

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: February 22, 2016

PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Ms. Tricia Pané

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Donaldson, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular personnel, matters leading to the appointment of individuals to coaching positions and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 11, 2016 and Work/Study Meeting of January 25, 2016 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by D. Bencivenga. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for December 2015 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded D. Montalto. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education recognized student Tegan Castelluccio for her work on the Super d Show and grade school technology teacher Danielle Weis for receiving the Asset Bright Light award.

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported the following News & Updates Around the District:

- The winter edition of Babylon Highlights will be mailed shortly to all households. It is filled with academic, artistic and athletic accomplishments of our terrific student body as well as informative updates pertaining to high level instructional initiatives happening around our district.
- At the Regular Business Meeting on March 7, Mr. John Robertson will be presenting his findings to the public regarding improved ridership and next steps. He will present under the Superintendent's Report on March 7th.
- On Saturday, January 23rd, our 6th grade First Lego League robotics team competed in their first official Long Island Qualifier which was held at the Central Islip High School. Our students and teachers, Mrs. Stork and Mrs. Brown, put in many long hours preparing for the competition which included a robotics demonstration as well as a group presentation focusing on their work. Congratulations to all involved.
- As a reminder, our annual Kindergarten registration is scheduled for March 16th and March 23rd, 2016. The school district calendar has that detailed information regarding registration open window times.
- One of the most beloved musicals of all time is coming to Rowe Hall. From March 4-6, theater students will perform Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods," a retelling, expansion, and intertwining of your favorite classic fairytales. Combining witty lyrics, humor, and themes both adults and children can relate to, this musical will fulfill everyone's expectations. Songs include Broadway standards such as "Children Will Listen" and "No One Is Alone." Come one, come all to see "Into the Woods" in Rowe Hall on Friday, March 4th at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 5th at 7 p.m., or Sunday, March 6th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. We hope to see you there!
- The Junior-Senior High School's Leo Club and Drama Club will host its annual Senior Citizen Dinner on March 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the high school café. A complimentary dinner, including pasta, salad and dessert, will be served prior to a free showing of the spring production "Into the Woods." For more information or to RSVP, contact 631-893-7911 by Feb. 29.

- The Varsity Cheer team won the 1st ever Section XI Suffolk County Championship this past weekend. The team will represent Babylon at the inaugural State Championships for Cheer in Syracuse on Saturday 3/5. Coach Jen Shelorke has done an outstanding job preparing the team for competition and leading our program to an unprecedented level of success.
- V Wrestling- NYSPHSAA State Championships: Brett Frole & Bryan Larsen will represent Babylon at the State Championships in Albany on Friday 2/26 & Saturday 2/27. Both won the Section XI DII Suffolk County Championship this past Saturday (2/13).
- VB basketball- Section XI Suffolk County Class B Championship: The boys' basketball team will face Southampton in the Class B Championship on Tuesday 2/16, 7:30 pm at Suffolk CC Brentwood. This is the 4th consecutive year our boys' team will face Southampton in the Class B final. There is a \$6 admission fee.
- Mr. D'Amico and teachers from each of our three schools gave a presentation entitled, Full STEAM Ahead which highlighted the district wide programs and initiatives related to the integration of Science, Technology, Art, and Mathematics. The presentation can be found on the district website under Board of Education Presentations.
- Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent, and Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented a budget presentation of the budget development status to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee met last month with the internal auditors. Key control testing areas that are currently being researched include extra-curricular activities, payroll disbursements, disaster recovery plan and general controls of home tutoring services. A meeting will be scheduled next month once these testing areas are completed to investigate any recommendations that are made.
- L. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that they met on January 25th and this evening. Dr. Daly has been updating the committee on the budget development status to date. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that they met a few weeks ago and had an overview of costs and status reports on the construction project. Information has been posted to the website. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next phase of the project.
- Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, thanked Mr. D'Amico, Ms. Polney and teachers from each of our three schools who gave a presentation this evening on STEAM.
- Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library to discuss a district grant program.
- Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that three policies were recently adopted, 9150-Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization), 5150-School Admissions and 5422/5422-R Allergy Policy and principals will be reviewing these policies with their staff. The policy committee will be reviewing 5420-Student Health Services and 5300.60 Code of Conduct/Student Searches and Interrogations at a policy committee meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 3:15 p.m.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

The Board of Education addressed questions from a visitors regarding Resolutions 3, 8, 10,14 and 15. As there was no discussion from the Board, the Board moved on to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by D. Bencivenga , seconded by C. Dell'Erba, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-10, 12, 14-19 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by L. Jurs, seconded by E. Altbacker an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-10, 12, 14-19 were approved (7-0).

