

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING:

January 9, 2012

PLACE:

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mr. Roger A. Katz, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Mr. Thomas Melito

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Peter R. Daly

Central Office Administration

Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Stephen M. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Bencivenga, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association and matters leading to the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt and approved. (7-0)

The Board resumed public session at 7:37 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011, and Special Meeting of December 15, 2011 was approved on motion by Mr. Katz and seconded by Ms. Berenblatt. (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Carolanne Murphy and Shannon Going reported that BHS presents will be held on February 10th and February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Rowe Hall as well as various activities in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Dr. Daly outlined some of his goals regarding the transition of two new principals, the tax cap and balancing the budget, and improving communications within the community by utilizing the email system of school messenger. Dr. Daly also reported on school highlights. Mr. D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided a curriculum update addressing the new math program, Go Math, being implemented in both the elementary and grade schools. He also gave an update on the morning academy at the grade school and the materials being used in all grade school classrooms to support assessment readiness. Mr. D'Amico also spoke about ongoing curriculum writing to address the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Cirone, junior-senior high school principal, reported on the January testing schedule and the use of school messenger email system to send home high school information. Dr. Daly addressed Governor Cuomo's speech regarding education and showed a video response from NYSSBA. Dr. Daly spoke about the 2% tax cap and its impact on public schools in New York State. Mr. Bilyk, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, reported on 2012-2013 budget projection scenarios.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Antolini, audit committee chair, reported that the Board will approving the external auditing services of Cullen & Danowski, LLP this evening. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the Work/Study meeting on January 23rd will be devoted to budget development for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Melito, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee is waiting for the report from the architecture firm. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met with Syntax regarding the district homepage. The next technology meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Katz reported that he will be attending a cloud technology BOCES workshop. Ms. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that the committee is working on the attendance policy and the next meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on January 17th.

Mr. Katz reported that he attended the NYSSBA Conference in Buffalo, New York which was held late October. The topics of the conference included the tax cap, APPR and how it affects school districts. Some of the presenters at the meeting included school district attorneys and auditing firms. The convention included a vendor room where educational and construction companies introduced their products.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items and presentations.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

1. **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Development Schedule for the proposed 2012-2013 school budget, as attached hereto.

On motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Ms. Berenblatt, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Elizabeth Foster, music teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing November 9, 2011 to June 30, 2012, be approved.

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

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Melito, a motion to omnibus Items 3-13 was approved. (7-0)

On omnibus motion by Mr. Antolini seconded by Mr. Katz an omnibus motion to move Items 3-13 was approved. (7-0)

LEAVE REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER

3. **LEAVE REPLACEMENT MUSIC TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Spinks as a leave replacement music teacher, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, effective November 9, 2011 to June 30, 2012 prorated. Compensation for this assignment to be Step 1 of the BA column of the 2011-2012 teachers' salary schedule.

APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD

4. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Leone as a part-time security guard effective January 10, 2012. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard \$18.00 hourly rate of pay.

CASUAL APPOINTMENT

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the casual appointment of John Greaney as the winter season weight room supervisor for the 2011-2012 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

6. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jamie Eiseman as a substitute school psychologist effective January 10, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

7. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective January 10, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

Gino Castellano, Deisha DeFelippi, Christopher DeLuca, Catherine Florea, Anna Szyszko, Allison Gaffney, Chase Grubman, Megan Kelly, Patricia Lucci, Dawn Puig, Amanda Mihelic, Eileen Nugent, Michele Popalardo, Sandra Stueber, Jenna Riedel, Michelle Rabaglia, Marybeth Qualliotine

**STUDENT
TEACHERS/INTERN**

8. **STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERN: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of the following Student Teachers/ Intern for the Spring 2012 semester:
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| Laura Joseph | School Counseling Intern | Junior-Senior High School |
| Joseph Guillem | History | Junior-Senior High School |
| Katrina Roman | World Languages | Junior-Senior High School |
| Bonnie Kessinger | English | Junior-Senior High School |
| Nicole Hernandez | Special Education | Elementary /Grade School |
| Sarah Ratto | Elementary | Elementary /Grade School |
| Jessica Moreno | Art | Elementary School |

**EXTERNAL
AUDITOR
AGREEMENT**

9. **EXTERNAL AUDITOR AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and Cullen & Danowski, LLP for external audit services performed for the year ending June 30, 2012.

**CONSULTANT
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

10. **CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consulting service agreements for the 2011-2012 school year between Babylon UFSD and the following consultants: Thinking Maps, Inc. (Jean Lapinski) and Amy Benjamin

**HEALTH AND
WELFARE
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

11. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and Bay Shore UFSD, East Islip School District and Seaford UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SERVICE
AGREEMENTS**

12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: CJI Consulting (SE#41), DDI (SE#42).

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
COMMITTEE ON
PRESCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
OTHER BUSINESS**

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 from October 2011 to December 2011, be accepted.

Dr. Daly presented a draft of the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar. Dr. Daly also reported that the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association is sponsoring an Advocacy Workshop at the end of January and that he will be reaching out to members of the PTA's to see if they are interested in attending.

**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 comments from visitors regarding the 2012-2013 school budget, language in teachers' contract, extra-curricular guidelines.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 p.m. there being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito and approved. (7-0)