

**MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 10, 2012

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mrs. Ann Donaldson

Mr. Roger A. Katz

Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Administrators Association, matters leading to the appointment of a particular person, the employment history of a particular person, and advice from counsel regarding a parental request for transportation was made by Mrs. McKeown seconded by Mrs. Donaldson and approved. (7-0) Public Session resumed at 7:41 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2012 was approved on motion by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Donaldson. (7-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent of Schools, reported that our teachers have been in since last Tuesday and Wednesday preparing their classrooms, writing their student learning objectives, reviewing the Dignity Act and the new evaluation process. Students were welcomed back September 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure greeting students and parents as they arrived. Open House will be held this week in the Elementary and Grade Schools and next week in the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. D'Amico reported on the results of last year's math and ELA assessments in grades 3-8, Regents exams and graduation rate. Mrs. Polney-Marinello gave a brief update on the districts technology status to date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that she is in the process of setting up a meeting with the auditors. The following committee meetings have been scheduled: Finance-September 24 at 7:00 p.m., Buildings and Grounds-September 19 at 6:30 p.m., in the district conference room of the high school and Technology-October 3 at 7 p.m. in the lab of the Grade School. All meetings are posted on the district website.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated September 10, 2012 between the Babylon Administrators' Association and the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a new collective bargaining agreement setting forth the terms contained herein. The memorandum of agreement includes revisions to salaries, health insurance and vacation.  
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

**DONATION**

2. **DONATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$10,000 from a resident who wishes to remain anonymous.  
On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 2 was approved. (7-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by R. Katz an omnibus motion to move Items 3-9 was approved (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by R. Katz seconded by L. McKeown an omnibus motion to move Items 3-9 was approved (7-0).

**NON-PERMANENT  
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
APPOINTMENTS**

3. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following non-permanent substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$90.00/day. Christine Cuttonaro, Jacqueline Donnelly, Rosemary Koehler Angela O'Hara, Grace McMahon, Jillian O'Callaghan, Jennifer Petti, Michelle Rabaglia, Kathryn Renganeschi, Jessica Linder

**SUBSTITUTE  
AIDE/MONITOR  
WORKERS**

4. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR WORKERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute aide/monitor workers for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for these assignments to be \$13.60/hour. Christine Ferraro, Patricia Tanner, Holly Young, Jennifer Martin, Daniel Sparby

**SUBSTITUTE NURSE  
APPOINTMENTS**

5. **SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Geraldine O'Callaghan as a substitute nurse for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for this assignment to be \$175.00/day.

**RESCIND CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

6. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual coaching appointments of Grace McMahon as junior varsity girls soccer coach and Cecila Galbraith as junior varsity field hockey coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

**CASUAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

7. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2012-2013 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

**Junior-Senior High School**

Extra-Curricular Music Activities Choral Director (JH)	Mr. Brian Kroll
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Extra-Curricular Music Activities Band Director (2)	Mr. Charles Leech Mrs. Angela Turk
Extra-Curricular Music Activities Orchestra Director	Mr. Matt Spinks
Marching Band Director (3)	Mr. Brian Kroll Mr. Charles Leech Mrs. Angela Turk Mr. Charles Leech
Junior High Jazz Band	Mr. Charles Leech
Senior High Jazz Band	Mr. Charles Leech
Pep Band Advisor	Mr. Dan Krueger
All School Production Director	Mrs. Lisa Drance
All School Production Assistant Director	Mr. Charles Leech
All School Production Music Coach	Mrs. Colleen Angerami
All School Musical Choreographer	Mrs. Cassandra Mercurio
Technical Director (All School Musical)	Mrs. Colleen Angerami
Set Construction (All School Musical)	Ms. Linda Napolitano
Technical Director (Drama Production)	Mrs. Colleen Angerami
Set Construction (Drama Production)	Ms. Linda Napolitano
Babylon Express	Mr. Brian Kroll
Senior Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Jaime Harrison Mrs. Nancy O'Donnell
Junior Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Linda Fama Mr. Frank Mancuso

