

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 14, 2008  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

### Members Present

Mr. Darrell J. Conway, President  
Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice President  
Mr. Henry Brunjes  
Mr. Roger A. Katz  
Mrs. AnneMarie Martino  
Mrs. Catherine Vukovich

### Members Absent

Mr. Thomas Melito

### District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

### Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business

### District Clerk

Linda Pesce

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Judy Anderson, Vice-President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter, teacher negotiations and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich and unanimously approved. (5-0)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:35 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon Vice President Judy Anderson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008, Special Meeting of March 17, 2008 and Work/Study Meeting of March 31, 2008, was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (5-0)

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2008 were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (5-0)

### **STUDENT DELEGATE REPORT**

As there was no student delegate report, the Board moved on to the next item. Mr. Conway arrived at 8:04 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented to the Board of Education and public the proposed 2008-2009 school budget. The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed school budget.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the budget is finalized with a 4.95% tax rate increase. Mr. Henry Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee met with Johnson Controls to review an energy saving project. The grounds crew have been busy with various projects on the fields. Mr. Katz, technology chair, asked the Board to accept his resignation as technology committee chairperson which was accepted on behalf of the Board of Education by Mr. Conway, President. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee met this evening and policies a first and second reading and adoption of policies will be conducted this evening.

### **FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.2, 4321.3- 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, 4321.7**

1. **FIRST READING POLICIES 4321.2-SCHOOL-WIDE PRE-REFERRAL APPROACHES AND INTERVENTIONS, 4321.3- ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 4321.4-INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS, 4321.5- CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 4321.6- INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PLANS, 4321.6-AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE FORMAT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 4321.7-DISTRICTWIDE AND STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, and 4321.7, as attached.

On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board of Education waived the formal first reading of policies 4321.2, 4321.3, 4321.4, 4321.5, 4321.6, and 4321.7, as attached.

**SECOND READING  
POLICIES 4321 AND  
4321.1**

2. **SECOND READING POLICIES 4321-PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE IDEA AND NEW YORK'S EDUCATION LAW ARTICLE 89, 4321.1-PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policies 4321 and 4321.1, as attached.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Martino, the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policies 4321 and 4321.1, as attached.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS ON  
AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 1-14 was unanimously approved. (6-0)

**On omnibus motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move resolutions 1-14 was unanimously approved.**

**ANNUAL BUDGET**

1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the budget and property tax report card for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$42,775,380 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval.

**CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACT**

2. **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Best Roofing of New Jersey Inc., Wayne, NJ, as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, for the roof replacement capital project at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School in the amount of \$497,000.

**PERSONNEL  
RESOLUTION**

3. **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law, the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Randall A. Solomon to serve as school medical inspector for purposes of conducting a psychiatric examination of the employee listed on Confidential Attachment A, for the purpose of determining said employee's fitness to continue to perform the duties of their position.

**PERSONNEL  
RESOLUTION**

4. **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority of Section 913 of the Education Law, the employee listed in Confidential Attachment A, is hereby directed to submit to a psychiatric examination at the office of Dr. Randall A. Solomon, 55 Nesconset Highway, Suite 1, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 on [May 1, 2008](#) at 1:45 p.m. to determine his/her fitness to continue to perform the duties of their position.

**RESIGNATION**

5. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sabrina Breitfeller, clerk typist, effective April 8, 2008 with regret and best wishes.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Susan Scalfani, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing April 4, 2008 to June 1, 2008 be approved.

**LEAVE  
REPLACEMENT  
ELEMENTARY  
TEACHER**

7. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Lisa Necroto as a leave replacement elementary teacher, assigned to the Babylon Grade School, replacing a staff member who is on an unpaid leave of absence, be approved effective April 4, 2008 to June 1, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2007-2008 teachers' salary schedule.

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education extend the Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following staff: Gina Vanno, Gerald Egan, Lauren Shanks, Lisa Marie Brunjes, Margaret McEnroe, Mary Howard, Cynthia Daly, Salvatore Marino, Noelle Zachary, George Javurek, Frank Alexander, Michael Gordon

**EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS  
SUBSTITUTE  
CUSTODIAL  
WORKERS**

9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the amended fingerprinting requirements of the SAVE legislation, (Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000) that the Board of Education make Emergency Conditional Appointments for the following personnel as substitute custodial workers effective April 15, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay. Robert Suschinsky, William Flynn, John Dawley, Jose Velasquez

**ADOPTION OF BOARD  
POLICIES 4321, 4321.1**

10. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 4321-PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE IDEA AND NEW YORK'S EDUCATION LAW ARTICLE 89, 4321.1- PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policies 4321-Programs for Students with Disabilities under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89 and 4321.1-Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment.

**LICENSE AND  
OPERATING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
SCOPE EDUCATION  
SERVICES**

11. **LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the license and operating agreement between the Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the 2008-2009 school year.

**BOCES  
COOPERATIVE BID**

12. **BOCES COOPERATIVE BID: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the joint municipal bidding program resolution to participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program for the 2008-2009 school year, as attached.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
SERVICE CONTRACTS**

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education services contracts with the Wyandanch School District, Amityville School District, Brentwood School District and Bay Shore School District for students who attend private schools.

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

14. **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, as attached hereto, be accepted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

As there was no other business the Board moved on to the next item.

**QUESTIONS FROM  
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding the teachers' contract, school security, Johnson Controls, junior high boys locker room, building repairs being addressed in the 2008-2009 proposed school budget.

**FUTURE BOARD  
MEETING**

A Work/Study meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A Public Hearing on the Proposed 2008-2009 school budget will be held on May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Library. A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held immediately following the Public Hearing on May 12, 2008. The Budget vote and trustee election will be held on May 20, 2008 in the Babylon Memorial Grade School from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made on motion by Mr. Brunjes, seconded by Mrs. Martino and unanimously approved.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**LINDA PESCE  
DISTRICT CLERK**