

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 11, 2019

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

Members Present

Mrs. Tricia Pané, President
Ms. Elizabeth O'Brien, Vice President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
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. Pané, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual, custodial and administrative negotiations and advice from counsel was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Pané, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 14, 2019 and Work/Study Meeting of January 28, 2019 were approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2018 and Internal Claims Audit Report for December 2018 and January 2019 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by E. O'Brien. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates reported that BHS Presents was successful this year and will allow us to provide generous scholarships for members of the senior class who have diligently served in Student Council throughout their time at BHS. Rehearsals have begun for the spring musical, Mama Mia, which will be performed on March 29-31, 2019. As part of the art club, art students painted 24 "adopt me" portraits. The portraits are of animals in the Babylon Animal Shelter and will hang outside the animals' cages and when the pet is adopted will go home with them. Members of the NAHS made faux glass flowers to sell for Valentine's Day. All proceeds will go toward cancer research.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- First Lego League: The Grade Schools First Lego League robotics team competed in this year's FLL global qualifying competition held at Huntington High School on February 2nd. This year's challenge was entitled, "Into the Orbit". Teams had to think about the challenges humans must overcome to travel in our solar system. The First Lego League robotics team is facilitated by Ms. Brown and Mrs. Stork. The high school VEX team is supervised by Mr. Katz. They and their students are extremely dedicated and put in countless hours designing, researching, and coding robots.
- VEX Robotics: On January 12th, Mr. Katz brought three robotics teams to Adelphi University to compete in the Vex Robotics "Turning Point" state qualifying competition. VEX competitions, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, give students the opportunity to apply STEM skills in an exciting game-based engineering challenge. With 20,000 teams competing in over 40 countries, VEX represents the world's largest and fastest-growing educational robotics competition. At Adelphi they competed against approximately 30 teams from the downstate region of New York. Teams qualify for the competition rounds in the morning, then are paired up in alliances to compete in the elimination rounds held during the afternoon. In addition to competing in matches in a double elimination-style bracket, the teams are judged for their robot's design, their teamwork and skills.

- STEAM Instruction at ES and HS: Tonight as well as at the BOE Work/Study meeting on February 25th, the Board of Education will hear from the elementary and high school STEAM teachers. Presentations will address current practices and curriculum as well as future plans for each program. Currently, both schools are working on sustainability projects. At the elementary school, students are engaged in aeroponics, which is the process of growing plants in an air or mist environment without the use of soil. In the STEAM program at the high schools, STEAM 1 and 2 classes are working with aquaponics which employs a combination of fish and plant production using aquaculture and hydroponics systems.
- Peer Mediation: The JSHS was awarded Peer Mediation Training through the LI social services network EAC. Nineteen 10th and 11th grade students were selected to attend the sixteen hour training program which will be completed on February 13th. A diverse selection of students were selected for the training. Students completing the program will be trained to resolve interpersonal conflicts between peers/classmates. Dennis McGovern has been coordinating the efforts and will be supervising the students and running the program.
- Bond Walk-Through: On Saturday, January 26th we were host to members of the community who came out to enjoy a tour of facilities celebrating the completed projects of the 2013 Project Renewal. Those who joined us were very complimentary of the completed work in and around the district.
- Meeting with Assemblyman Michael LiPetri: Last week I visited the office of our new assemblyman, Mr. Michael LiPetri who represents our district in the NYS Assembly. I provided Mr. LiPetri with a historical as well as education foundation of our district as well as our unique advocacy talking points. We look forward to him joining us at our upcoming Advocacy Breakfast on March 1st.
- Save the Date: The 4th Annual Advocacy Breakfast and Community Summit will take place on Friday, March 1 2019. The morning begins at 8:30 a.m. with a light reception followed by opening remarks at 9:00 a.m. Many if not all elected leaders will be in attendance.
- Elementary School Principal, Travis Davey, and STEAM teacher, Emily Moran, conducted a presentation on the STEAM program at the elementary school.
- Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, and Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, conducted Presentation #1 of the proposed 2019-2020 school budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the budget and discussed a Capital Reserve Proposition. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met in January. Capital Reserve items were discussed. The bond walk-through was held on January 26th and members of the facilities review committee were present. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the Mr. Dileo is holding forums at all three schools to address technology issues. The technology committee will meet on March 25th at 3:30 p.m. Ms. O'Brien reported the policy committee met on January 31st and discussed the Annual Review of the Code of Conduct, which will be carefully reviewed by the District-Wide administrative leadership team (based on guidance from NYSSBA as well as from district counsel). This annual update will be ready for a 1st formal reading at the June 2019 meeting, with a second formal reading and formal approval in July 2019. Also discussed including the "Code of Conduct" as part of the summer mailing, to be signed by parents (and students when applicable). Additionally, the committee reviewed new requirements for Policy 4600-Counseling and Guidance Programs, set forth in existing State regulation. Updates to the existing regulation now call for all elementary (K-5) students to have access to College & Career Readiness initiatives through a certified counseling professional. Additionally, updates to this policy also call for a formal "district counseling plan" to be Board of Education approved prior to July 1, 2019 as well as a "Guidance Program Advisory Council" to be in place as of July 1, 2019. Committee meetings are posted to the district website. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items. There was no discussion from the Board.

