

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: November 13, 2007
PLACE: Babylon Elementary School, 171 Ralph Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mrs. AnneMarie Martino

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 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Darrell Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations, a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito and unanimously approved.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:35 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Martino was present for executive session and excused herself from the remainder of the meeting.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2007, Special Meeting of October 24 2007, Work/Study Meeting of October 29, 2007 and Special Meeting of November 1, 2007 was approved on motion by Mr. Brunjes and seconded by Mr. Katz. (6-0)
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2007 was approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (6-0)
- STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT** As there was no student delegate report, the Board moved on to the next item.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** The Board of Education recognized AP Scholar, William Vukovich. Students in the Babylon Elementary School Reading Recovery Program read to the Board of Education and Community.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee will be meeting on November 20th with the independent auditor. Mr. Katz, technology committee chair, reported that the technology committee will be meeting to discuss the goal of refurbishing district technology. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the Board will conduct a first and second reading of policies as listed on the agenda. The policy committee will be meeting on November 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- FIRST READING POLICIES 0115 AND 0115R**
1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 0115-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING, 0115R-HARASSMENT, HAZING & BULLYING REGULATION. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of Policies 0115 and 0115R, as attached.
On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 0115 and 0115R.
- SECOND READING POLICIES 1141, 4526,4526R, 5421**
2. **SECOND READING POLICIES 1141-DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY OR TO STUDENTS, 4526-COMPUTER NETWORK USE, 4526R-COMPUTER NETWORK USE REGULATION, 5421-WELLNESS POLICY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of Policies 1141, 4526, 4526R and 5421, as attached.
On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 1141, 4526, 4526R and 5421.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 1141-DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY OR TO STUDENTS, 4526-COMPUTER NETWORK USE, 4526R-COMPUTER NETWORK USE REGULATION, 5421-WELLNESS POLICY

1. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 1141-DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS BY OR TO STUDENTS, 4526-COMPUTER NETWORK USE, 4526R-COMPUTER NETWORK USE REGULATION, 5421-WELLNESS POLICY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt 1141-Distribution of materials by or to students, 4526-Computer Network Use, 4526R-Computer Network Use Regulation, 5421-Wellness Policy, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, Resolution 1 was unanimously APPROVED. (6-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 2-18 was approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Brunjes an omnibus motion to move resolutions 2-18 was approved. (6-0)

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT

2. **APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the independent audit of the Babylon Union Free School District as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski for the 2006-2007 school year.

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 2007-2008 school year.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

4. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Cafeteria Association and Babylon Union Free School District to amend the recognition clause and salary schedule, as attached.

RESIGNATION

5. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michael Vergano, social studies teacher, effective November 6, 2007, with regret and best wishes.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

6. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER : RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Elizabeth Quinn as a probationary social studies teacher 7-12, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective November 26, 2007. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA+15 column of the 2007-2008 teachers' salary schedule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Jaime Harrison, special education teacher assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, be approved.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

8. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Katy-Ann Clarke as a leave replacement special education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective December 21, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2007-2008 teachers' salary schedule.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

9. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors from September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 pursuant to the agreement between the Board of Education and Babylon Teachers' Association dated January 5, 2005. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the agreement.

Mentor

Cathy Zelli
Kathy Reynolds
Eileen Ratto
Barbara Small

New Teacher

Andrew Marulis
Katy-Ann Clarke
Shannon Romanchuk
Katina Pugsley

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

18. **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

The Board of Education reviewed the draft calendar for the 2008-2009 school year.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education listened to concerns and answered questions regarding evening parent-teacher conferences in grades K-6.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

A Work/Study meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School library.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters and a particular personnel matter was made by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and unanimously approved.

At 9:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn executive session was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, and unanimously approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**LINDA PESCE
DISTRICT CLERK**