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Babylon Schools CSEA Clerical/Nursing/Computer Lab Assistant Association for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, as more fully discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute a new contract including the terms and conditions set forth therein.

**APPROVAL OF
CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN**

2. **APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the response to the 2014-2015 Independent Audit.

**AMEND
PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
LIBRARY MEDIA
SPECIALIST**

3. **AMEND PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of Mary O'Hara as a Library Media Specialist, effective February 9, 2016 through February 9, 2020. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2/MA+30 of the 2015-2016 Babylon Teachers' Association salary schedule, prorated. Ms. O'Hara holds a certificate as a Library Media Specialist.

**PART-TIME AIDE
APPOINTMENT**

4. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time aide appointment of Jodi Flynn effective February 23, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 aides and monitors association contract.

**PART-TIME
MONITOR
APPOINTMENT**

5. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time monitor appointment of Naomi Kinalis, effective February 23, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 aides and monitors association contract.

**APPOINTMENT
AFTERSCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AIDES**

6. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDES: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointments of the following afterschool special education aides for the 2015-2016 school year to supervise students at evening concerts. Compensation to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 aides and monitors association contract.

Rosanne Corso Debra Shea Patricia Ciambriello

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
AFTERSCHOOL
AIDE**

7. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AFTERSCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Cindy Gerdjikian as a substitute aide for the afterschool homework help/social program for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following per diem substitute teachers from February 9, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for these assignments to be \$110.00/day.
Eddie Storey Derek Kinnear Danielle Longwell Josephine Delledera
Stacey Famiglietti

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

9. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education rescinds the appointment of Elizabeth Foster as the Extra Curricular Music Activities Orchestra Director for the second half of the 2015-2016 school year.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

High School

All School Production Stage Construction Manager	-	Peter Mankes
All School Production Assistant to the Director	-	Keith Fasano
All School Production Set Construction	-	Linda Napolitano
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Orchestra Director	-	Geoffrey Stone

**VOLUNTEER
APPOINTMENTS**

11. **VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following staff as volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4532-School Volunteers:

School Musical Volunteer Elizabeth Altbacker (to assist in the orchestra)
School Musical Volunteer Christopher Leech (to assist in the orchestra)
On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 11 was approved. (6-1)
Voting For: T. Pané, C. Dell'Erba, L. Jurs, D. Montalto, D. Bencivenga, A. Donaldson
Abstaining: E. Altbacker

**STUDENT
OVERNIGHT TRIP**

12. **STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves overnight student participation for AP Social Studies students in grades 11 and 12 for the 2016-2017 school year to attend the 2017 Presidential Inauguration from January 19-22, 2017.

DONATIONS

13. **DONATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donations of portable scorer tables in the amount of \$10,845.00 and a permanent scoreboard for the high school north field in the amount of \$5100.00 from the Babylon Booster Club, with appreciation for these generous gifts.
On motion by T. Pané, seconded by E. Altbacker, Resolution 13 was approved. (7-0)

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

14. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appropriation transfers for the 2015-2016 school year:

1. From: A 9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical Ins (40,000)
To: A 1420.4410-00-000 Legal-Attorneys 40,000

This transfer is necessary to cover the year to date Legal claims incurred.

2. From: A 9061.8008-00-000 Employ Bene/Medical Ins (25,000)
To: A 9040.8004-00-000 Employ Bene/Worker Comp 25,000

This transfer is necessary to cover the year to date Worker's Comp claims incurred.

CHANGE ORDER

15. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for work completed at the Babylon Memorial Grade School with Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc. of Holbrook, New York, in the deduct amount of -\$17,490.00, as a result of the balance of the unforeseen conditions allowance.

CHANGE ORDER

16. **CHANGE ORDER: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves AIA Document G701/Change Order #1 for work completed at the Babylon Memorial Grade School with Roland's Electric, Inc. of Deer Park, New York, in the amount of \$1,663.20, as a result of providing and installing new electrical equipment.

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE
SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

17. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and Amityville UFSD, Bay Shore UFSD and West Islip UFSD for the 2015-2016 school year.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract between the Babylon UFSD and the AHRC (SE-2015.16-D) for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

19. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated November 2015-January 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mrs. Rozzi discussed with the Board of Education the possibility of pushing the refurbishment of the ES/GS fields to the summer of 2017. The Board was in agreement to push the field work back to 2017. The Board discussed the format of hiring resolutions to place the contractual amount within the resolution and decided that the contractual dollar amount will be placed on future hiring resolutions.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS
FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding a coaching assignment for the 2015/2016 school year.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved (7-0)