

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2008
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

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

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Administrator for Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Conway, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter was made by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President Darrell Conway led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COLLEGE FRESHMAN REPORT

Dr. Best-Laimit, Superintendent, introduced graduated Babylon Students who completed their freshman year of college to speak to the Board of Education and community on College Readiness.

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 Mr. Melito an omnibus motion to move ITEMS 1-29 was unanimously approved.

On omnibus motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Anderson an omnibus motion to move resolutions 1-29 was unanimously approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Erin Andrews, English teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008 be approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Suzanne Borruso, English teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to November 12, 2008 be approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Jacie Chatterton, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Grade School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009 be approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Lauren Elward, English teacher assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009 be approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the request from Kelly Arcoleo, elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2008 to January 30, 2009 be approved.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER K-12

6. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER K-12: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Barbara O'Halloran as a probationary special education teacher K-12 assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER 1-9

7. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER 1-9: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Lauren Shanks as a probationary special education teacher 1-9 assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the MA column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT MUSIC TEACHER K-12

8. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT MUSIC TEACHER K-12: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Melanie Fishman as a probationary music teacher K-12 assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 1, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 2 of the BA+30 column of the 2008-2009 teachers' salary schedule.

**APPOINTMENT CLERK
TYPIST 12-MONTH**

9. **APPOINTMENT CLERK TYPIST 12-MONTH: RESOLVED**, that Martha Speacht be appointed to the position of clerk typist 12-month be approved effective July 1, 2008. Compensation for this position to be Step 4 of Column F of the 2008-2009 Civil Service Employees Association Contract.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Director of English K-12
Director of Fine Arts K-12
Director of Guidance 7-12
Director of Mathematics K-12
Director of Practical Arts K-12
Director of Science K-12
Director of Foreign Languages K-12
Director of Social Studies K-12
Director of Physical Education & Health K-12
Director of Athletics
Administrative Assistants Junior-Senior HS (4)

Lisa Drance
Angela Turk
Barbara Restivo
John Michele
Claire Reilly
Jeff Kenney
Elaine Katsikas
Mark Malaszczyk
Hans Wiederkehr
Robert Mayo
Richard Villaneuva
Michael DeJoseph
Mary Jo McCaig
Angela Schnepf
Heather Hosek
Joanne Fasano
Lisa Consolo

Administrative Assistant Grade School
Special Education Lead Teacher K-6
Special Education Lead Teacher 7-12

**SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAN**

11. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education remove Lisa Brunjes from the substitute custodial list effective June 18, 2008.

**AMENDMENT
SUPERINTENDENT
AGREEMENT**

12. **AMENDMENT SUPERINTENDENT AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approved an Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**CENTRAL OFFICE
ADMINISTRATORS**

13. **CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approve the salaries and fringe benefit agreement for the 2008-2009 school year for the Central Office Administrators listed on Confidential Schedule "B" .

**MANAGERIAL/
CONFIDENTIAL
PERSONNEL**

14. **MANAGERIAL/CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approve the salaries and fringe benefit agreement for the 2008-2009 school year for the confidential personnel as listed on Confidential Schedule "C".

**TECHNOLOGY
MANAGER & DIRECTOR
OF FACILITIES**

15. **TECHNOLOGY MANAGER & DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approve the salaries and fringe benefit agreement for the 2008-2009 school year for the Technology Manager and Director of Facilities as listed on Confidential Schedule "D".

NON-UNION PERSONNEL

16. **NON-UNION PERSONNEL: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approve salaries for the non-union personnel for the 2008-2009 school year as listed on Confidential Schedule "E".

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
AGREEMENT**

17. **AMERICAN RED CROSS AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to enter into an agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and American Red Cross as an emergency shelter during a disaster, as attached.

**GUERCIO & GUERCIO
CONTRACTS**

18. **GUERCIO & GUERCIO CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract between the Babylon Union Free School District and Guercio & Guercio for a one year extension of the General Counsel Contract and Labor Counsel Contract from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

**INTERNAL CLAIMS
AUDITOR AGREEMENT**

19. **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Nawrocki Smith LLP for internal claims auditing services performed from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

**INTERNAL AUDITOR
AGREEMENT**

20. **INTERNAL AUDITOR AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Cerini & Associates for internal auditing services performed from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

**ATHLETIC TRAINER
AGREEMENT**

21. **ATHLETIC TRAINER AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute a sports training agreement between South Bay Sports and Physical Therapy and the Babylon School District to provide an athletic trainer for the Babylon Schools for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation to be in accordance with the athletic trainer position in the Babylon Teachers' Association contract.

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS 2008-2009**

22. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS 2008-2009: RESOLVED**, that the schedule of meetings in the 2008-2009 school year for the Babylon Board of Education, as attached hereto, be approved.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

23. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the following textbooks proposed for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mathematics

Math 9X: Geometry - 2008 McDougal/Littell

Math Regents: Geometry - 2008 Amsco Publication

Business

Exploring Entrepreneurship and Economics - 2007 Thomson South-Western

Entrepreneurship Ideas in Action - 2009, 2006 South-Western Cengage Learning

**EXTENSION
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS**

24. **EXTENSION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the extension for contracts with Acme Bus and Educational Bus for transporting Babylon students for the 2008-2009 school year, at an increase equal to the 2008-2009 CPI.

**LONG ISLAND SCHOOL
FOOD SERVICE
DIRECTORS
ASSOCIATION
COOPERATIVE BID
COMMITTEE**

25. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID COMMITTEE: WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on food and food service supplies for the 2008-2009 school year. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon School District is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility of drafting specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon School District, hereby appoints the Long Island School Food Service Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education authorized the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon School District Board of Education agrees 1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; 2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; 3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

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

26. **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.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACT**

27. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve services to be provided by the following contractor: All About Kids

SEQRA RESOLUTION

28. **SEQRA RESOLUTION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District has been designated as a "lead agency" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), pursuant to New York State Education Department guidelines; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District is proposing the installation of lighting at an existing athletic field at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District has reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(7) and (8); **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc., (incorporated herein by reference) hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(7) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

DONATION OF LIGHTS

29. **DONATION OF LIGHTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation by the Turf Committee of a project to install lights on the Walter Williams Memorial Field.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed and listened to comments regarding a coaching assignment.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito and unanimously approved.

Attachments referred to are appended to the official minutes filed in the District Office.