

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 9, 2009
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

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

Member Absent

Mr. Darrell Conway
Mr. Thomas Melito

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. Vukovich and approved. (5-0)

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

MINUTES The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009 and Work/Study Meeting of February 23, 2009 and Special Meeting of February 25, 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Vukovich and seconded by Mr. Katz. (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for February 2009 was approved on motion by Mrs. Martino and seconded by Mr. Brunjes. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Student Delegates, Michael Augello and Neil Cusamano, reported that the Babylon High School had sixteen winners at the DECA State Career Conference. The drama production "You Can't Take It With You" will be held on March 27th-29th and they also reported on other club and student council activities. Mr. Chris Ryan, Social Studies teacher, along with student representatives, Megan Leininger, Michelle Janaszak and Michael Lum, spoke about their trip to Washington D.C. for the inauguration. Dr. Best-Laimit reported on community relations Goal 2 to implement an emergency management notification system. Dr. Daly reported on Board of Education finance/management goal 1 to continue to goal of improved internal controls for the financial operation of the school district. Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2009-2010 school budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mrs. Anderson, audit committee member, reported that the district is waiting for the results from the NYS Comptroller Audit. Mrs. Martino, finance committee chair, reported that the finance committee met and the proposed 2009-2010 budget will be presented this evening. At the request of Mr. Brunjes, buildings and grounds committee chair, Dr. Best-Laimit gave an update on the repair/removal of the tiles in the west gym. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee will be meeting on March 16th at 4:30 p.m. to continue the review of Board of Education policies.

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.

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Barbara Restivo, School Counselor/Director of Guidance, effective June 30, 2009 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by C. Vukovich, seconded by R. Katz, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Richard O'Malley, mathematics teacher, effective June 30, 2009 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by A. Martino, seconded by C. Vukovich, Resolution 2 was approved (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Katz, an omnibus motion to move Items 3-18 was approved. (5-0)
On omnibus motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich an omnibus motion to move items 3-18 was APPROVED. (5-0)

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER I

3. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER I: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Jose´ Valasquez as a probationary custodial worker I, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School night shift, effective March 10, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of Column A of the 2008-2009 Custodial Association Contract.

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT

4. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: 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 an Emergency Conditional appointment for Hans Lewald as a part-time security guard effective March 10, 2009. Compensation to be at the part-time security guard hourly rate of pay.

RESCIND CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS

5. **RESCIND CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Drew Peters as Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach and Jim Coromilas as Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach effective immediately.

CASUAL COACHING APPOINTMENTS

6. **CASUAL COACHING 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.

Coaching Assignments

Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	-	Jim Coromilas
Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	-	James Stankard
Assistant Varsity Girls Spring Track Coach	-	Victoria Tillinghast

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS HOME TUTORING TEACHERS

7. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS HOME TUTORING 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 home tutoring teachers for the 2008-2009 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$36.00/hour. Joseph Beauchamp, George Tomasini, Katie Mauro

EMERGENCY

**CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS PART-
TIME CUSTODIAL
WORKERS**

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL WORKER**

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

**EMERGENCY
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT
CONSULTANT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CONTRACT**

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

LEGAL NOTICE

**JOINT MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE
BIDDING RESOLUTION**

8. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS PART-TIME 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 part-time custodial workers effective March 10, 2009. Compensation for these assignments to be at the part-time custodial rate of pay. Darren McGuire, William Flynn
9. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER: 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 an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Ruth Cordero as a substitute custodial worker effective March 10, 2009. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute custodial rate of pay.
10. **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: Laura Oak, Kellie O'Rourke, Courtney Croteau, Michael Koubek, Robert Farrell, Christine Franklin, Suzanne Vella, Adrianna Pane, Steve Corrado
11. **EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT CONSULTANT: 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 an Emergency Conditional Appointment for Christina Georghiou as a consultant to provide translation for the NYS Math Assessment in March. Compensation for this appointment to be \$60.00/hour.
12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the services provided by All About Kids for the 2008-2009 school year.
13. **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.
14. **LEGAL NOTICE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the legal notice for the 2009 Annual Meeting and election and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice in two papers for general circulation in the District.
15. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial and Special Education Services; and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon UFSD, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law §119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the Participant. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described above; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

that the Participant hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-0.2.j. for the 2008-2009 school year.

RCT WAIVER

16. **RCT WAIVER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education renew its approval to award RCT/local credit for diploma purposes to students who score within the range of 55-64% on corresponding Regents exams. The approval covers the following subject areas: Mathematics (Math A/Integrated Algebra Regents), Science (Earth Science and Biology Regents), English/Reading/Writing (Comprehensive English Regents) Global Studies/History (Global History & Geography), U.S. History & Government (U.S. History & Government Regents).

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

17. **OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare as obsolete a 4-door reach in refrigerator BUFSO 0368.

RESOLUTION

18. **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. Removal of asbestos containing transite wall panels and related necessary repairs and appurtenances thereto, in the West Gymnasium at 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Martino raised the issue in regard to residents receiving parking tickets in the high school parking lot. The issue had been discussed with the Village.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

As there was no report from representatives of organizations, the Board moved on to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors regarding the repairs on the west gym, and services offered by BOCES.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. and Regular Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Topic: Budget Presentation 2009-2010.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Martino, seconded by Mr. Brunjes.

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