

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 14, 2008
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

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

Members Absent

Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. 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 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Darrell Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter, teacher negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Martino, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007 and Special Meetings of December 14, 2007 and January 7, 2008, was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Martino.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2007 and December 2007 were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Melito.

STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT

As there was no student delegate report, the Board moved on to the next item.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Robert Visbal, junior-senior high school principal, Mr. Eric Freidman, grade school principal, and Ms. Dana Spincola, elementary school principal reported on school highlights for the first half of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Melito, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met to continue discussions on auditing procedures. The Board will be asked to approve the appointment of D'Arcangelo & Company as the accounting firm to prepare year end financial statements this evening. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the budget process has begun. A finance committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Henry Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that buildings and grounds committee will be meeting on January 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Katz, technology chair, reported that the committee met and is reviewing purchases in preparation for the budget process. The technology committee will be meeting on January 16, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Katz, policy committee co-chair, reported that the policy committee is conducting a second reading of policies 5225 and 5210. The policy committee will be meeting on February 4, 2008 at 6:45 p.m.

SECOND READING POLICIES 5225 AND 5210

1. **SECOND READING POLICIES 5225-STUDENT PERSONAL EXPRESSION, 5210-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 5225 and 5210, as attached.
On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 5225 and 5210.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

NEW BUSINESS

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 1-12 was unanimously approved.

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Katz an omnibus motion to move resolutions 1-12 was unanimously approved.

**STUDENT
OVERNIGHT MUSIC
TRIPS**

1. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT MUSIC TRIPS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for the Babylon High School Music Department overnight trip to Orlando, Florida from February 7-10, 2008 where musical performances by the High School Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Chordettes, and Jazz Express will perform and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for the Babylon High School Music Department overnight trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania from May16-17, 2008 where the High School Orchestra will perform.

**ADOPTION OF
BOARD POLICIES
5225 AND 5210**

2. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 5225-STUDENT PERSONAL EXPRESSION, 5210-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 5225-Student Personal Expression, 5210-Student Organizations, as attached.

**APPOINTMENT
ACCOUNTING FIRM**

3. **APPOINTMENT ACCOUNTING FIRM: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of D'Arcangelo & Company as the accounting firm to prepare year end financial statements.

**PART-TIME
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
TEACHER K-12**

4. **PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER K-12: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lauren Shanks as a part-time (.5 FTE) special education teacher K-12, assigned district-wide, effective January 2, 2008 to June 30, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be .5 FTE, Step 1 of the MA column of the 2007-2008 teachers' salary schedule.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teacher as a mentor from November 26, 2007 through June 30, 2008 pursuant to the agreement between the Board of Education and Babylon Teachers' Association dated January 5, 2005. Compensation for this position to be as specified in the agreement.

Mentor
Christopher Ryan

New Teacher
Elizabeth Quinn

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTES**

6. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTES: 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 Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as non-permanent teaching substitutes effective January 15, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute per diem rate.

Elizabeth Palumbo Sarah Valan Ingrid Hancock

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKERS**

7. **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) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for Jeannette McGinley and Cynthia Daly as substitute food service workers effective January 2, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute food service rate of pay.

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL
WORKER**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER: 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 Anthony Salgado as a substitute custodial worker effective January 15, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay.

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff: Gina Vanno, Gerald Egan, Lauren Shanks, Lisa Marie Brunjes, Margaret McEnroe, Mary Howard

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONTRACTS**

10. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by SDTC The Center for Discovery.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONSULTANT**

11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Cortney Chase as a special education consultant for the 2007-2008 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be at the home programming hourly rate of pay.

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

12. **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

Mr. Katz broached the subject of a later start time at the high school.

**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 answered questions regarding extra help, mentor program, state aid, unfunded mandates, technology purchases, teachers negotiations, webpage, energy saving agreement, Fitness Incentive, Buddies Program at grade school, and extra curricula activities.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

A Work/Study meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Report on K-2 Math Curriculum. A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Katz.

Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office.