

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 12, 2015
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
Mrs. Linda Jurs
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 Mrs. McKeown, 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 was made by L. Jurs, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0). Public Session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. McKeown, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015 and Special Meetings of January 21, 2015, January 22, 2015, February 2, 2015, February 3, 2015, February 4, 2015 and February 5, 2015 was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga and seconded by C. Dell'Erba.(7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2014 were approved on motion by L. Jurs and seconded C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Council Delegates reported that the annual Powder Puff game was played on Saturday, January 31 with the junior class being victorious and the freshmen class won the "cake off". Preparations for BHS Presents, to be held on April 17-18 are underway. They also reported on events in the Art, Science, and Music Departments. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, announced that we will be celebrating the achievements of some of our students and teachers. The Board of Education recognized Christian Martino and Patrick Roche for being selected to perform with the SCMEA All-County Percussion Ensemble and Sachi Onishi, Lauren Ragen, Sophia Sherman, Emma Schubart and Ethan Schubart for being selected to perform at the Long Island String Festival. Ms. Claire Birone, science teacher, has been selected and recognized as a top educator in the State with her acceptance into the New York State Master Teacher program. Ms. Donna Hendrickson, grade school teacher, earned the Suffolk County PTA Ted Brigham Teacher of the Year. Ms. Judith Procaccini, science teacher, was commended for coming to the aid of a student in her biology class by successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver. Mr. Rozakis reported that Walter Williams, for whom our athletic field is named, has been nominated for the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Williams was a beloved teacher, coach and athletic director in Babylon during the 1940s and 50s, and will be inducted at their ceremony on May 8th. Mr. Rozakis reiterated school closing or delayed opening information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit cycle review will continue. A meeting will be scheduled in late spring. Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bencivenga,

buildings and grounds committee chair, introduced representatives from BBS and SCC for an update on the bond progress. The presentation will be placed on the website. A meeting to address questions about the installation of artificial turf will be rescheduled for late March. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the technology presentation is rescheduled to Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met with administrators in attendance and worked out some general goals on curriculum. A meeting will be scheduled after the vacation. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, scheduled a meeting for February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be posted on the district's website.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

New Business

- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba a motion to omnibus Items 1-5 and 7-15 was approved (7-0).
On omnibus motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Donaldson Items 1-5 and 7-15 were approved (7-0).
- SCHOOL CALENDAR** 1. **SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the proposed school calendar for the school year 2015-2016, as attached.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE** 2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Kimberly Monahan, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing January 26, 2015 to June 30, 2015, be approved.
- LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER** 3. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Breiner as a leave replacement elementary teacher, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective January 26, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2014-2015 Teachers' Association salary schedule.
- NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT** 4. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Laura Mayo as a non-permanent substitute teacher effective February 10, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be \$100.00/day.
- APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE** 5. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Christine Franklin as a part-time aide effective February 10, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2014-2015 Aides and Monitors Association Contract.
- CASUAL APPOINTMENTS** 6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2014-2015 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

High School

Pep Band Advisor

Daniel Krueger

Coaching Appointments

Varsity Baseball Coach

Anthony Sparacio

Junior Varsity Baseball Coach

Michael Birnbaum

Continued

Junior High Baseball Coach

Rich Villanueva

Varsity Golf Coach

Brian Kroll

Junior High Gymnastics Coach (2)

Stephanie Sirico

Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach

Nancy O'Donnell

Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach

John Greaney

Dan Royle

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| Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach (2) | Dennis McGovern |
| | Daniel DeBetta |
| Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach (2) | Josh Carlock |
| | Hans Wiederkehr |
| Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Tim Harrison |
| Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Lauren Spagnoletta |
| Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach | Kristie Hirten |
| Junior High Girls Lacrosse Coach (2) | Laura Mayo |
| | Brenda Mayo |
| Varsity Softball Coach | Rick Punzone |
| Junior Varsity Softball Coach | Stephen Fasciani |
| Junior High Softball | Cecilia Galbraith |
| Varsity Boys Tennis Coach | Rob Andrews |
| Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Coach | Peter Mankes |
| Junior High Boys Tennis Coach | Chris Egan |
| Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach | Craig Washington |
| Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach | Jess Prochilo |
| Junior High Track Coach | Chris Morra |
| Weight Room Supervisor | Danny McHugh |
| Athletic Trainer (South Bay Physical Therapy) | Cole Buschmann |

On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 6 was approved (6-1)
Voting Yes: A. Donaldson, D. Montalto, E. Altbacker, L. Jurs, C. Dell’Erba,
L. McKeown
Voting No: D. Bencivenga

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
APPOINTMENTS**

7. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following staff as volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers:
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| Varsity Boys Lacrosse Volunteer | - | Dan Sparby |
| Varsity Softball Volunteer | - | Bill Singleton |
| Varsity Baseball Volunteer | - | Frank Mancuso |

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Jos Fragapane and Mike Russo as junior high wrestling coaches for the 2014-2015 school year.

