

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 8, 2008  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

### Members Present

Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President  
Mr. Darrell Conway  
Mr. Roger A. Katz  
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino  
Mr. Thomas Melito  
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

### Members Absent

Mrs. Judy Anderson, President

### 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 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Brunjes, Vice President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich and approved. (6-0)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:35 p.m. on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Martino the Board unanimously agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon Vice President Mr. Brunjes led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 20, 2008, Regular Meeting of November 24, 2008 and Special Meeting of December 1, 2008 was approved on motion by Mrs. Vukovich and seconded by Mrs. Martino. (6-0)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2008 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mr. Melito. (6-0) Mr. Conway left the meeting at this time.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Board of Education recognized Karen Calabrese and Erin Khan as AP Scholars with Honors and Victoria Barberich, Philicia Frasson, Michelle Janaszak, Elizabeth Jedrlinic, Laura Prochilo and Steven Logan as AP Scholars with Certificates of Achievement. Victoria Barberich was also recognized as a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. D'Amico presented an overview of the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. At the January PTSA and PTA meetings a full presentation of the survey will be presented. Mrs. Ratto and Mrs. Haggerty, grade school teachers, presented the Co-Teaching Model. Dr. Best-Laimit read a statement regarding two incidents which occurred on November 26, 2008.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and discussions have started regarding the upcoming budget. Mrs. Martino also reported that a preliminary technology budget process has begun. Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a date will be scheduled for a walk through of the buildings in January. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee met this evening to review the interscholastic athletic policy and will be conducting a second reading of policies 2120.1 and 1740.

### **SECOND READING POLICY 4321.12**

a. **SECOND READING POLICIES 2120.1-CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGNING AND 1740-RELATIONSHIP WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 2120.1-Candidates and Campaigning and 1740-Relationship with Nonpublic Schools and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 2120.1 and 1740, as attached.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by C. Vukovich the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 2120.1 and 1740, as attached. (5-0)

As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move Items 1-19 was unanimously approved (5-0).

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move items 1-19 was unanimously APPROVED (5-0).

**TENURE APPOINTMENT**

1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Patrick Donaldson as a science teacher 7-12, effective January 3, 2009.

**RESIGNATION**

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patricia Mastrandrea, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2009 with best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**PROBATIONARY NIGHT HEAD CUSTODIAN**

3. **PROBATIONARY NIGHT HEAD CUSTODIAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint John Barbaretti as a probationary night head custodian, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective January 5, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Column D, Step 12 of the Custodial Association Contract.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Kelly Arcoleo, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009 be approved.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Jacie Chatterton, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009 be approved.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Erin Andrews, English teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 23, 2009 to June 30, 2009 be approved.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER**

7. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ENGLISH TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Sarah Valan as a leave replacement English teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective January 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

8. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Necroto as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective January 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

9. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Marisa Presuto as a leave replacement elementary education teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective January 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

10. **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: Maria Scaduto, Courtney Croteau, Robert Grandjean, Penny Walsh, Karen Bumbalo

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

11. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers:  
From: A9061-8008-00 Employee Benefits/Medical Ins. (40,000.00)  
To: A9040-8004-00 Employee Benefits/Workers Comp 40,000.00

**CONTRACT APPROVAL**

12. **CONTRACT APPROVAL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Babylon UFSD and AssetWorks, Inc. to conduct a full reinventory of all fixed assets.

**IRS 403B PLAN  
ADOPTION  
AGREEMENT**

13. **IRS 403B PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the 403b Plan Adoption Agreement prepared by The Omni Group as per IRS Regulations effective January 1, 2009.

**ADOPTION OF  
POLICIES**

14. **ADOPTION OF POLICIES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 2120.1-Candidates and Campaigning and 1740-Relationship with Nonpublic Schools, as attached.

**OBSOLETE  
EQUIPMENT**

15. **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare as obsolete the following items: 1-Toro Groundsmaster model #327-Gas propelled, 1-Hobart commercial dishwasher #XM-4, 1-Hatco Hot Water Temperature booster #SC-54, 1-Hobart commercial dishwasher #CRS-66, all not operational.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONTRACTS**

16. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services provided by The Daytop Preparatory School and EAC, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONSULTANT**

17. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Cassie Marino as a special education parent trainer for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for this appointment to be \$50.00/hour.

**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.

**GENERAL RELEASE**

19. **GENERAL RELEASE: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of special counsel to the Board of Education, the Board hereby authorizes the payment of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to “Wagstaff & Cartmell LLP Trust Account” in exchange for a General Release from the Babylon Landfill Joint Defense Group in connection with the resolution of all potential claims for response costs at the Town of Babylon Landfill, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the annexed Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Alena Barenblatt, PTSA President, read a statement addressing communication procedures.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education listened to concerns and addressed questions from visitors regarding the incidents that occurred on November 26, 2008 and issues related to security.  
Mr. Conway returned to the meeting at approximately 9:55 p.m.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mrs. Martino. (6-0)

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