

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 9, 2017

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

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ms. Elizabeth Altbacker
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for 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 contractual matters, the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by L. Jurs, seconded by C. Dell'Erba and approved. (5-0) Public session resumed at 7:36 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 December 12, 2016 and Work/Study Meeting of December 19, 2016 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for November 2016 and Internal Claims Audit Report for November 2016 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded by C. Dell'Erba. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, started the evening with the Board of Education recognizing the Swing chorus from Babylon GS who sang at the Honor Flight Re-Unite ceremony on December 10th at the Museum of American Armor in Bethpage. The Honor Flight is an organization that sends WWII Veterans to Washington, DC for a day to visit several memorials. The RE-Unite event, following the flight, is a time for these veterans to be presented with a photobook of their experience in Washington, DC. Twice a year this event takes place and students perform patriotic songs or music selections to honor these men and women. It was a very special event and a great way for the students to provide community service and give back.

Student delegates reported that members from SHSC will be assisting with the Souper Bowl of Caring event, which will be held on January 28th from 12-3 pm. Tryouts took place last week and rehearsals will begin this week for BHS Presents, which will take place on February 3 and 4. Junior High Student Council will hold their annual dance Friday, January 27th from 7-9 p.m. They will be holding a fundraiser at Local Burger in Bayshore on March 23rd. The Ninth Grade Cabinet has Class of 2020 gear for sale. They are currently planning a dance for march and a fundraiser at Smashburger. STEAM 10 students are currently studying bioengineering and are assembling fully functioning prosthetic hands from parts that they printed off the 3D printers. They also reported on activities in the Art department, DECA, and Babylon Buddies.

Mrs. Rozzi reported the following:

- Shortly the District will launch its new College & Career Planning website for students, parents and the community. Also, Thursday evening our guidance department will be hosting a PSAT Workshop at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Library. Method test prep will be our guests but the presentation also goes deeply into ACT and SAT prep and skills on doing well on these exams. Please mark your calendars.
- The district is in the planning stages of our work and 1:1 initiative implementation. In February we will provide the Board of Education the two best options to make this initiative become a reality for our students and staff. We are currently running numbers and options, and we will provide the Board of Education with our two best professional recommendations of what is financially feasible and educationally the best for our youngsters.

- There will be a regional workshop hosted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to be held on Saturday January 21, 2017. We will be discussing the issues facing the region’s school districts as we lead into the new budget season. Please join us if your time allows.
- Mid-Year faculty discussions have begun as Mrs. Rozzi spent the afternoon at the grade school and presented a summary of the 2016-2017 Collaborative Smart Goals. She will visit all schools by the end of February.
- Save the Date: Friday, February 10th is Babylon’s 2nd Annual Legislative Breakfast and Advocacy Workshop.
- Mrs. Rozzi presented a slide show on “Parent University”. Earlier this year we convened with our site-based teams as well as the district site based team to explore the idea of establishing a “Parent University”. It is our aim to partner with educators, community agencies, and organizations to offer free workshops that will equip today’s parents with new and additional skills, knowledge, resources and confidence. The presentation can be found on the district website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on February 13th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss some of our key control testing areas. Those in progress are journal entries, bank reconciliations, cash receipts, audit transfers, home tutoring and fixed assts. L. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met this evening and started going over the review of the known and unknowns for our next budget process. We know that our tax levy increase can be between 1.26% and we know that we have two retirements announced tonight, we know that we have health insurance increase of 11%. The next finance committee meeting will be February 13 at 6:00 p.m. D. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that 80% of the remaining bond work went out to bid. The architects and School Construction are putting together the numbers as those bids come in. We will be discussing at the buildings and grounds committee meetings the significant amount of work in the buildings as well as future work. The next buildings and grounds committee meeting will be held on January 23rd C. Dell’Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on January 23rd to talk about professional development and the mini grants that were established. Mr. Montalto, technology chair, was not present this evening. Mrs. Donaldson reported that a meeting is planned for January 30th to discuss the next step in technology. E. Altbacker, policy committee chair, was not present this evening. Mrs. Donaldson reported that the policy committee will meet on January 12 at 3:15 p.m. to discuss two policies, 5500-Student Records and 1500-Facilities Use.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEM

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on Items 3 and 8. A board member asked for clarity on Item 4. As there was no further discussion, the Board moved to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by L. Jurs, seconded by T. Pané, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-16 were approved. (5-0). On omnibus motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by T. Pané an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-16 were approved (5-0)

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Joan Taber Altieri, ESL teacher, effective March 22, 2017, with best wishes on her retirement.

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Bruce Borg, music teacher, effective close of business July 1, 2017, with best wishes on his retirement.

