

**BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**Babylon Junior-Senior High School Rowe Hall**  
**MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**

**Meeting protocol: Please state your name when addressing the Board of Education.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Executive Session (6:00 p.m.)

It is anticipated that upon a majority vote of the total membership of the Board, a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss specific collective bargaining, personnel issues, and/or other specific matters appropriate for executive session in accordance with the Open Meeting Law will be considered. Following executive session the Board will reconvene in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School Rowe Hall at approximately 7:30 p.m.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance (7:30 p.m.)
- IV. Public Hearing on 2012-2013 Proposed Budget
- V. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2012, Work/Study Meeting of April 23, 2012, and Special Meeting of April 24, 2012.
- VI. Approval of Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for April 2012.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Student Delegate Report - Carolanne Murphy/Shannon Going/Grace O'Nishea
  - b. School Highlights - Dr. Peter Daly
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Audit Committee
  - b. Finance Committee
  - c. Buildings & Grounds Committee
  - d. Technology Committee
  - e. Policy Committee
    1. **FIRST READING POLICY 4730 HOMEWORK: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 4730-Homework and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 4730 Homework, as attached.
- IX. Questions from Visitors on Agenda Items - Please approach the podium and state your name.
- X. New Business
  1. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes one school psychologist tenure area, one school attendance aide, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the positions abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2012.
  2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Michael DeJoseph, physical education teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
  3. **CONTINUATION OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the continuation of the probationary appointment of Michael DeJoseph as the Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
  4. **PART-TIME AIDE APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointment of Lisa Nerney, assigned to the Babylon Elementary School, effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$17.15.
  5. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Georgia Altbacker and Patricia Tanner as substitute aide/monitors effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be at the hourly rate of \$13.60.
  6. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following substitute teachers effective May 8, 2012 to June 30, 2012: Lisa DiBona, Christopher Egan, Dilek Kurt, Jennifer Petti, Jeannette Pierrepont, Dawn Szybkowski, Sarah Taylor, Kevin Tremblay. Compensation for these assignments to be at the substitute teacher per diem rate of pay of \$90.00.

7. **WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a multi-year service agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and the Babylon Union Free School District in the amount of \$259,832.
8. **FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Federal Single Audit Report conducted by Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the 2010-2011 school year.
9. **APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the final internal audit reports from Nawrocki Smith LLP for the 2011-2012 school year.
10. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a batting cage and installation fee valued at approximately \$4,500.00 to be located at the Babylon Memorial Grade School from an anonymous donor, with appreciation for this generous gift.
11. **LONG ISLAND SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ICE CREAM BID: WHEREAS**, Babylon UFSD has received a notice from Circus-Man Ice Cream Corp. that they are discontinuing business and they will no longer be able to fulfill the terms of their contract with Babylon UFSD dated June 10, 2011, it is **RESOLVED**, that Babylon UFSD hereby declares that an emergency exists for the delivery of ice cream products to the Babylon UFSD and it is further, **RESOLVED**, that Babylon UFSD agrees to enter into an agreement for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year with American Classic, in accordance with the proposal from American Classic dated April 16, 2012.
12. **CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the consultant services agreement between the Babylon UFSD and May Ann Hand, Belkys Garcia, Jillian Gordon and Elsa Straub for records archival consulting services. Compensation for this service to be paid through grant monies.
13. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between the Babylon UFSD and Bellmore UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.
14. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2011-2012 school year between the Babylon UFSD and the following providers: Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (SE#54), Association for Children with Learning Disabilities Related Services (SE#55), Developmental Disabilities Institute (SE#56), Harmony Heights (SE#57), Just Kids (SE#58), Marion K. Solomon Assoc. (SE#59), Metro Therapy, Inc. (SE#60), Metro Therapy Inc. Related Services (SE#61), United Cerebral Palsy (SE#62).
15. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that the recommendations for cases from January 2012 to April 2012 from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education be accepted.

XI. Other Business

XII. Representatives of Organizations

XIII. Questions from Visitors - Please approach the podium and state your name.

XIV. Future Board Meetings:

Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
Budget Vote & Trustee Election  
Grade School - 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
Special Meeting  
Grade School - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21, 2012  
Work/Study Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Babylon Junior-Senior High School

XV. Adjournment

## HOMework

Homework is recognized and encouraged as an extremely valuable activity and as an appropriate extension of classroom instruction. Homework provides excellent opportunities for developing good study habits, providing for individual differences and abilities, and encouraging self-initiative on the part of the student.

Teachers are cautioned to avoid overloading students with excessively lengthy homework assignments or with overly brief and empty assignments. Planning homework assignments should be given as much care as the planning of any other aspect of a lesson. An assignment important enough to be done must be considered worthy of teacher evaluation.

Homework shall be assigned according to these guidelines:

1. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school.
2. Homework should help children learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
3. Homework should help develop the student's sense of responsibility by providing an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment.
4. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the abilities, activities, and needs of the student. However, the grade given for the homework is dependent on the student's performance.
5. As a valid educational tool, homework should be clearly assigned and its product carefully and promptly evaluated.
6. Teachers' should exercise discretion in assigning homework over school vacations.

The Board of Education believes that parental involvement in students' homework is essential to making homework an integral part of the educational program. Parents are expected to encourage and monitor homework assignments and, to the extent possible, provide conditions that are conducive to their successful completion.

Adoption date: June 10, 2002

Revised date: