

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 2016

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

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President
Ms. 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 a particular individual, negotiations with the custodial unit, specific contractual matters and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by D. Bencivenga 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.

A motion to move Item VIII before Item IV was approved on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Education recognized the grade school science fair winners and the DECA Career Conference students who placed in the top 10 in their respective categories. Student Council delegates reported that the annual Powder Puff game will be held on May 20th and Movie Night will be projected on the new turf field on June 3rd. They also reported on activities in the Science and Art departments. Babylon hosted the NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival at the Grade School. Nearly 1500 students performed a solo in front of a certified NYSSMA adjudicator. Mrs. Rozzi reported on upcoming events in the district.

MOTION TO RECESS

A motion to recess the Regular Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016-2017 school budget was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by T. Pané and approved. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUDGET

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 school budget was held.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016-2017 school budget was made by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs and approved. (7-0)

A motion to conduct a Public Hearing on the Smart Schools Investment Plan was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING ON SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN

A Public Hearing on the Smart Schools Investment Plan was held.

A motion to adjourn the public hearing on the Smart Schools Investment Plan was made by D. Bencivenga, seconded by T. Pané and approved. (7-0)

MOTION TO RECONVENE

A motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting was made by D. Montalto, seconded by E. Altbacker and approved. (7-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Work/Study Meeting of April 11, 2016, Regular Business Meeting of April 18, 2016 and Special Meetings of April 19, 2016, April 20, 2016 and May 2, 2016 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2016 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (7-0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the committee met with the internal auditors for key controls review followed by a pre-audit conference from our external auditors in anticipation of the June 30, 2016 independent audit.
- L. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported on some minor items regarding the turf field. The bids for the high school interior renovations including Rowe Hall will be placed on the next agenda.

- D. Montalto, technology committee chair, will be scheduling a meeting after the budget.
- C. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee met and continuing its work on the mini grant program.
- E. Altbacker, policy committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on June 14th. The policy committee is reviewing policies 5420-Student Health Services and 5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations, 1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, 1400-Public Complaints and will be sending them to the Board for their consideration.
- Committee meetings will be posted to the District website.

**BOARD AGENDA
ITEMS
MOTION TO AMEND**

A motion to amend the business agenda to add Resolutions #12 and Resolution #13 was made by D. Bencivenga seconded by C. Dell’Erba and approved. (7-0)

Resolution 12 reads: **BID REJECTION: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education received bids in response to bid specifications for the Kitchen & Serving Line Interior Alterations Contract GC-1; and **WHEREAS**, the District’s architect has advised the Board of Education that all bids received for this project has been reviewed and found to exceed the budget amount; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all bids received; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids that are received in connection with the Kitchen and Serving Line Interior Alterations Contract GC-1.

Resolution 13 reads: **BID REJECTION: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education received bids in response to bid specifications for the Kitchen, Serving Line and Instructional Space Interior Alterations Contract MC-1; PC-1; EC-1; and **WHEREAS**, upon further investigation by the District’s architects and engineers, it has been determined that it is necessary to rebid these contracts to have them separated to reflect the actual cost of work for the instructional space interior alterations alone; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has the discretion to reject all bids received; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids that are received in connection with the Kitchen, Serving Line and Instructional Space Interior Alterations Contract MC-1; PC-1; EC-1.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA
ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

As there were no questions from visitors and no discussion from the Board, the Board moved on to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by D. Bencivenga, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-10 and 12-13 were approved (7-0).

On omnibus motion by T. Pané, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-10 and 12-13 were approved (7-0).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Rebecca Cifelli for an unpaid childcare leave of absence effective May 9, 2016 to May 23, 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Joan Hughes for an unpaid family medical leave of absence effective April 14, 2016 to November 25, 2016.

**PART-TIME
SECURITY GUARD
APPOINTMENT**

3. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time security guard appointment of Joseph Cautela effective May 9, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

**SCHOOL
COUNSELING INTERN**

4. **SCHOOL COUNSELING INTERN: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Megan Schiek as a School Counseling Intern-LIU for the Fall 2016.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the summer school program from July 11, 2016 to August 19, 2016. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2016-2017 Babylon Teachers’ Contract (\$42.50/hour), Babylon Clerical/Nursing Association Contract (\$42.50/hour) and the Non-Instructional Aides and Monitors Agreement (from \$18.20 to \$18.55/hour depending on step).
Teachers: Kristine Best, Keith Fasano, Cecelia Galbraith, Marissa Scholl
Substitute Teacher: Kathy Reynolds

Cont'd Casual Appointments

Aides: Karen Altieri, Annette Carielo, Jackie Meth, Anna Schaeffer
1:1 Aides: Denise Delaney, Christine Franklin, Clare Joseph, Tammy Tillinghast
Nurse: Nina Burke
Reading: Nancy Murphy
Speech: Catherine Schipf, Denise Glynn (shared position)

**SMART SCHOOLS
INVESTMENT PLAN**

6. **SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Smart Schools Investment Plan.

**WESTERN SUFFOLK
BOCES MULTI-YEAR
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

7. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District in the amount of \$110,486.53.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

8. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt the textbook Psychology- 11th Edition written by David G. Meyers proposed for the 2016-2017 school year.

CONTRACT AWARD

9. **CONTRACT AWARD: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a purchase contract in the amount of \$20,550.00 to Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company for High School track and field equipment.

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

10. **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 March 2016-April 2016.

DONATION

11. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of the following items the Babylon K-6 PTA, with appreciation for these generous gifts.

BES:

Keurig coffee machine
Garbage pail
Convection toaster oven
6-port charging station
Colored laser printer
Variety of coffee pods & single serve creamers
Bluetooth speaker
Misc. kitchen gadgets (apple corer, orange peeler)

BMGS:

Keurig coffee machine
Wall sign
Garbage pail
Convection toaster oven
6-port charging station
Variety of coffee pods & single serve creamers
Clock
Wall art
Coffee mugs
Bluetooth speaker
2 baskets of toiletries for the restrooms
Misc. kitchen gadgets (apple corer, orange peeler)
3 lower cabinet units/1 laminate countertop with stainless steel sink

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell'Erba, Resolution 11 was approved. (7-0)

BID REJECTION

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OTHER BUSINESS

A board member asked about graduation. The Superintendent reported that everything is status quo this year. Mrs. Rozzi mentioned the start and end times for the elementary and grade schools. Mrs. Rozzi also mentioned that the School Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at the Babylon Memorial Grade School.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

Robyn Silvestri, PTA President, reported on upcoming K-6 PTA activities and events for the remainder of the school year.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding the capital construction kitchen bid rejection.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School and a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by E. Altbacker, seconded by L. Jurs and approved (7-0)