New Business

- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by E. O'Brien, seconded by D. Bencivenga, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-19 were approved (7-0).
- On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to approve Resolutions 1-19 were approved (7-0)
- RESIGNATION** 1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Helen Krebs, aide, effective January 29, 2019.
- RESIGNATION** 2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Bernadita Rodriquez, food service worker, effective February 4, 2019.
- 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 Sarah Ryczek, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave from January 25, 2019 to June 30, 2019.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE** 4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Julie Zanghi, ENL teacher, for an unpaid Family Medical Leave from March 4, 2019 to June 3, 2019.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT** 5. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Samantha Czczotka as a leave replacement elementary teacher effective January 25, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/BA of the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$54,970)
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT** 6. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lindsay Carbone as a leave replacement ENL teacher effective March 4, 2019 to June 3, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1/MA of the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$62,118)
- PART-TIME ENL TEACHER/PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** 7. **PART-TIME ENL TEACHER/PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Louis Montanaro as a part-time (.4) ENL teacher and part-time (.6) substitute teacher effective February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be .4 FTE of Step 1/BS of the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule prorated. (\$54,970) and .6 FTE of the 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
- PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT** 8. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michelle Melanphy as a part-time aide from February 5, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$17.90)
- PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS** 9. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time aide appointments from February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$17.90)
Ana Morales Eileen Martin Margaret Fasano
- PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENTS** 10. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following part-time monitor appointments from February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 aides and monitors association contract. (Step 1-\$16.65)
Melissa Vitolano Karen Brodman Evelyn Druiett-Ippolito

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2018-2019 school year. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the 2018-2019 Babylon Teachers' Contract.

Coaching

JH Softball Coach	-	Alex Marange	(\$4569)
Boys Swimming (Supervisor)	-	Rich Villanueva	(\$ 983)

SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENT

12. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Marge Ryan as a substitute aide/monitor effective February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT

13. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Bernadita Rodriquez as a substitute food service worker effective February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Compensation for this assignment to be \$12.00/hour

INTERNSHIP

14. **INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following internship placement for the Spring/Summer Semester 2019:

Intern

Olivia Buonincontri School Counseling Queens College

Cooperating Supervisor

Francesca Castro

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 with Arrow Steel Window Corp. in the deduct amount of -\$1,766.00 as a result of credit for unused unforeseen conditions allowance for window replacement at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

CHANGE ORDER

16. **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 (Base Bid EC-4)) with Palace Electrical Contractors, Wantagh, NY in the amount of \$4,663.00 as a result of interior renovations to Tech Shops at Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

17. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and Massapequa UFSD for the 2018-2019 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACT

18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Green Chimneys School (SPED 2018-2019F) for the 2018-2019 school year.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE

19. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases from December 2018 to January 2019 be accepted.

**CAPITAL RESERVE
PROPOSTION**

20. **CAPITAL RESERVE PROPOSITION: BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote to be held in said School District on the 21st day of May, 2019.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote the following with reference to the submission of said proposition:

“NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Babylon Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, is hereby authorized to expend up to \$500,000 from the capital reserve fund for improvements to school facilities.”

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto, the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Carol Dell’Erba voting Yes
Linda Jurs voting Yes
Dominic Bencivenga voting Yes
Ann Donaldson voting Yes
Dominick Montalto voting Yes
Elizabeth O’Brien voting Yes
Tricia Pané voting Yes

Resolution #20 was thereupon declared duly adopted. (7-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, reported that the draft 2019-2020 proposed school calendar will be adopted by the Board of Education at its March meeting and the draft calendar will be placed on the district’s website. The District received information from the Town of Babylon regarding an exemption for Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Workers un-married spouses. A Public Hearing on the Amendment to Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Exemption will be held on March 11th. The BOCES Annual Meeting will take place on April 30, 2019. The District will be receiving the contracts from SCOPE for the Before and Afterschool Program and Summer Program. Per the Department of Justice Regulation, all election material must also be published in Spanish. Mrs. Rozzi spoke about the AP Calculus Course for next year. Mrs. Rozzi reported that there will be a review of the Code of Conduct. Mrs. Rozzi thanked the grade school administrators, staff and students for the implementation of the PAWS Program. A special thank you also to the K-6 PTA for their generosity and support of the PAWS Program.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS FROM
VISITORS**

Questions/Comments from visitors: BHS Presents, Bond Work, AP Calculus, Theater Programs, SCOPE Summer Program, Code of Conduct, BOE Protocol

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 – Topic: 2019-2020 Budget Presentation #2 and Regular Meeting on March 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. – Topic: Budget Presentation #3 in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba and approved (7-0)