

**BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING**  
**MARCH 23, 2015**  
**AGENDA**

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**Meeting protocol: Please state your name when addressing the Board of Education.**

- I. Call to Order - 7:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - 7:30 p.m.
- III. Questions from Visitors on New Business Items - Please approach the podium and state your name.
- IV. New Business
  - 1. **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION: BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2015, and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Babylon Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an ultimate amount of \$1,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of funding to be surplus dollars and/or legally available funds available to the District when it closes its books every June 30.

- 2. **AMENDED LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment to the district's legal notice of annual meeting and election of the Babylon Union Free School District to include the capital reserve fund proposition, as attached.
- V. Work/Study Discussion Topics:
  - Presentation on Turf from Roger Smith of BBS
  - Discussion on protocols for State assessment refusals
  - Comments from the public on after school child care
  - Budget presentation and discussion on the proposed 2015-2016 school budget
- VI. Future Board Meetings:
  - Regular Meeting
  - Monday, April 13, 2015
  - 7:30 p.m. - BHS Library
  - Topic: Budget Presentation and Adoption of Budget & Property Tax Report Card
- VII. Adjournment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF BABYLON,  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Babylon Union Free School District of the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York will be held in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York, in said District on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the vote and election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning May 4, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at each schoolhouse within the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, Babylon, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To consider the following proposition submitted by the voters; in accordance with School District Policy 1050; RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to extend the School District's current policy for transporting students, by reducing the mileage limitation for the provision of school bus transportation serviced to children in the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) grades from one (1) mile to three-quarters (3/4) mile, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year at no additional estimated cost through the use of existing excess capacity on current bus routes?
3. To consider the following proposition submitted by the Board of Education: Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit: RESOLVED, that the Babylon Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of various School District buildings and facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an ultimate amount of \$1,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of funding to be surplus dollars and/or legally available funds available to the District when it closes its books every June 30.
4. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District. Two (2) members for three-year terms of office commencing July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2015-2016, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning May 4, 2015 except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the following schoolhouses:

Babylon Elementary School, Babylon  
Babylon Memorial Grade School, Babylon  
Babylon Junior-Senior High School, Babylon

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law, and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office, located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York, not later than April 20, 2015 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (25 representing 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 1, 2015; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available to qualified voters of the District for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 14, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 19, 2015, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Registration will be conducted up to and including May 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on days when school is in session at the Office of the District Clerk, located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District, located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 14, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Babylon Memorial Grade School, Babylon, New York, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the election to be held in 2016, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 19, 2015.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the Board of Education, located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York, on or before March 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least one hundred twenty five (125) qualified voters of the District (125 representing 10% of the number of voters in the previous annual election); and must state the name of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

Dated: Babylon, New York  
March 23, 2015  
Linda Pesce, District Clerk  
Babylon Union Free School District  
Town of Babylon  
Suffolk County, New York