MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2006
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York

Members Present
Mr. Darrell J. Conway, President
Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice President
Mr. Henry Brunjes
Mr. Roger A. Katz
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent
Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration
Mr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction

District Clerk
Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a confidential personnel matter was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:26 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President D. Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2006, Special Meeting of November 14, 2006, Special Meeting of November 20, 2006 and Work/Study Meeting of November 27, 2006 were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2006 was unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT

Colleen Pisciotta, Student Delegate, reported that *BHS Presents* will be held on February 2-3, 2006. Student Council will be selling decals for $3.00 each. She also reported on activities being conducted by various clubs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Best-Laimit, Superintendent, reported on grades 3-8 testing program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that the Audit Committee met with four internal audit firms last week and are recommending Cerini & Associates LLP as the district's internal auditor for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met to review the budget development schedule. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the bond infrastructure. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed district websites and how they work. Mr. Schliemann will be preparing the infrastructure budget. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the committee met to discuss suggested policies.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

LEGAL NOTICE

1. **LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby accepts the legal notice for a special district meeting for the bond construction referendum vote to be held on February 13, 2007 as attached hereto, and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice in two papers for general circulation in the District. (roll call vote required)

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution (1) was unanimously APPROVED.
Voting Yes: D. Conway, J. Anderson, T. Melito, A. Martino, R. Katz, H. Brunjes, C. Vukovich

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

2. **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the proposed 2007-2008 budget, as attached hereto.

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes, Resolution (2) was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT INTERNAL AUDITOR

3. **APPOINTMENT INTERNAL AUDITOR: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education appoint Cerini & Associates, LLP as the district's internal auditor for the 2006-2007 school year, as per the attached proposal.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich, Resolution (3) was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL FOR NEW COURSES

4. **APPROVAL FOR NEW COURSES: RESOLVED,** that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following four courses for the 2007-2008 school year:

Honors Chemistry (Science Department)
Computer Animation (Practical Arts Department)
Digital Video Editing (Practical Arts Department)
Fashion Marketing (Practical Arts Department)

On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mrs. Martino, Resolution (4) was unanimously approved.

TENURE APPOINTMENT

5. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Heather Cutrone as a foreign language (Spanish) teacher 7-12 effective January 5, 2007.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Katz, Resolution (5) was unanimously approved.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

6. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT: RESOLVED,** on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement and Release regarding a pending Special Education matter, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said stipulation on behalf of the Board of Education.

On motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, Resolution (6) was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS CONSULTANTS

7. **APPOINTMENTS CONSULTANTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoint the following consultants for the 2006-2007 school year as listed on Attachment B.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich, Resolution (7) was unanimously approved.

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 8-17 was unanimously approved.

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito an omnibus motion to move resolutions 8-17 was unanimously approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED,** that the request from Diane Larow, elementary school teacher assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 2, 2007 to February 9, 2007 be approved.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT AIS TEACHER

9. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT AIS TEACHER: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education appoint Sara Daly as a leave replacement AIS teacher, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective January 2, 2007 to February 9, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2006-2007 teachers' salary schedule.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

10. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER: RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Elissa Gold as a non-permanent substitute foreign language teacher effective December 6, 2006. Compensation for this appointment as listed on the attached Schedule A.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Murphy as Grade School Science Club Advisor for the 2006-2007 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

RESIGNATION

12. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Judy Fava, food service worker, effective November 30, 2006.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT FOOD SERVICE WORKER

13. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Laura Doherty as a food service worker effective December 11, 2006. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the Cafeteria Association contract.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS

14. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKERS: RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for Ciriaca Calderaro and Jean Marrone as substitute food service workers effective December 11, 2006. Compensation for these appointments to be in accordance with the Cafeteria Association contract.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKER

15. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKER: RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for George Sands as a substitute part-time custodial worker effective December 11, 2006. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the Custodial Association contract.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

16. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff as listed on Attachment A.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

17. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED,** that the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases, as attached hereto, be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business the Board moved on to the next item.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education listened to concerns and answered questions regarding cursive writing, grade school lockers, and the possibility of a staff list on website.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education cancelled the Work/Study Meeting scheduled for December 18th. The Board of Education will be holding a policy committee meeting on December 18, 2006 at 6:15 p.m. and a special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.