

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 2, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Roger A. Katz, President  
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President (arrived 6:33 p.m.)  
Mr. Gregory Antolini  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga  
Ms. Alena Berenblatt  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Katz, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel regarding the proposed Superstorm Sandy Legislation was made by A. Berenblatt, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0). L. McKeown arrived at 6:33 p.m. Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2013 and Work/Study Meeting of November 18, 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by D. Bencivenga. (7-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2013 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by D. Montalto. (7-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Students Delegate, Ronnie Pashen, reported upcoming senior high school student council events which include a pajama movie night on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., a bowling fundraiser on January 5, and BHS Presents will be held on February 7 and 9 in Rowe Hall. SADD conducted its annual Safe Halloween for the preschool students. He also reported on other activities in the high school. The building principals reported on school highlights in their buildings. The Board of Education recognized members of the Facilities Review Committee. The Board of Education presented a power point on the proposed Bond Referendum to be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the internal auditor is finalizing a Medicaid cost benefit analysis report. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a first reading of policy 1800-Gifts from the Public will be held this evening. The Board of Education scheduled the following committee meetings: Finance-12/16 at 7 p.m., Technology-12/17 at 9:00 a.m. and Policy-12/13 at 1:30 p.m. in the district conference room of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

**FIRST READING  
POLICY 1800  
GIFTS FROM  
THE PUBLIC**

The following first reading was presented:

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 1800-GIFTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 1800-Gifts From The Public and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 1800-Gifts from the Public, as attached.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Bencivenga, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of policy 1800-Gifts From The Public and waived the formal first reading of policy 1800-Gifts from the Public, as attached.

**BOARD AGENDA  
ITEMS**

The Board of Education discussed particular agenda items and questions from visitors on agenda items, Policy 1800-Gifts from the Public, and the proposed bond referendum were addressed.

New Business

**TAX ASSESSMENT  
RELIEF**

1. **TAX ASSESSMENT RELIEF: WHEREAS**, Chapter 424 of the Laws of New York, 2013, (“the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act”), allows the District to provide tax assessment relief to certain of its property owners affected by Superstorm Sandy, and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the victims of Superstorm Sandy, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act, provided that the refunds are paid by Suffolk County. **AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that those whose buildings and other property improvements in the District that are found to have lost 10% or more of their value due to Superstorm Sandy will be eligible for relief pursuant to the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act.  
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown a motion to omnibus Items 2-14 was approved (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown Items 2-14 was approved (7-0).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Sarah Ryczek, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 27, 2014 to June 30, 2014, be approved.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT  
TEACHER**

3. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Keri Rossano as a leave replacement elementary teacher, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective January 27, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2013-2014 teachers salary schedule.

**APPOINTMENT  
AFTERSCHOOL  
AIDE**

4. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Catrina Christensen as an afterschool aide for the 2013-2014 girls basketball season. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 aides and monitors association contract.

**RESCIND CASUAL  
APPOINTMENT/  
APPOINTMENT**

5. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointment of Steve Vaccaro as the parent coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Suzanne Murphy as the parent coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for this position to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENT**

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2013-2014 school year effective November 18, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers’ Association Contract.

High School

JH Foreign Language Club	-	Laura Jayne
SH Foreign Language Club	-	Marianne Shaw

**SUBSTITUTE  
CUSTODIAL  
WORKERS**

7. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Anthony Cruz and Dora Ulloa as substitute custodial workers effective December 3, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Compensation for these assignments to be \$11.00/hour.

**STUDENT  
INTERNSHIP**

8. **STUDENT INTERNSHIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of Siobhan Healy as a school counseling student intern assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School for the 2013-2014 Spring semesters.

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFERS**

9. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2013-2014 school year:

1. From: A 2020.1503-01-000                      Supv-Principals Sal Jr/Sr  
To: A 2020.1503-02-000                      Supv-Principals Sal GS

2. From: A 2020.1503-01-000                      Supv-Principals Sal Jr/Sr  
To: A 2020.1505-01-000                      Supv-Admin Asst Jr/Sr. HS

These transfers are required as a result of the salary shortfall and additional stipends resulting from the reassignment of High School Assistant Principal to Grade School Principal.

3. From: A 9061.8008-00-000                      Employ Bene/Medical Ins  
To: A 2020.1600-01-000                      Supv-Non Instr Sal

This transfer is required to cover salary difference between aide salary (hourly) and contractual salary.

4. From: A 9061.8008-00-000                      Employ Bene/Medical Ins  
To: A 2612.1507-01-000                      Library-Instr Sal

5. From: A 2612.1507-03-000                      Library-Instr Sal  
To: A 2612.1507-02-000                      Library-Instr Sal

The 2013-14 budget included Library Media Specialist salaries at the Grade School and the Elementary School only. The transfers are required to cover the salary of the High School Library Media Specialist and to reflect actual salaries of the Grade School and the Elementary School Library Media Specialists.

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE  
PLAN**

10. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Local Assistance Plan for the Babylon Memorial Grade School.

**LAND SURVEY  
CONTRACT**

11. **LAND SURVEY CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the contract between Babylon UFSD and L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. to perform the land survey, tone-out and GPR Services as recommended by BBS Architects.

**CONSULTANT  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

12. **CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant service agreement for professional development in the 2013-2014 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Sail Consulting.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contract between the Babylon UFSD and Deer Park School District (SE#23) for the 2013-2014 school year.

**COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AND CPSE**

14. **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 from October 2013 to November 2013 be approved.

**OTHER  
BUSINESS**

The Board of Education will hold a discussion on High Stakes Testing at its Work/Study Meeting of December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A board member acknowledged and congratulated the varsity football teams' outstanding season.

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Richardelli, BTA President, addressed the Board regarding the high stakes testing resolution.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions and/or listened to concerns from visitors regarding the Fact Finding Report and proposed bond referendum.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

A buildings and grounds committee meeting will be held on December 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Board of Education will hold a Bond Referendum Vote on Monday, December 10, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Babylon Memorial Grade School. A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (7-0)