

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: November 14, 2011

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President
Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President (left at 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Gregory Antolini
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Lisa McKeown
Mr. Thomas Melito
Mr. Dominick Montalto

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Peter R. Daly

Central Office Administration

Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular staff member and advice from counsel regarding a student residency matter was made by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Montalto and approved. (7-0)

The Board resumed public session at 7:35 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011, Work/Study Meeting of October 24, 2011 and Special Meeting of October 26, 2011 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Antolini. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2011 was approved on motion by Mr. Melito and seconded by Mr. Antolini. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Co-Delegates, Carolanne Murphy, Shannon Going and Grace O'Nishea, reported that DECA held a 2011-2012 membership drive and has over 110 members. DECA students compete against other students in categories of public speaking, marketing, accounting, community service and other areas. NAHS held a bake sale and raised over \$400.00. They also reported on various activities in the high school. The Board of Education was recognized for School Board Recognition Week. The cheerleading squad cheered and two student performers sang a song from "Man of LaMancha". The PTA's supplied refreshments and presented certificates and donated in the Board's name to the Babylon Community Scholarship. Mr. Richardelli, BTA President, thanked the Board for their service and recognized them with coffee mugs. Western Suffolk BOCES acknowledged the Board with certificates. Dr. Daly reported on school highlights. The field hockey team was recognized as the Suffolk County Class "C" Champions and the Board of Education presented them with certificates. Mr. D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented "Go Math" and the district will be looking at another math program prior to adopting a math program. Dr. Daly read a statement announcing that he will not be applying for the Superintendent position for the next school year. He looks forward to continuing his work as the Interim Superintendent and returning to his position as Deputy Superintendent next school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Antolini, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the internal auditors report from Nawrocki Smith. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the status of the school lunch fund, appropriation report and budget development schedule. The next finance committee meeting will follow the Work/Study meeting on November 28th at approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on November 16th in the elementary tech room. Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a first and second reading of policies will be conducted and the next policy committee meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

FIRST READING POLICIES 1800 GIFTS FROM THE PUBLIC, AND 6110/6110R BUDGET PLANNING AND BUDGET PLANNING REGULATION

1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 1800 GIFTS FROM THE PUBLIC, AND 6110/6110R BUDGET PLANNING AND BUDGET PLANNING REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 1800 Gifts from the Public, 6110/6110R Budget Planning and Budget Planning Regulation, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 1800 Gifts from the Public, 6110/6110R Budget Planning and Budget Planning Regulation, as attached.

**SECOND READING
POLICIES 1130 MEDIA
RELATIONS,
4311.1/4311.1-R
DISPLAY OF THE
FLAG AND
REGULATION,
4531/4531-R FIELD
TRIPS AND
EXCURSIONS AND
REGULATION**

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Antolini, and approved (6-0) the Board conducted a first reading and waived the formal first reading of policies 1800 Gifts from the Public, 6110/6110R Budget Planning and Budget Planning Regulation as attached.

2. **SECOND READING POLICIES 1130 MEDIA RELATIONS, 4311.1/4311.1-R DISPLAY OF THE FLAG AND REGULATION, 4531/4531-R FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS AND REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, as attached.

On motion by Ms. Berenblatt, seconded by Mr. Melito, and approved (6-0) the Board conducted a second reading and waived the formal second reading of policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, as attached

**SECOND READING
POLICIES 4532/4532-
R/4532-E.1 SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS,
SCHOOL
VOLUNTEER
REGULATIONS AND
EXHIBIT**

3. **SECOND READING POLICIES 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS AND EXHIBIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policies 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit, as attached.

On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Melito, and approved (6-0) the Board conducted a second reading and waived the formal second reading of policies 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit, as attached.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items and presentations.

**APPROVAL OF
INDEPENDENT
AUDIT**

1. **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 Cullen & Danowski for the 2010-2011 school year.

