

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 13, 2010  
**PLACE:** Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

### Members Present

Mrs. Catherine Vukovich, Vice President  
Mrs. Judy Anderson  
Mr. Roger A. Katz  
Mr. Dominic Bencivenga  
Mrs. Lisa McKeown  
Mr. Thomas Melito

### Members Absent

Mr. Henry Brunjes

### District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

### Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter R. Daly, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

### District Clerk

Linda Pesce

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Vukovich, Vice President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga and approved. (6-0)
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:36 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, the Board agreed to reconvene public session whereupon Vice President Mrs. Vukovich led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 30, 2010 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. (6-0)
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for August 2010 was approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Melito. (6-0)
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Student delegates, Adam Marrone and Kevin Connolly, reported that a pep rally will be held on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and homecoming will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The Parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by the football game at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Best-Laimit, Superintendent, introduced each building principal. Mr. Visbal, Mr. Freidman, and Ms. Spincola reported on the opening day of school in their respective buildings and building initiatives. Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented a fund balance overview. Mr. D'Amico reported on the New York State Assessments. Mr. D'Amico's power point presentation can be found on the district's website.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mrs. Anderson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee received a very favorable report from the internal auditors on purchasing dated August 2010. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that she will be receiving the budget development schedule for the 2011-2012 school budget. Mr. Melito, buildings and grounds committee chair reported that the committee is waiting for the building condition survey. Mr. Katz reported that he had a good walk-thru of the buildings prior to the start of school. Mr. Bencivenga, technology committee chair, reported that the technology committee will be meeting on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee met and discussed a mission statement.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESERVE FUNDS**

1. **RESERVE FUNDS: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has previously established certain reserves having the following balances:
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| Reserve for Workers Compensation               | \$ 491,842 |
| Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability | \$ 624,282 |
| Reserve for Retirement Contributions           | \$ 578,367 |
- and **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District wishes to maintain these reserves. Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education reaffirms its intent to maintain a Reserve for Workers Compensation, Reserve for Employee Benefits and a Reserve for Retirement Contributions.
- On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by T. Melito, Resolution 1 was approved. (6-0)

**RESERVE FUNDS, TRANSFER**

2. **RESERVE FUNDS, TRANSFER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes a transfer from unappropriated fund balance to fund reserves as follows:
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| Reserve for Workers Compensation               | \$ 768,427  |
| Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability | \$1,025,967 |
| Reserve for Retirement Contributions           | \$1,379,928 |
- On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-1)
- Voting Yes: C. Vukovich, J. Anderson, T. Melito, D. Bencivenga, L. McKeown  
Voting No: R. Katz

**TENURE APPOINTMENT**

3. **TENURE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education grants tenure to Lisa Carelli-Lang as the Administrator for Special Education, effective October 1, 2010.
- On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by R. Katz, Resolution 3 was approved. (6-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move Items 4-9 was unanimously approved. (6-0)

On omnibus motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga an omnibus motion to move items 4-9 was unanimously APPROVED. (6-0)

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

4. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

**Junior-Senior High School**

Technology Club Advisor	Peter Mankes
Computer Club Supervisors	Steve Silipo
	Eric Reisert

**PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT**

5. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kristen Reilly as a part-time aide assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective September 13, 2010. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Aides/Monitors Association contract.

**CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE**

6. **CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d, that the Board of Education appoint Maria Valez as a substitute aide effective September 13, 2010. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute aide hourly rate of pay.

**LEASE AGREEMENT**

7. **LEASE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education enter into a lease agreement with First Niagara Leasing, Inc., for the purpose of leasing a cargo van from Van Bortel Ford.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS** 8. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2010-2011 school year between Babylon Union Free School District and the following providers: All About Kids (SE#18), and Bilinguals, Inc. (SE#19).

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** 9. **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** Mr. Katz would like the Board to review the start time at the junior-senior high school level.

**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 and/or concerns regarding the negotiation process as it relates to central office.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** The Board of Education will be holding a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT** At 9:35 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (6-0)

**Attachments referred to are on file in the district office.**