

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

June 20, 2011

PLACE:

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

Members Present

Mrs. Judy Anderson
Mr. Dominic Bencivenga
Roger A. Katz
Mrs. Lisa McKeown
Mr. Thomas Melito

Members Absent

Mr. Henry Brunjes, President

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Linda Pesce, District Clerk. At this time Linda Pesce, District Clerk, called for nominations for a board member to act as temporary chairperson in the absence of the Board President. Mrs. Anderson nominated Mr. Katz, Mr. Melito seconded. There being no other nominations the following resolution was presented:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Katz to act as temporary chairperson at the meeting of June 20, 2011 in the absence of the Board President.

On motion by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, the resolution appointing Mr. Katz temporary chairperson was approved. (5-0)

At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the status of a confidential student matter and advice from counsel, employment history of a particular staff member, and negotiations with the Babylon Administrators' Association and Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors was made by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (5-0)

Public Session resumed at 7:43 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, temporary chairperson, led the assemblage in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 2, 2011 and Regular Meeting of June 6, 2011 was approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Melito. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education recognized Shannon Weber, Valedictorian and Lloyd Ippolito, Salutatorian of the graduating Class of 2011. The Boys Lacrosse Team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. The 2011 Babylon Art Festival participants and winners were recognized with certificates. A special thank you to Theresa Santmann for her love of the arts and support for the Babylon community which made this possible and her generous donation of \$5,000. Congratulations to Emma Schubert, Amanda Cohen, Jedidiah Dale, Isabella Alonso and Drew Christensen as 2011 Babylon Covantage EcoTech Scholarship winners. Chief Anthony Cardali and 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Sasuk from the Babylon Fire Department presented a plaque to be displayed in the Babylon High School which commemorates Babylon Fire Department scholarship recipients. The Board of Education recognized Judith Anderson, Henry Brunjes, Catherine Vukovich and former Board member AnneMarie Martino for their dedicated service to the Board of Education and community.

A resident approached the Board of Education and read a statement commending the district and Mr. Freidman on its Character Education program and hopes for its continued success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

1. **APPOINTMENT INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Peter R. Daly as Interim Superintendent effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be \$190,000 prorated. Mr. Bencivenga presented the following amended resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Peter R. Daly as Interim Superintendent effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an employment agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the employment. Compensation for this assignment to be \$190,000 prorated.
On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board approved to amend the resolution presented. (5-0)
On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito the amended resolution was approved. (5-0)

REORGANIZATION MEETING/REGULAR MEETING

2. **REORGANIZATION MEETING/REGULAR MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD be scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2011, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Babylon UFSD will be held following the Reorganization meeting.
On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

DONATIONS

3. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$5,000 from Theresa Santmann and an anonymous donation of \$500 with gratitude for these generous gifts.
On motion by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, a motion to omnibus Items 4-18, was approved. (5-0)
On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move items 4-18 was approved. (5-0)

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

4. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2010-2011 school year:
From: A9010-8001-00 Employ Bene/ERS (\$ 67,000.00)
A9760-7300-00 Debt Service/Tax Anticipation Notes (\$128,000.00)
To: A2110-1383-01 Tch/Reg Sch/Career Incr \$195,000.00

LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

5. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Stacy Chesloff as a leave replacement foreign language teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2011 to January 29, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the BA column of the 2011-2012 teachers' salary schedule.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME ASL TEACHER

6. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME ASL TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Caryn Bravin as a part-time (.2 F.T.E.) ASL teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, be approved effective September 7, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be .2 FTE of Step 1 of the MA column of the 2011-2012 teachers' salary schedule.

RESIGNATION

7. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Marisa Presuto, elementary school teacher, effective June 30, 2011 with best wishes in her future endeavors.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION

8. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education establish the position of special education teacher effective September 1, 2011.

ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS

9. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes the position of Computer Lab Assistant, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the positions abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2011, to wit: Sandra Buonaspina, Patricia Martin, Patricia Podesta

- CASUAL APPOINTMENTS** 10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the summer school program from July 5, 2011 to August 12, 2011. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Contract, Babylon Clerical/Nursing Association Contract and the Non-instructional Aides and Monitors Agreement.
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| Early Elementary | Elizabeth Palumbo Aide - | Patrice Ciambrello |
| Upper Elementary | Vickie Tillinghaust Aide - | Karen Altieri |
| Life Skills | Lauren Shanks | Aide - Claire Joseph |
| | Barbara O'Halloran | |
| Reading | Robin LaBarbera | Aide - Susan Borg |
| Nurse | Nina Burke | |
- COURSE TITLE CHANGE** 11. **COURSE TITLE CHANGE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the course title change from LOTE (Languages Other Than English) to World Languages.
- GUERCIO & GUERCIO CONTRACTS** 12. **GUERCIO & GUERCIO CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract between the Babylon Union Free School District and Guercio & Guercio for the General Counsel Contract and Labor Counsel Contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT** 13. **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Regional Transportation contract between the Babylon UFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2011-2012 school year.
- EXTENSION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS** 14. **EXTENSION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the extension for contracts with Acme Bus and Educational Bus for transporting Babylon students for the 2011-2012 school year, at an increase equal to the 2011-2012 CPI.
- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (LARGE BUS)** 15. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (LARGE BUS): RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2011-2012 Large Bus Contract through the 2015-2016 school year at an increase equal to the May 31st CPI each year or 4% whichever is lower.
- EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL VEHICLE)** 16. **EXTENSION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SMALL VEHICLE): RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with John Bosch, Inc. to extend the 2011-2012 Small Vehicle Contract through the 2015-2016 school year at an increase equal to the May 31st CPI each year or 4% whichever is lower.
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE** 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 in June 2011 be accepted.
- OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT** 18. **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare the following item obsolete for purposes of disposal: Amana washing machine Serial # 9503065195, Babylon UFSD # 20090202
- OTHER BUSINESS** As there was no other business, the Board moved to the next item.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS** As there was no report from representatives, the Board moved to the next item.
- QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS** The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding the search for a Superintendent and the appointment of the Interim Superintendent.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** A reorganization/regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- ADJOURNMENT** At 8:45 p.m. there being no items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and approved. (5-0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**LINDA PESCE
DISTRICT CLERK**