

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 18, 2010
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY

Members Present

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

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter 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 a particular personnel matter and advice from counsel was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga and approved. (5-0) Mrs. McKeown arrived at 6:33 p.m. and Mr. Brunjes arrived at 6:43 p.m.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, the Board agreed to reconvene public session whereupon President Mr. Brunjes led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. (7-0)
- MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010, Work/Study Meeting of September 27, 2010, and Special Meeting of September 28, 2010 were approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Vukovich. (7-0)
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2010 was approved on motion by Mr. Bencivenga and seconded by Mr. Melito. (7-0)
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Dr. Best-Laimit introduced and the Board of Education recognized this year's advanced placement scholars and presented each scholar with a certificate.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mrs. Anderson, audit committee chair, reported that the audit committee will be meeting with the independent auditors on November 8th at 6:45 p.m. and the independent auditors report will be presented at the Board of Education Meeting in public session on November 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the finance committee will be meeting on Monday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Melito, buildings and grounds committee chair reported that the committee is waiting for the building condition survey. Mr. Bencivenga, technology committee chair, reported he met with Carole Polney-Marinello and Rick Schliemann to acquaint himself with the districts technology program. The technology committee plans to meet next month. Mrs. Vukovich, policy committee chair, reported that the policy committee met is working on the mission statement. The next meetings of the policy committee will be October 25th at 5:30 p.m. and November 8th at 5:30 p.m.

**FIRST READING
POLICY 5020.3**

1. **FIRST READING POLICY 5020.3-RIGHTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER SECTION 504: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5020.3-Rights of Students with Disabilities under Section 504, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5020.3 as attached.

On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of policy 5020.3-Rights of Students with Disabilities under Section 504, and waived the formal first reading of policy 5020.3 as attached. (7-0)

**FIRST READING
POLICY 4322 AND
4322F**

2. **FIRST READING POLICY 4322-PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, POLICY 4322F-NOTICE OF MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of Policy 4322-Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Policy 4322F-Notice of Meeting, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of Policy 4322-Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Policy 4322F-Notice of Meeting, as attached.

On motion by Mrs. Vukovich, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, the Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy 4322-Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Policy 4322F-Notice of Meeting, and waived the formal first reading of Policy 4322-Programs for Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Policy 4322F-Notice of Meeting as attached. (7-0)

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX LEVY

1. **TAX LEVY: RESOLVED**, that the tax levy for the 2010-2011 school year be set at \$34,315,611. The estimated tax rate will be \$186.48 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

On motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

RETIREMENT

2. **RETIREMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Cheryl Ward, clerk typist, effective November 17, 2010 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL
AIDES & MONITORS
ASSOCIATION**

3. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES & MONITORS ASSOCIATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement dated October 18, 2010 between the Non-Instructional Aides & Monitors Association and the Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year. (MOA-A&MA #2010-11)

On motion by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mr. Melito, Resolution 3 was approved. (7-0)

**BOARD MEMBER
RESOLUTION**

4. **BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has undertaken the task of identifying long term goals and plans to enhance the Babylon UFSD, and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education recognizes that some of these long term goals and plans might have an impact on the structure of the school day and/or school year as currently construed; **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education begins the study of one possible long term goal and create a feasibility and environmental impact statement on later start times for grades 7-12, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education requests it Administration, Staff, standing committees, community groups, parents, students, and taxpayers to participate in these endeavors.

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown, Resolution 4 was defeated. (5-2)

Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown

Voting No: H. Brunjes, C. Vukovich, T. Melito, J. Anderson, D. Bencivenga

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, an omnibus motion to move Items 5-20 was unanimously approved. (7-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga an omnibus motion to move items 5-20 was unanimously APPROVED. (7-0)

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER

5. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Jennifer Brown as a probationary elementary teacher assigned to the Babylon Elementary School effective October 19, 2010. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 4 of the MA column of the 2010-2011 Babylon Teachers' salary schedule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Stacy Neidig, foreign language teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing November 8, 2010 to January 21, 2011.

LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

7. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Stacy Chesloff as a leave replacement foreign language teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective November 8, 2010 to January 21, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2010-2011 Babylon Teachers' salary schedule.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT

8. **CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Literacy Builders as an educational consultant for the 2010-2011 school year at a rate of \$125.00/hour.

PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT

9. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Heather Tenety as a part-time monitor assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School effective October 19, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Compensation for this appointment to be in accordance with the aides and monitors association agreement.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

10. **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.

