

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: June 1, 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

Members Absent

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 6:35 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, negotiations and advice from counsel was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (5-0). Mrs. Altbacker arrived at 6:37 p.m. 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 May 11, 2015, Annual School District Meeting of May 19, 2015 and Special Meeting of May 19, 2015 was approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by A. Donaldson. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Council Delegates reported that officers have been appointed for the 2015-2016 school year and preparations are already underway for the fall. The Babylon Buddies Got Talent show is scheduled for Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. Students from the Interact Club are in the process of completing their Bonnie Boxes project. They also reported on events in the Practical Arts Department. The Board of Education recognized the Senior High School's Symphonic Winds and Jazz Band who performed at the Heritage Music Festival in Williamsburg, VA and art students who were recipients of an Award of Excellence or Honorable Mention at the Babylon 5th Annual Arts Festival. The Board of Education recognized Mohankumar Chintarlapalli as the Valedictorian and Ronald Pashen as the Salutatorian of the graduating Class of 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, scheduled a finance committee meeting for Monday, June 15th to discuss fund balance and capital reserves. Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, asked Dr. Daly to give a bond update. Dr. Daly reported that on June 4th sealed bids for the work on the athletic fields will be opened. Bids for work to be done at the grade and elementary schools will be unsealed on June 25th. NYSED approved the \$2.9 masonry and roof work at the high school. Work on the damaged drainage pipe leading from the high school will be completed before the full athletic field work commences. Mr. Rozakis, on behalf of Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, introduced Mrs. Polney-Marinello who discussed the Instructional Technology Plan needs for the Smart Bond project. A technology committee meeting is scheduled for June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library to discuss the Smart Bond project. Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that policy 5422-Allergy and policy 5420-Student Health Services were discussed. The policy committee scheduled a meeting for July 20 at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussions regarding these two policies. All meetings will be posted on the district's website.

**SECOND
READING OF
POLICY
0115/0115-R
STUDENT HARASSMENT
AND BULLYING
PREVENTION AND
INTERVENTION**

The Board of Education presented a second reading of policy 0115/0115-R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention as follows:

SECOND READING OF POLICY 0115/0115-R-STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, as attached.

On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. Jurs, the second reading of policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention and that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, was approved. (6-0)

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

New Business

- TENURE APPOINTMENT** 1. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Amy Csorny as a Library Media Specialist K-12, effective September 1, 2015.
On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)
- TENURE APPOINTMENT** 2. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Jennifer Mangone as a social studies teacher 7-12, effective September 1, 2015.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba, Resolution 2 was approved. (6-0)
- DONATION** 3. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation of new varsity baseball uniforms valued at approximately \$6,000 from an anonymous donor with appreciation for these generous gifts.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-1)
Voting yes: L. McKeown, A. Donaldson, E. Altbacker, L. Jurs, C. Dell’Erba
Voting no: D. Bencivenga
- OMNIBUS MOTION** On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba a motion to omnibus Items 4-11 was approved (6-0).
On omnibus motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by C. Dell’Erba Items 4-11 were approved (6-0).
- PROBATIONARY CUSTODIAL WORKER I APPOINTMENT** 4. **PROBATIONARY CUSTODIAL WORKER I APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the probationary custodial worker I appointment of Brigida Berroa, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective June 2, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1, of Column A of the 2014-2015 Custodial Association Contract.
- STUDENT INTERNS** 5. **STUDENT INTERNS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placements of Cheryl Galletta Soto and Catherine Staluppi as school counseling interns, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for the 2015-2016 school year.
- HOME TUTORING TEACHER APPOINTMENT** 6. **HOME TUTORING TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the home tutoring teacher appointment of Laura Mayo effective June 2, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers’ Association contract.
- ADOPTION OF POLICY 0115/0115-R** 7. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 0115/0115-R-STUDENT HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 0115 and 0115-R- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, as attached.

- OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP** 8. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve overnight student participation to perform at the Disney Performing Arts at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida from December 10-13, 2015
- CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT** 9. **CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services contract between Mary Ann Hand and the Babylon UFSD to process inactive records per the LGRMIF Grant for the 2014-2015 school year.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT** 10. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreement between Babylon UFSD and the South Huntington Union Free School District for the 2014-2015 school year.
- COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE** 11. **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 February 2015 to May 2015, be accepted.
- OTHER BUSINESS** The Board of Education designated Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to hold its Reorganization meeting followed by its Regular meeting.
- RECESS** At approximately 8:30 pm., a motion to recess the meeting to hold a brief tenure reception was made by A. Donaldson, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (6-0)
- At approximately 8:45 p.m., a motion to resume the regular meeting was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (6-0)
- OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED** The Board of Education continued with Item #IX. Other Business: Mr. D'Amico discussed the special education staffing needs as a result of New York State reviewing our special education program. After the discussion, the Board of Education agreed to hire the additional special education staff needed to meet the State mandates. In light of this, the Board discussed some of the proposed staffing for the current year and the majority of the Board decided not to hire the addition of an American Sign Language teacher, STEM teacher and FLES teacher this year.
- REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATION** As there were no representatives of organizations the Board moved to the next item.
- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** Questions and/or comments from residents included a request for updated construction timelines, how many special education students are being provided services outside the district and examination of the execution of the Wellness Policy in the Grade School.
- FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** The Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.
- ADJOURNMENT** At 9:54 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved. (6-0)