

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 2008
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

Mrs. Judy Anderson, President
Mr. Henry Brunjes, Vice President
Mr. Darrell Conway
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 and Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. on motion by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Katz, the Board unanimously agreed to conclude Executive Session and enter into public session whereupon President J. Anderson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Brunjes left at this time and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2008 and Work/Study Meeting of August 25, 2008 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for July and August 2008 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Best-Laimit introduced each building principal. Mr. Visbal, Mr. Freidman, and Ms. Spincola reported on the opening day of school for their respective buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met this evening and are waiting for the audit report. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be conducting a second reading of policy 4321.12.

SECOND READING POLICY 4321.12

- a. **SECOND READING POLICY 4321.12-USE OF TIME OUT ROOMS, PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS AND AVERSIVES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 4321.12-Use of Time Out rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 4321.12 as attached.

On motion by T. Melito, seconded by R. Katz the Board of Education waived the formal second reading of policy 4321.12, as attached. (6-0)

The following committee meetings were scheduled: Technology committee will be meeting on September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and the policy committee will be meeting on September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the district room. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move Items 1-12 was unanimously approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Martino an omnibus motion to move items 1-12 was unanimously APPROVED (6-0).

ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

1. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2008/2009; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2008/2009 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 4321.12

2. **ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 4321.12-USE OF TIME OUT ROOMS, PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS AND AVERSIVES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 4321.12-Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives, as attached.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

3. **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.

Junior-Senior High School

Extra Curricular Music Activities and SH Band
Extra-Curricular Music Activities and JH Band
Flagline/Asst Band Director Co-Advisors

Chorus Co-Advisors

Orchestra

Junior High Jazz Band

Senior High Jazz Band

Pep Band Advisor

Dramatics Club Production

All School Production Director

All School Production Co-Assistant Directors

All School Production Music Coach

All School Production/Drama Technical Director

Set Construction

Babylon Express

Chordettes

Senior Class Advisors (2)

Junior Class Advisors (2)

Sophomore Class Advisors (2)

Senior High Student Council Advisor

Junior High Student Council Advisor

Senior High Math Team Advisor

Junior High Math Team Advisor

National Honor Society Co-Advisors

National Junior Honor Society Advisors

National Business Honor Society Advisor

National Art Honor Society Advisor

National French Honor Society Advisor

National Spanish Honor Society Advisor

National Science Honor Society Co-Advisors

Tri-M Honor Society Co-Advisors

SH Art Club Advisor

JH Art Club Advisor

Chess Club Advisor

Angela Turk
Charles Leech
Elizabeth Foster
Charles Leech
Melanie Fishman
Brian Kroll
Elizabeth Foster
Charles Leech
Charles Leech
Elizabeth Foster
Lisa Drance
Lisa Drance
Brian Kroll
Charles Leech
Brian Kroll
Colleen Winther
Vacancy
Brian Kroll
Melanie Fishman
MaryJo McCaig
Barbara Restivo
Phillip Grande
Paul Venezia
Fran Spada
Frank Procaccini
Vacancy
Melissa Colapinto
John Michele
Christian Murphy
John Michele
Linda Fama
Barbara Small
Claire Reilly
Cheryl Schweider
Elaine Katsikas
Michelle Scharff
Heather Hosek
Melissa Colapinto
Brian Kroll
Angela Turk
Cheryl Schweider
Nina Vassallo
Richard Villanueva

Junior-Senior HS cont'd

Community Service Advisors (2)

Culture Club Advisor
DECA Club Advisor (2)

Drama Club Advisor
Foreign Language Club (Senior High) Advisor
Foreign Language Club (Junior High) Advisor
Home Economics Club Co-Advisors

International Thespian Society Advisor
Leo Club Advisor
Literary Magazine Advisor (Visions)
Roots & Shoots
SADD Advisor
LI Science Fair Liaison
Computer/Support Technician
School Paper Advisor (Panther Tales)
School Store Advisor
SEA/Interact Advisor
Sign Language Club Advisor
Technology Club Advisor
Yearbook Advisor (Trawler)
Writers' Club Advisor
Secretary Treasurer Athletic Association
PM Detention Supervisor
Extracurricular Eligibility/Intervention Program

