

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 7, 2014  
**PLACE:** Babylon Elementary School, 171 Ralph Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

### Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President  
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President  
Mr. Gregory Antolini  
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 and Instruction

### 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 particular individuals, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0). Public Session resumed at 7:45 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014, Work/Study Meeting of March 24, 2014 and Special Budget Meeting of April 1, 2014 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by G. Antolini. (6-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2014 was approved on motion by A. Donaldson and seconded by G. Antolini. (6-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** The Board of Education recognized music and art students who participated in SCMEA, LISFA, SCALA, the top ten finalists at DECA, two wrestlers that qualified and participated in the NYS wrestling championships and the NYSAAA Student Athlete Scholar Award winner. Student Delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Max O'Handley, reported on senior high student council events which include the Powder Puff on Saturday, May 17, a movie night on the football field scheduled for May 30. Four art students participated in the VANS shoe contest. The English Department and Library Media Specialist Amy Csorny are hosting "The Envelope Project". Envelopes containing collaborative poetry writing were sent to deployed military personnel. Mr. Marulis and Mrs. Reilly accompanied ten students to the Virtual Enterprise Student International Trade Show and Business Plan Competition in NYC on April 3. Mrs. Schappert's ecology classes are currently participating in the first citizen science study of spawning Alewives in the Carlls River with the Islip-based Seatuck Environmental Association and the Village of Babylon. They also reported on other activities in the high school. The building principals reported on highlights in their respective buildings.

Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2014-2015 school budget and addressed questions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mrs. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee met to discuss selection classification and the next policy committee meeting will be held on April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. School attorney Gary Steffanetta reported on an agreement between the Village of Babylon and the school district for use of a portion of the high school athletic field. As there were no reports from other committees, the Board moved to the next item.

**BOARD AGENDA  
ITEMS**

Comments and/or questions from visitors on agenda items and the proposed budget were addressed. Members of the Board of Education wished the three teachers who are retiring best wishes in their retirement.

New Business

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the budget and property tax report card for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$48,310,474 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 1 was approved. (4-2)  
Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson, L. McKeown  
Voting No: G. Antolini, D. Montalto

**RESIGNATION**

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Wanda Haggerty, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2014 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)

**RESIGNATION**

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Cheryl Murphy, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2014 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

**RESIGNATION**

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Rayna Adler Zwerlein, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2014 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 4 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS  
MOTION**

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by G. Antolini a motion to omnibus Items 5-10 and 13-16 was approved (6-0).

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**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Heather Hosek, science teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing March 31, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT  
SCIENCE TEACHER**

6. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT SCIENCE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Andrew Sheltz as a leave replacement science teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective March 31, 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  
GROUNDSKEEPER II**

7. **APPOINTMENT GROUNDSKEEPER II: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jose Velasquez, groundskeeper II, effective April 8, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 4, Column G of the 2013-2014 Custodial Association Contract.

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS**

8. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective March 11, 2014 to June 26, 2014. Compensation for these assignments to be \$100.00/day.

Brandy Cmela, Jason Denes, Meghan Keeler, Jonathan Kowalchuk, Pat Adamo.  
Lindsay Lyons, Vanessa O'Brien, Lisa Thiesen, Brian Kollar

**APPOINTMENT  
PART-TIME  
SECURITY  
GUARD**

9. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Steve Ulrich as a part-time security guard for the 2013-2014 school year. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

**STUDENT  
TEACHERS**

10. **STUDENT TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following student teachers for the 2013-2014 Spring semester:

Victoria Vollara	English	HS
Leslie Ratner	Music	HS

**RESOLUTION 11  
POSTPONED TO  
MAY 12 MEETING**

11. **PLAN FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the Plan for the Education of Students with Disabilities for the Babylon UFSD dated March 13, 2014.  
On motion by L. McKeown, to postpone Resolution 11 to the May 12 Board of Education meeting was seconded by G. Antolini and approved. (6-0)

**DONATION**

12. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of eight lacrosse helmets valued at approximately \$1500 from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tenety, with appreciation for this generous gift.  
On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 12 was approved. (6-0)

**HEALTH AND  
WELFARE SERVICES  
AGREEMENT**

13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between Babylon UFSD and the Bellmore UFSD for the 2013-2014 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONSULTANT AND  
SERVICES  
AGREEMENTS**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT AND SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant and services agreements between the Babylon UFSD and Arms Acres (SE#26), St. James Tutoring, Inc.(SE#27), Lindenhurst UFSD (SE#28), West Islip UFSD (SE#29)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
RECEIPT OF FEDERAL  
PART B  
FLOW-THROUGH  
ALLOCATIONS**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2013-2014 school year between the Babylon UFSD and New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

16. **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 December 2013 to March 2014, be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ORGANIZATION**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions and/or listened to concerns from visitors regarding state assessments.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School library. Topics: Special Education Plan. A Budget Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014 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 on motion by G. Antolini, seconded by L. McKeown and approved. (6-0)