

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

May 9, 2011

PLACE:

Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mr. Henry Brunjes, President
Mrs. Judy Anderson
Mr. Dominic Bencivenga
Roger A. Katz
Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Members Absent

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 6:40 p.m. by Mr. Brunjes, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations update and status regarding the Administrators Association Contract, employment history of a particular person, and to discuss the acquisition of real property, the publicity of the terms of which would, in the Board's opinion, substantially affect the value thereof was made by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved. (5-0). The Board resumed public session at 7:40 p.m. at which time Mr. Brunjes led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to recess the regular meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2011-2012 budget was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga and approved. (5-0)

A Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 proposed budget was presented by Dr. Daly. Dr. Daly and the Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the proposed school budget.

At 9:10 p.m. a motion to conclude the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Katz was approved. (5-0)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2011, Special Meeting of April 11, 2011 and Work/Study Meeting of April 28, 2011 was approved on motion by Mr. Bencivenga and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates Adam Marrone and Kevin Connolly, reported that members of the BHS Music Department performed at the Heritage Festivals event in Boston. Congratulations to the students and staff on receiving various awards. Student Council is sponsoring a powderpuff football event on Friday, May 20th. SADD are in the process of preparing for the Not On Your Life Campaign/merchant visit on June 1st. They also reported on other activities in the junior-senior high school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Anderson, audit committee chair, reported that a resolution to modify the audit committee template to provide clarification is on the agenda. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed reserves and the appropriation report, a meeting will be scheduled after the budget vote. Mr. Katz, buildings and grounds committee co-chair, reported that Dr. Daly will present the results of the buildings condition survey. The policy committee scheduled a meeting for June 6, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga, a motion to omnibus Items 1-12 was unanimously approved. (5-0)
On omnibus motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mrs. McKeown an omnibus motion to move items 1-12 was unanimously APPROVED. (5-0)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Custodial Association and the Babylon Union Free School District for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

MODIFICATION TO AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER TEMPLATE 6690-E

2. **MODIFICATION TO AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER TEMPLATE 6690-E: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the modification to the Audit Committee Charter Template 6690-E to provide clarification and to be consistent with the Commissioner's Regulations by inserting the following italicized words into the Charter (6690-E) at paragraph "4" on the third unnumbered page of the Charter: 4. Membership***b. Independence - *An individual, other than members of the Board of Education, may not serve on an audit committee constituted as an advisory committee if he or she;* as attached.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Nancy Welch, Psy.D., school psychologist, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, be approved.

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Alena Berenblatt, part-time monitor, effective May 16, 2011.

PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT

5. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointment of Barbara Carlock, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective May 10, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be \$16.70 per hour.

PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT

6. **PART-TIME MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time monitor appointment of Teresa Larsen, assigned to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, effective May 10, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be \$15.90 per hour.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR

7. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kelly Becker as a substitute aide/monitor effective May 10, 2011. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$13.60.

APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

8. **APPOINTMENT NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Caryn Bravin as a non-permanent substitute teacher effective May 2, 2011, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following non-permanent substitute teachers effective May 10, 2011: John Carrick, Kris Delgalvis-Burchill, Lauren Giambalvo, Meagan O'Reilly, Kathryn Renganeschi, Amanda Taub, John Tsaousis, Kerri Whalen, Daniel Krueger. Compensation for these assignments to be at the non-permanent substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

9. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations for cases in March, April and May 2011 from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education be accepted.

LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID COMMITTEE

10. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION 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 selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2011-2012 school year. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free 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 Union Free School District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District's 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 Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Babylon Union Free School District's 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).

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION TUTORIAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

11. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION TUTORIAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for OT/PT, Speech, Social Worker, and other services (RFP#08-104 & RFP #10-02) for the 2011-2012 school year. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, 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, Section 119-0, and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law section 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 section 119-o.2.j.

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

12. **JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS: WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items for the 2011-2012 school year. **WHEREAS**, the Babylon Union Free School District, 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, Section 119-0, and Education Law Section 1950; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law section 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and **WHEREAS**, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and **WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding

the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in *Newsday*, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law section 119-o.2.j. 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 section 119-o.2.j. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or concerns regarding the statistics/results listed in the Highlights, special education parent concerns, voting procedures, music theory and communication to parents regarding courses offered.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The budget vote and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the library of the Babylon Memorial Grade School. The Board of Education will be holding a special meeting on May 17, 2011 in the faculty room of the grade school at 9:00 p.m. and a work/study meeting of the Board of Education in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Bencivenga, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and approved. (5-0)