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

9. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:
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| 1. From: A 2100.1200.02-000 | Tch/Reg Sch-Inst 3-6 | |
| (30,000) | | |
| To: A2010.4150-05-000 | Curr Develop/Supv-Travel/Conf | 30,000 |
- This transfer is necessary to support Literacy Initiative (Teachers College).

CHANGE ORDER

10. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve A.I.A. Document G701/Change Order 1 for work completed at the Babylon Elementary School with Statewide Roofing, Inc. of Ronkonkoma, New York, in the deduct amount of - \$11,525.00, as a result of unused Additional Masonry Repair and unused Additional Asbestos Abatement Allowance.

**MANDATORY
STATE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT
FIELD TESTING**

11. **MANDATORY STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FIELD TESTING: WHEREAS**, mandatory New York State assessment tests in ELA and math are given to New York students in grades 3 through 8 during April of each school year which is the beginning of the fourth quarter of the school year. The Babylon Union Free School District Board of Education believes this timing is dictated by the needs of the State Education Department teachers’ and principals’ accountability system, known as APPR; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes the quality of instruction of all students in grades 3-8 is lowered by mandatory testing practices of the State Education Department resulting in the reduction of students’ learning opportunities; **WHEREAS**, these

mandatory tests are developed, in part, through the administration of additional “field tests” used by testing companies to develop appropriate questions for future tests; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes the testing companies realize a commercial profit by using children and taxpayer resources to advance their business plans; **WHEREAS**, in the past, a district’s participation in these “field tests” was on a voluntary basis; **WHEREAS**, the State Education Department has proposed amending certain Regulations of the Commissioner of Education such that New York school districts would be required to administer the “field tests”. The Board of Education believes this will result in the use of more instructional time for the purpose of advancing a mandatory testing system organized and based, in part, on APPR, not on the basis of what is best for children; **WHEREAS**, the Regents are considering the proposal of the State Education Department to make the administration of these “field tests” mandatory; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes additional mandatory testing will force children and districts to, in effect, subsidize the profit-making work of testing companies thus using public resources and private families for the purpose of advancing a private business plan. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Babylon Board of Education disagrees strongly with any additional mandatory testing and urges the Regents to reject the State Education Department’s proposal to make “field tests” mandatory and to reconsider its approach to assessing student learning and teacher and/or principal effectiveness. The Board of Education believes that a decision to increase mandatory testing would hurt children and abuse the public trust by subsidizing private enterprise without public discussion.

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

12. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Patricia Fiorenza from January 12, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

HEALTH AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS

13. **HEALTH AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Service Agreements between Babylon UFSD and the Amityville UFSD, Seaford UFSD, West Islip School District and Massapequa School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS

14. **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 Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (SEDCAR#3).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE

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 cases dated May 2014-January 2015, be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. D’Amico addressed questions from a previous meeting that there are guidelines to how Title I funds are to be used; no teachers are budgeted to attend the Dyslexia workshop this spring and the Esperanza Rising book being read at the Grade School level is on an approved and appropriate list for the grade level. Dr. Daly updated the Board on his meeting with the PTA and concerned parents regarding the transportation program and presented the Board with action items to consider. The Board will schedule a special meeting to review the transportation program and post the meeting on the district website. Mr. Rozakis reminded the Board that a decision regarding changing the afterschool childcare program from SCOPE to YMCA will need to be made in a timely manner on whether to renew the existing afterschool program or move instead to contract with the YMCA. The Board would like to schedule a site visit for the YMCA.

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS Comments from visitors included an invitation to attend a Community Education Forum at the West Islip Fire Department on March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., possibility of changing after school childcare program from SCOPE to YMCA, request for bond update information to be placed on website, the superintendent search process and a request made for the Board of Education to further explore transportation issues.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Proposed 2015-2016 Budget Presentation. A Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Proposed 2015-2016 Budget Presentation and Technology Presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 8:55 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals leading to the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT Public session resumed at 11:06 p.m. There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (4-0)
Mr. Montalto, Mrs. Altbacker, Mrs. Donaldson left the meeting at 11:05 p.m.