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Antolini, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**APPROVAL OF
INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT**

2. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the final internal audit reports from Nawrocki Smith for the 2010-2011 school year.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

**AMENDED
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT**

3. **AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute an Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Cafeteria Association and Babylon Union Free School District dated November 14, 2011.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

**ACCEPTANCE
SCHOLARSHIP
CHECK**

4. **ACCEPTANCE SCHOLARSHIP CHECK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a check in the amount of \$500.00 from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials to be awarded as a scholarship to a Babylon High School student.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Antolini, Resolution 4 was approved. (6-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Antolini, a motion to omnibus Items 5-10 and 12-15 was approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Mrs. McKeown seconded by Mr. Antolini an omnibus motion to move Items 5-10 and 12-15 was approved. (6-0)

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER SPECIAL
EDUCATION
AFTERSCHOOL
PROGRAM**

5. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Holly McLynch as a substitute special education afterschool program teacher effective November 15, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be \$50.00/hour.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Grade School

Modified Cross Country Club-Joseph Rossi

Winter Coaching

- JV Wrestling - Daniel McHugh
- JV Cheerleading - Kelly Frezza

CONDITIONAL COACHING APPOINTMENT

7. **CONDITIONAL COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the conditional coaching appointment of Kenneth Brodmerkel as varsity wrestling coach effective November 16, 2011 pending New York State Coaching Certification approval. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

8. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective November 15, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.
Deanna Confredo, Erin Kennedy, Christina Wilson, Joe Gross, Melanie Maeder, Danielle West, Christopher Rogers, Kathryn Jewell Tiger, Lauren Feyman, Melissa Alexander, Ann Marie Burns, Michelle Imbroto, Michele Roller, Kathleen Wodzinski, Michael Breiner

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER

9. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of TeriJane Gretesas a substitute food service worker, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective November 15, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service worker rate of pay of \$10.00/hour.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 1130 MEDIA RELATIONS, 4311.1/4311.1-R DISPLAY OF THE FLAG AND REGULATION, 4531/4531-R FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS AND REGULATION

10. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 1130 MEDIA RELATIONS, 4311.1/4311.1-R DISPLAY OF THE FLAG AND REGULATION, 4531/4531-R FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS AND REGULATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 1130 Media Relations, 4311.1/4311.1-R Display of the Flag and Regulation, 4531/4531-R Field Trips and Excursions and Regulation, as attached.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS AND EXHIBIT

11. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS AND EXHIBIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 4532/4532-R/4532-E.1 School Volunteers, School Volunteer Regulations and Exhibit, as attached.
On motion by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 11 was approved. (4-1-1)
Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, T. Melito, D. Montalto, G. Antolini
Voting No: L. McKeown
Abstaining: A. Berenblatt

HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENTS

12. **HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2011-2012 school year: Amityville UFSD, Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Deer Park UFSD, East Islip UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Islip UFSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, Longwood CSD, Massapequa UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, South Country CSD, South Huntington UFSD, Three Village CSD, West Babylon UFSD, West Islip UFSD, Wyandanch UFSD.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTS

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the District of Location special education service contracts for the 2011-2012 school year between Babylon UFSD and the following school districts: Bay Shore UFSD, Brentwood UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Islip UFSD, West Babylon UFSD, Wyandanch UFSD. (SE#27)

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Behavior Analysis Team (SE#28), Samuel M. Fleisher, Ed.D. (SE#29), Just Kids (SE#30), Top Grade (SE#31).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

15. **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 review of cases from May 2011 to November 2011, be accepted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. D'Amico and Mr. Bilyk responded to questions from the last meeting regarding the amount of money spent on textbooks and the actual expenditure for the 2010-2011 school year which is on page 40 of the independent audit report located on the website.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding an update on the superintendent search, extra help and college readiness.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library. Topics: Report on Elementary School Assessments and 2011 Youth Development Survey. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Report on SAT Scores and Graduation Rates.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito and approved. (6-0)