ESTABLISH PART-TIME SCHOOL LUNCH DIRECTOR/ INTERIM APPOINTMENT

3. **ESTABLISH PART-TIME SCHOOL LUNCH DIRECTOR/INTERIM APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education establish the position of part-time school lunch director and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Nancy Padrone be appointed on an interim basis to the part-time school lunch director position effective January 17, 2017 to June 30, 2017, as more fully defined in the Interim Appointment Agreement and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same. Compensation for this assignment to be \$400.00/day, not to exceed 2.5 days per week.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SENIOR GUARD

4. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SENIOR GUARD: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time senior guard appointment of Mike Tenety effective January 10, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$22.00/hour.

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENT**

5. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Amanda Muller as a per diem substitute teacher effective January 10, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$110.00/day.

**SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following substitute aide/monitors from January 10, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

Jamie Viggiano

Carrie-Ann Huber

**SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKER
APPOINTMENT**

7. **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Laura Melendez as a substitute food service worker effective January 10, 2017 to June 30, 2017. Compensation for this assignment to be \$10.00/hour.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2016-2017 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2016-2017 Babylon Teachers Association Contract.

Junior-Senior High School

DECA	Cheryl Schweider	(\$1433)
	Eddie Storey	(\$1433)

Grade School

Mock Trial	Jessica Kurtz	(\$2866)
	Kerrin Brennan	(\$2866)

**STUDENT
TEACHERS/INTERN**

9. **STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following student teacher/intern placements for Spring 2017 as follows:

Student Teachers/Intern

Emily Moran/Adelphi University
Jeanine Verderosa/St. Joseph’s College
Rebecca Gurdon/SUNY Old Westbury

Elementary K-6
English
Guidance

Cooperating Teacher

Donna Hendrickson
Brooke Carey
Francesca Siciliano

**STUDENT OUT OF
STATE TRIP**

10. **STUDENT OUT OF STATE TRIP: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an out of state field trip for student participation to attend Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey on April 21, 2017.

DONATION

11. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1200.00 from the PTSA to help defer the cost of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School assembly presentation of the “Admissions Game” being coordinated by Director of Guidance Dennis Murphy, with appreciation for this generous gift.

**APPROVAL OF
AUDIT REPORT
RESPONSE PLAN**

12. **APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT RESPONSE PLAN: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Audit Report Response Plan for the Independent External Audit prepared for the 2015-2016 school year by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
CONSULTANT
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consultant services contract between the Babylon Union Free School District and Maryann Chatfield (SECSC-2016/17-#20) from January 3, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICES
CONTRACT**

14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contracts between the Babylon Union Free School District and West Islip Union Free School District (DOL#4-2016-17) for the 2016-2017 school year.

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| 13. From: | A 2110.1383-01-000 | Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr | | (69,000) |
| To: | A 2810.1507-01-000 | Guidance-Instr Sal | 69,000 | |
| This transfer is necessary to realign salary with actual code. | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 14. From: | A 2110.1383-01-000 | Tch/Reg Sch-Career Incr | | (11,000) |
| To: | A 2810.1600-01-000 | Guidance-Non Instr Sal | 11,000 | |
| This transfer is necessary to cover cost of realignment of clerical staff. | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 15. From: | A 9061.8008-00-000 | Employ Bene.Medical Ins | | (9,000) |
| To: | A 2815.1600-01-000 | Health Serv Sal | 9,000 | |
| This transfer is necessary to cover contractual increase and additional hours worked. | | | | |

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi thanked the PTSA for their donation this evening. The donation will help defer the cost of a guest speaker on the college application process. Mrs. Donaldson mentioned that NYSSBA had a survey regarding the candidate for US Department of Education nominee and asked each member of the Board for their input. Mr. Bencivenga asked that it be noted on the record that he believes we need additional coaches for the winter varsity girls and boys track teams. Winter track prepares them for the spring season. Mr. Bencivenga also posed a question about varsity girls softball and if we received information from counsel regarding solar. Mrs. Rozzi will follow up.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

Heather Tenety, PTSA President, announced that the PTSA is holding a meeting on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school. On January 24th at 7:00 p.m. the Crime Victims Center will be holding a parent workshop on “Sexting and Cyberbullying”. On January 17th, PTSA, PTA, and SEPTA will be holding a joint meeting and Mr. D’Amico will be the guest speaker. Robyn Silvestri, PTA President, reported that they have many programs coming up including PARP with author visits, book drives and book fairs, the science fair and first STEM night will be at elementary school. She thanked Mrs. Rozzi for holding “Coffee with the Superintendent”.

QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding the school lunch program, the appointment of a new Secretary of Education and transportation.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School followed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by C. Dell’Erba and approved (5-0)