which was also mailed to all community residents.
- The PowerPoint detailing the status of the year's goals was posted onto the main page of the website last week.
- Our Valedictorian, Danish Farooq and our Salutatorian Sophia Sherman will be recognized at the June BOE Regular Meeting. Congratulations to both!
- This week we will see the start of Advanced Placement exam administrations. We anticipate a high percentage of students sitting for exams after a focus on the importance of sitting for the test was a high priority this past year. We offered prep courses in all AP courses, after school, during early am hours, later evening hours, etc.
- As mentioned, we've put into action a number of new AP practices as we move into the 2018/2019 school year. We delivered a spring supplemental AP newsletter which highlights existing and new offerings, contains student quotes, etc.
- Assistant Superintendent Daniel D'Amico recently went to Southold High School to observe their annual broadcasting conference and awards. We were personally invited by Southold to attend, as we plan to explore a video production program to implement in Babylon in 2019. Mr. D'Amico spoke about the event.
- All K-6 families have been advised of a new and unique summer enrichment opportunity offered through SCOPE for all entering K-6 youngsters. SCOPE will be offering a four-week summer enrichment program, pending we get enough registrants. The due date to register and prepay is May 16th.
- We'd like to congratulate to all students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, the National Honor Society, as well as the National English, Art & Thespian Honor Societies all last month.
- Special congratulation to all students who were recognized with scholarships on May 1st sponsored by our annual Babylon Community Scholarship Fashion Show. A great night was had by all many students participated in the annual fashion show as we highlighted our local merchants of Babylon.
- In mid-April, Dr. Daly and Superintendent Rozzi led a community forum centered on "School Safety" - what the district has accomplished and where we intend to go regarding proactive initiatives. We had three representatives from the SCPD Office of Homeland Security presenting along with us, as well as a visit from Steve Bellone, which was so appreciated. Overall, it was a fairly decent turn out of residents (mostly parents) and feedback was positive. A copy of that presentation is on our website.
- An e-blast went out in mid-April sharing the approved school year calendar with all parents, students and employees. A copy is also posted to the website.

BUILDING PRESENTATION

A presentation on the many Wilson Tech programs offered through our regional Western Suffolk BOCES along with a video from some of our Wilson Tech students was presented this evening by Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Cirone and Mrs. Mangone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the external auditors are in district office today starting their preliminary work for the next audit cycle. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met and we are replacing locks on the classroom doors at the elementary and grade schools and working on the high school. The District held a security meeting. SCC came in and discussed summer projects. Work will begin the end of June. Bids for paint project at high school went out. He also reported on the grading at the grade school. The re-dedication of the plaque refurbished by the American Legion will take place May 25th. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met to finalize the mini-grant process. The next meeting will be May 14th. Mr. Rozzi reported on behalf of Ms. O'Brien, policy committee chair, that the committee met on May 3rd to discuss policy 5420-Student Health Services which was approved earlier this year. The State has issued new language and a revised policy has been sent by NYSSBA. All meetings are posted on the website.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items. Board members inquired about the donation and obsolete equipment resolutions.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell’Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-20 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Bencivenga an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-20 were approved (6-0)

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alexa Grant, special education teacher, effective June 30, 2018 with best wishes in her future endeavors.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER I

2. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER 1: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Joseph Fiore as a probationary Custodial Worker 1 effective July 1, 2018. Compensation for this assignment is Step 1/Column A of the 2018-2019 Custodial CSEA contract. (\$43,184)

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 Andrew Marulis, business teacher, for an unpaid FMLA from April 23, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT

4. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kerri Frend as a leave replacement business teacher effective April 23, 2018 to June 22, 2018. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2017-2018 Babylon Teachers’ Association salary schedule prorated. (\$61,050) Ms. Frend holds a permanent certificate in Business and Distributive Education.

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT

5. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the per diem substitute teacher appointment of Gabriela Vazquez effective April 30, 2018 to June 22, 2018. Compensation for this assignment to be \$110.00/day.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **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 2018. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract (\$44.00/hour), Babylon Clerical/Nursing Association Contract (\$44.00/hour), and the Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Agreement (from \$17.90 to \$18.55/hour depending on step).
Teachers: Samantha Geller, Kristine Best, Michelle Mellilo, Keith Fasano*, (*Principal/Internship)
Substitute Teacher: Kathy Reynolds
Aides: Karen Altieri, Ellen Altieri, Rachel Higgins, Jackie Meth, Christine Franklin, Claire Josep Tramaine Nero
Substitute Aides: Anna Schaefer
Nurse: Nina Burke
Reading: Robin LaBarbera, Eileen Ratto (shared position)
Speech: Denise Glynn

