

# MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 1, 2014  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

## Members Present

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, President  
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, Vice President  
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker  
Mrs. Carol Dell'Erba  
Mrs. Ann Donaldson (left at 7:30 p.m.)  
Mr. Dominick Montalto

## Members Absent

Mrs. Linda Jurs

## 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 Mrs. McKeown, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and advice from counsel was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Donaldson left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2014, Special Meeting of November 13, 2014 and Work/Study Meeting of November 17, 2014 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (5-0)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2014 were approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded C. Dell'Erba. (5-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student Delegates, Ronnie Pashin and Madison Pergolotti, reported that the annual Powder Puff game will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, combining it with the first Souper Bowl of Caring event. All funds will go to Habitat for Humanity, and food donations will be given to Island Harvest. Proceeds from the "Carolers" event will go to The Morgan Center. They also reported on news from the following departments/clubs: Science, Music, Practical Arts, SEA/Interact club and the Theater Program. Presentations from the Junior-Senior High School staff about curriculum initiatives in the Science, World Language, English, Math and Social Studies departments were held. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Schappert discussed the interdisciplinary 7th grade field trip to Captree Island; Mrs. Scharff explained opportunities for students to interact in a secondary language in the World Language Department; Mrs. Collins presented the TIED writing strategy implemented in the Junior-Senior High School; Mr. Michele and Mr. Reisert discussed the I-Ready program for math students as we shift from an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) model to a Response to Intervention (RTI) model; Mr. Mancuso shared information from a National Conference and how the geometry class is being aligned with the new Common Core Standards; Mr. Ryan, Ms. Mangone, and Mr. Venezia explained the extension program for college credit in Sociology and the focus on hands-on learning activities in Global Studies.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. McKeown reported that the audit committee met with the Internal Auditor and discussed the updated Risk Assessment, Key Controls report and Information Systems Cycle

reports. Dr. Daly provided the Board with a 2015-2016 Draft Budget Development Schedule. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that a meeting will be scheduled to include the facilities director to receive a recap of the fall projects. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, will set up a meeting in January to discuss the 2015-2016 technology budget and the Smart Schools grant. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, and Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, will schedule meetings after the New Year. All meetings are posted on the district's website.

The following policies were presented:

**FIRST READING OF  
POLICY 8505-CHARGING  
SCHOOL MEALS**

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 8505-CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals, as attached.

On motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Bencivenga, the Board of Education approved the first reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals and waived the formal first reading of policy 8505-Charging School Meals, as attached. (5-0)

**FIRST READING OF  
POLICY 1230-PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION AT  
BOARD MEETINGS**

2. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 1230-PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as attached.

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto, the Board of Education approved the first reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings and waived the formal first reading of policy 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as attached. (5-0)

**FIRST READING OF  
POLICY 2350-BOARD  
MEETING PROCEDURES**

3. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 2350-BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 2350 Board Meeting Procedures and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 2350 Board Meeting Procedures, as attached.

**Motion** by Mr. Bencivenga, that the policy be edited, deleting the paragraph that states, "The Board shall not decide upon any question under consideration before examining and evaluating relevant information. The Board may charge the Superintendent to examine and to evaluate all such information, and make recommendations to the Board." **Motion failed.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Altbacker, to conduct a first reading of policy 2350-Board Meeting Procedures as presented. **Motion failed.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Dell'Erba, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, to table the first reading of policy 2350-Board Meeting Procedures to the January Board of Education meeting was approved. (4-1)

Voting Yes: L. McKeown, D. Bencivenga, D. Montalto, C. Dell'Erba

Voting No: E. Altbacker

**SECOND READING OF  
POLICY 5405-STUDENT  
WELLNESS**

**SECOND READING OF POLICY 5405-STUDENT WELLNESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness, as attached.

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga, the Board of Education approved the second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and waived the formal second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness, as attached. (5-0)

New Business

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

1. **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement between the Board of Education and the Babylon Teachers' Association regarding a pending contract grievance, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said settlement agreement on behalf of the Board.  
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, Resolution #1 was approved. (5-0)

**RESIGNATION**

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Susan Colletti, Senior Stenographer, effective December 31, 2014, with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.  
On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution #2 was approved. (5-0)

**RESIGNATION**

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lois Schulken, Senior Stenographer, effective January 31, 2015, with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.  
On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, Resolution #3 was approved. (5-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba a motion to omnibus Items 4-15 and 17-25 was approved (5-0).  
On omnibus motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker Items 4-15 and 17-25 were approved (5-0).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4. **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 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015, be approved.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Shannon Saturno, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015, be approved.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER**

6. **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 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the MA column of the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule.

**LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER**

7. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Erin Kennedy as a leave replacement elementary teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective January 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule.

**PART-TIME ASL TEACHER**

8. **PART-TIME ASL TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve an increase in the FTE of Ann Marie Lynch, part-time ASL teacher, from a .5 FTE to a .6 FTE effective September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be .6 FTE of Step 3 of the MA column of the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule.

**NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE**

9. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Lindsey Adornetto as a non-

**TEACHER  
APPOINTMENTS**

permanent substitute teacher effective November 25, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Danielle Fischer and Kristine Best as non-permanent substitute teachers effective December 2, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for these assignments to be \$100.00/day.

**APPOINTMENT  
AFTERSCHOOL  
AIDES**

10. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Catrina Christensen and Alice Lydak as afterschool aides for the 2014-2015 girls basketball season. Compensation for these assignments to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

**APPOINTMENT  
SUBSTITUTE  
AIDE/MONITORS**

11. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Christine Franklin and Ellen Altieri as substitute aide/monitors effective December 2, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 aides and monitors association contract.

**MENTOR  
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **MENTOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following mentor appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the 2014-2015 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Adam Geller	Anne May
Keith Fasano	Jamie Harrison

**STUDENT  
TEACHERS**

13. **STUDENT TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placements of the following student teachers for the Spring 2015:
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|----------------|-------|------|
| Leslie Ratner  | Music | JSHS |
| Theresa Casesi | Math  | JSHS |

**OVERNIGHT FIELD  
TRIP**

14. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for an overnight field trip to perform in the Heritage Worldstrides Performance Festival in Williamsburg, Virginia from Thursday, April 23, 2015 to Sunday, April 26, 2015.

**ADOPTION BOARD  
POLICY 5405-  
STUDENT WELLNESS**

15. **ADOPTION BOARD POLICY 5405-STUDENT WELLNESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 5405-Student Wellness, as attached.

**DONATION**

16. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a Cybex squat rack valued at approximately \$800.00 from TJ Lynch, a Babylon graduate, with appreciation for this generous gift.  
On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by D. Bencivenga, Resolution #16 was approved.  
(5-0)

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFERS**

17. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:
- From: A 2110.1300-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Instr-7-12 (35,000)  
To: A 2110.1314-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-6<sup>th</sup> Period 35,000
  - From: A 2110.1383-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr (95,000)  
To: A 2251.1507-00-000 Special Ed-Instr Sal 95,000  
These transfers are required as a result of additional stipends and additional Special Education teachers.
  - From: A 2110.4900-00-000 Tch/Reg Sch-BOCES (22,300)  
To: A 1680.4900-00-000 Central Data Process-BOCES Services 22,300  
This transfer is required as a result of additional BOCES Services.
  - From: A 2110.1383-01-000 Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr (8,134)  
To: A 2010.1504-01-000 Curr Develop.Supv-Directors 8,134  
This transfer is required as a result of additional days worked for Directors over the Summer.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

18. **EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: RESOLVED**, that two clubs, Students Against

**CLUBS**

Destructive Decisions and SEA/Interact, have been combined into one club called "Interact" and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the funds from these two defunct clubs (SADD and SEA/Interact) be transferred into the newly created "Interact" Club, be approved.

**ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT**

19. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for the year 2015; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2015 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLAN**

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

**LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES**

21. **LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the license and operating agreement between the Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the 2014-2015 school year.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

22. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Amityville UFSD for the 2014-2015 school year:

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACTS**

23. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service contracts between the Babylon UFSD and Central Islip UFSD, East Islip UFSD, Half Hollow Hills Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year:

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

24. **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 2014-2015 school year between the Babylon UFSD and The Hagerdorn Little Village School (SEDCAR#5), Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center (SEDCAR#7), Cleary School for the Deaf (SEDCAR#8), Developmental Disabilities Institute (SEDCAR#12).

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

25. **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 dated October 2014-November 2014, be approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

As there were no representatives of organizations, the Board moved to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board addressed questions and listened to comments regarding Board meeting presentations and the Wellness policy.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

The Work/Study Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014 is cancelled. A Regular Meeting will be held on January 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Montalto and approved. (5-0)