Mary Jo McCaig
Francine Spada
Barbara Small
Claire Reilly
Andrew Marulis
Lisa Drance
Melody Wubbenhorst
Stacy Neidig
Cindy Theiss
Sheila Vaswani
Jane Herbst
Lisa Consolo
Kathryn McGrorty
Marybeth Malone
Joan Johanson
Steve Silipo
Eric Reisert
James Schappert
Claire Reilly
Joan Johanson
Ann Marie Lynch
Peter Mankes
Paul Venezia
Angela Schnepf
Robert Andrews
Stephen Vaccaro
Dennis McGovern

Coaching Appointments

JH Girls Field Hockey

Shannon Parengkuan

CASUAL APPOINTMENT

4. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Brenda Mayo as the Individual Competitor Swimming coach for Babylon students who participate with the West Islip swim team and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the West Islip appointed coach Robert Kolar to coach Babylon Students. Compensation for Brenda Mayo to be at the current supervision rate of pay for the 2008-2009 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors from September 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 pursuant to the agreement between the Board of Education and Babylon Teachers' Association dated January 5, 2005. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the agreement.

Mentor
Christopher Ryan
Cheryl Schweider
Eileen Ratto
Wanda Haggerty
Cheryl Murphy

New Teacher
Elizabeth Quinn
Jenna Cucci
Lilly Salcedo
Marisa Presuto
Lisa Necroto

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

6. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors from September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 pursuant to the agreement between the Board of Education and Babylon Teachers' Association dated January 5, 2005. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the agreement.

Mentor
Anne May
Sheila Vaswani
Judith Procaccini

New Teacher
Barbara O'Halloran
Lauren Shanks
Claire Birone

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT GROUNDSMAN I

7. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT GROUNDSMAN I: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Dawley as a probationary Groundsman I assigned district-wide effective September 9, 2008. Compensation for this assignment to be Column F, Step 1 of the 2008-2009 Custodial Association Agreement.

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS NON-
PERMANENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: 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 non-permanent substitute teachers effective September 9, 2008. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute teacher per diem rate.
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| Francis Bustamante | Gerard Clark | Saba Farooq | Lori Galante |
| Nicole Galeto | Christina Gindele | Christina Loggia | Fallon Nugent |
| Joseph Pazereckas | Maria Scaduto | Stefanie Santamaria | James Stewart |
| Alison Sweeney | | | |

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **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: Stephen Fasciani, Daniel O’Shea, Cody Hoyt, Christine Ferraro

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

10. **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.

**STIPULATION OF
SETTLEMENT &
RELEASE**

11. **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT & RELEASE: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby resolved a pending special education matter and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and Release containing the terms and conditions of the settlement, as more fully discussed in executive session.

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT**

12. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Custodial Association and Babylon Union Free School District, as attached.

RESOLUTION

13. **RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the New York State Education Department Guidelines, effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District (District) has been designated “lead agency” under the SEQRA for capital projects undertaken by the District; and **WHEREAS**, the District is contemplating the following emergency repair project to be commenced immediately. Ceiling and lighting removal and replacement, and related necessary repairs and appurtenances thereto, on the third floor of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the description for the proposed emergency capital construction project. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District’s architects and engineers, the Board of Education hereby determines that the above-referenced project is an unforeseen emergency repair, necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, and preserve district property, and is subject to the SEQRA; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District’s architects and engineers, the Board of Education hereby determines that the above-referenced capital improvement project is an “Unlisted” action under the SEQRA regulations and the New York State Education Department Guidelines.

On motion by R. Katz and seconded by T. Melito, Resolution 13 was APPROVED. (6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Katz suggested that a topic for a work/study meeting be on technology.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding the ceiling that collapsed in the high school server room, going green in schools, cursive writing, parent portal, AEP and independent reading in ELA.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETING**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. The topic will be the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Results Report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Martino. (6-0)

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