High School

Choral Director	-	Colleen Winther
JH Art Club Advisor	-	Patricia Stork

Grade School

Character Chronicles	-	Joan Altieri
Chess Club	-	Rick Punzone
Community Helpers	-	Open
Creative Writing	-	Danielle Erardy
Cross Country Co-Advisors	-	Joe Rossi
	-	Danielle Erardy
Culture Club	-	Lilly Salcedo
Debate Club	-	Stephen Fasciani
Discovering Science (Gr. 3 & 4)	-	Bill Singleton
Discovering Science (Gr. 5 & 6)	-	Heather Hosek
Families and Books	-	Grace Kiernan
Kids' Character	-	Cheryl Murphy
Safety Patrol	-	Valerie Schultheis
Student Council (Gr. 5 & 6)	-	Rita Bartenback
Student Council (Gr. 3 & 4)	-	Pat Murphy
Swing Chorus	-	Colleen Winther

CASUAL

APPOINTMENTS

CONTINUED

Elementary School

Computer Club Advisor (K)	-	Jennifer Brooks
Singing Club Advisors (Grade 1)	-	Colleen Winther .5 Jennifer Brown
Singing Club Advisors (Grade 2)	-	Colleen Winther .5 Jennifer Brown
Art Club Advisor (Grade 2)	-	Patricia Stork

CASUAL

APPOINTMENTS

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following teachers as mentors from September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Compensation for these positions to be as specified in the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>
Eileen Ratto	Elizabeth Palumbo
Barbara Small	Lisa Brush
Cheryl Murphy	Lisa McLees
Cathy Zelli	Sarah Schreiber

**CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS NON-
PERMANENT
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS**

12. **CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d, that the Board of Education appoint Kathleen McCabe and Andrew Sheltz as non-permanent substitute teachers effective October 19, 2010. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

**CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS
SUBSTITUTE NURSES**

13. **CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS SUBSTITUTE NURSES: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d, that the Board of Education appoint Diane Botto and Melanie Baudille as substitute nurses effective October 19, 2010. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute nurse per diem rate of pay of \$175.00.

**APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR**

14. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Cynthia Theiss as a substitute aide/monitor, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective September 23, 2010. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute aide/monitor hourly rate of pay.

**CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE FOOD
SERVICE WORKER**

15. **CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d, that the Board of Education appoint Chiara Turturro as a substitute food service worker effective October 19, 2010. Compensation for this assignment to be at the substitute food service worker hourly rate of pay.

TEXTBOOK SURPLUS

16. **TEXTBOOK SURPLUS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declares as surplus obsolete and outdated textbooks that are no longer provided to students and that the school district be permitted to sell such textbooks.

**HEALTH SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

17. **HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve health service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and the following school districts for the 2010-2011 school year: Amityville, Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Deer Park, Islip, Lindenhurst, Longwood, Massapequa, North Babylon Ward Melville, West Babylon, West Islip, William Floyd and Wyandanch School Districts.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

18. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2010-2011 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: DDI (SE#20), Metro Therapy Addendum (SE#1A).

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS 19. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the District of Location and District of Residence contracts for the 2010-2011 school year between Babylon UFSD and the following school districts: Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, Islip, North Babylon, West Babylon, Wyandanch, Hauppauge and West Islip

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION 20. **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 Dr. Best-Laimit reported that the Babylon Community Coalition and Babylon Schools will co-sponsor a parent workshop on November 17th in Rowe Hall of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School entitled "What's your Plan". This program is intended to educate parents so that they recognize the warning signs of substance abuse in children. Dr. Best-Laimit also reported that a youth development survey, funded by a grant, will be given to students in grades 7-12, similar to the Bach Harrison survey conducted a few years ago. Mr. Katz suggested that the attendance committee look at a rotation of the bell schedule regarding the attendance policy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS Felice Nyland, Babylon Community Coalition, read the BCC mission statement and reported on the initiatives of the Babylon Community Coalition.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS The Board of Education addressed questions and/or concerns regarding the panther pride program, state assessment scores, concerns with special education needs, the progress with technology in the classroom, district spending and salary costs. A newly formed group of parents, The Babylon Academic Committee for Excellence, presented its analysis of Babylon's state assessment scores to the Board of Education.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS The Board of Education will be holding a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Babylon Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT At 9:50 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Melito, seconded by Mrs. Vukovich and approved. (7-0)

Attachments referred to are on file in the District Office.