CIVIL SERVICE TITLE CHANGE

7. **CIVIL SERVICE TITLE CHANGE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Civil Service Title change for Matthew Turk from Groundskeeper II to Custodial Worker 11 effective May 8, 2018. Compensation for this appointment to be Column B/Step 12 of the 2017-2018 Civil Service Custodial Association Contract. (\$67,937 prorated)

INTERNSHIP

8. **INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following school counseling internship for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:

Intern

Tara Mueger

School Counseling/LIU

Cooperating Supervisor

Francesca Castro

**SECOND READING
POLICY 4772/4772R
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES**

9. **SECOND READING POLICY 4772/4772R-GRADUATION CEREMONIES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conducts a second reading of policy 4772-Graduation Ceremonies/4772R Graduation Ceremonies Regulation and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waives the formal second reading of policy 4772-Graduation Ceremonies/4772R Graduation Ceremonies Regulation, as attached.

**ADOPTION OF
POLICY 4772/4772R
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES**

10. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 4772/4772R-GRADUATION CEREMONIES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and adopts policy 4772-Graduation Ceremonies/4772R-Graduation Ceremonies Regulation, as attached.

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 (Base Bid SC-2) with Roadwork Ahead, Westbury, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$40,000.00, as the result of credit for unforeseen allowances.

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 Electrical with Bancker Electric Co., Islandia, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$28,186.00, as the result of credit for unforeseen allowances.

CHANGE ORDER

13. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for GC (GC-1 & GC-3) with Stalco Construction, Inc., Islandia, NY, in the deduct amount of -\$44,950.00, as the result of credit for unforeseen allowances.

CHANGE ORDER

14. **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 (GC-6), with Akal Builders Inc., Ozone Park, NY, in the additional amount of \$15,261.00, for kitchen, toilet, MEP Renovations at Babylon Grade School.

CHANGE ORDER

15. **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 (GC-1), with Akal Builders Inc., Ozone Park, NY, in the deduct amount of \$15,261.00, for kitchen/serving line at Babylon Elementary School.

**JOINT MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE
BIDDING
PROGRAM**

16. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM; WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial & Special Education Services for Students, Western Suffolk BOCES & Component School Districts – RFP #16-17-03P-IE5-LH, Opened March 17, 2016, Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; First Extension of Contract: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; Second Extension of Contract: July 1 through June 30, 2019 and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon UFSD an educational/municipal corporation is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the District is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Initiative in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Western Suffolk BOCES, the District wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the

bids/proposals, extending awards of bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the District. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the District hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described above; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the District shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

OBSOLETE ITEMS

17. **OBSOLETE ITEMS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following damaged/outdated/obsolete items:
- 1-25” TV with DVD/VCR 2-VCR Players 1-Overhead Projector
 - 1-Rolling Easel (Whiteboard) 1-40” Storage Bin 1-24” Wooden Play Kitchen Set
 - 1-24” Wooden Play Sink 1-40”x12” Standing Mirror 1-Wooden Child’s Chair
 - 3-Table Top Wooden Easels (Whiteboard) 2-Resin Children’s Chairs
 - 1-Cassette Recorder 1-Child’s wooden stool with magnifier 6-Headsets/earphones
 - 1-46” Bookcase 1-Audio System 1-60” Bookcase 1-18” Wooden Puppet Stand
 - 18-Fundations Letter Boards 6-Writing Fundamentals Binders
 - 2-Go Math Teacher Set-K 1-Go Math Teacher Set-1st 2-Health Smart Kit-K
 - 1-Health Smart Kit-2nd 1-Growing with Mathematics Teachers File Set-K
 - 1-Growing with Mathematics Calendar and Data Kit

HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

18. **HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, 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: Massapequa UFSD and Uniondale UFSD.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

19. **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 January 2018- April 2018.

DONATION

20. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$906.00 from The Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation, with appreciation for this generous gift.

RESOLUTION

21. **RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, 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 fitness of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to perform her duties; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to appear for an examination in the offices of Dr. Solomon on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., or at a rescheduled date and time as determined by the Superintendent.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs, and approved. (6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi reported that the Reorganization meeting will be held on July 10, 2018 and asked the Board for their summer availability to set up a Board retreat.

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 comments/questions from visitors regarding the walk-on resolution.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday May 21, 2018 and Regular Business Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 p.m., there being no other items, the meeting was adjourned on motion by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved (6-0)