**Casual Appointments Cont'd**

Sophomore Class Advisor (2)	Mrs. Suzanne Borruso Mr. Eric Rosasco
Senior High Student Council Co-Advisors	Mrs. Linda Fama Mrs. Brooke Carey
Junior High Student Council Advisor	Ms. Barbara O'Halloran
Senior High Math Team Advisor	Mr. John Michele
Junior High Math Team Advisor	Mr. Christian Murphy
National Honor Society Co-Advisors	Mr. Jeff Kenney Ms. Beth Quinn
National Junior Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Barbara Small
National Business Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Claire Reilly
National Art Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
National French Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Melissa Anderson
National Spanish Honor Society Advisor	Mrs. Michelle Scharff
National Science Honor Society Co-Advisor	Mrs. Heather Hosek Ms. Melissa Callahan
Tri-M Honor Society Co-Advisors	Mrs. Angela Turk Mr. Brian Kroll
SH Art Club Advisor	Mrs. Cheryl Schweider
JH Art Club Advisor	Mrs. Patricia Stork
Chess Club Advisor	Mr. Richard Villanueva
Culture Club Advisor	Mrs. Barbara Small
DECA Club Advisor (2)	Mrs. Claire Reilly Mr. Andrew Marulis
Drama Club Advisor	Mrs. Lisa Drance
Foreign Language Club (Senior High) Advisor	Mrs. Marianne Shaw
Foreign Language Club (Junior High) Advisor	Mrs. Laura Jayne
Family & Consumer Sciences Club Co-Advisors (formerly Home Economics Club)	Ms. Jenna Cucci
International Thespian Society Advisor	Ms. Lisa Brush
JH Science Club Co-Advisors	Mrs. Jane Herbst Mr. Patrick Donaldson
Literary Magazine Advisor (Visions)	Ms. Claire Birone
Best Buddies (Co-Advisors)	Mrs. Sarah Schreiber Mrs. Barbara O'Halloran Mr. Eric Rosasco
SADD Advisor	Mrs. Joan Johanson
School Paper Advisor (Panther Tales)	Mr. James Schappert
SEA/Interact Advisor	Mrs. Joan Johanson
Yearbook Co-Advisors (Trawler)	Mr. Jeff Kenney Ms. Elizabeth Quinn
Writers' Club Advisor	Mrs. Sarah Schreiber
Secretary Treasurer Athletic Association	Mr. Robert Andrews
Computer Club Advisor	Mr. Steven Silipo
PM Detention Supervisor	Mr. Stephen Vaccaro
Special Education Lead Teacher (K-6)	Mrs. Joanne Fasano
Junior High Soccer Coach	Ms. Grace McMahon

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

8. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education service agreements between the Babylon Union Free School District and the following providers: Top Grade (SE#39) and South Oaks (SE#40) for the 2012-2013 school year.

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CPSE**

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 from April 2012 to August 2012 be approved.

**VOLUNTEER COACH APPOINTMENT**

10. **VOLUNTEER COACH APPOINTMENT: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to fill the position of Volunteer Football Coach for the 2012 Fall season; and **WHEREAS**, the position carries no stipend or remuneration; and **WHEREAS**, William Singleton has the credentials required for this position, including a NYS Coaching Certificate and SED fingerprint clearance; and **WHEREAS**, William Singleton is also First Aid and CPR/AED certified; **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Athletic Director and Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby appoints William Singleton to the position of Volunteer Football Coach for the Fall 2012 season, in accordance with Board Policy 4532 and Regulation 4532R.  
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 10 was approved. (7-0)

**SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION**

11. **SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION: WHEREAS**, section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation of real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are sixty-five years of age or over meeting the requirements set forth in section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District has previously authorized this partial exemption pursuant to Board resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Babylon has held a public hearing on July 17, 2012, and has amended the Town of Babylon Code at Chapter 195, Articles I and V, Taxation, to increase the maximum income limit for the Senior Citizen Limited Income property tax exemption;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District desires to continue this partial exemption, at the income eligibility level currently authorized by the Babylon Town Board, as set forth below;

**RESOLVED** the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby amends the partial exemption of taxation, to the extent set forth below, of the assessed valuation of real property owned by individuals who meet the requirements of section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law when the income of the owner, or the combined income of the owners, of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption meets the following criteria:

<u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>	<u>% OF ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION</u>
Up to and including \$29,000	50%
More than \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	45%
\$30,000 or more but less than \$31,000	40%
\$31,000 or more but less than \$32,000	35%
\$32,000 or more but less than \$32,900	30%
\$32,900 or more but less than \$33,800	25%
\$33,800 or more but less than \$34,700	20%
\$34,700 or more but less than \$35,600	15%
\$35,600 or more but less than \$36,500	10%
\$36,500 or more but less than \$37,400	5%

On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 11 was approved. (7-0)

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TAX EXEMPTION**

12. **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TAX EXEMPTION: WHEREAS**, section 459-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation of real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are disabled meeting the requirements set forth in section 459-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District has previously authorized this partial exemption pursuant to Board resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Babylon has held a public hearing on July 17, 2012, and has amended the Town of Babylon Code at Chapter 195, Articles I and V, Taxation, to increase the maximum income limit for the property tax exemption for persons with Disabilities and Limited Income;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District desires to continue this partial exemption, at the income eligibility level currently authorized by the Babylon Town Board, as set forth below;

**RESOLVED** the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School District hereby amends the partial exemption of taxation, to the extent set forth below, of the assessed valuation of real property owned by individuals who meet the requirements of section 459-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law when the income of the owner, or the combined income of the owners, of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption meets the following criteria:

ANNUAL INCOME	% OF ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
Up to and including \$29,000	50%
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\$32,900 or more but less than \$33,800	25%
\$33,800 or more but less than \$34,700	20%
\$34,700 or more but less than \$35,600	15%
\$35,600 or more but less than \$36,500	10%
\$36,500 or more but less than \$37,400	5%

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 12 was approved.(7-0)

**TRANSPORTATION REQUEST**

13. **TRANSPORTATION REQUEST: WHEREAS**, the Board of Education received a request from a district resident for the transportation of their child to and from school based upon a hardship, although the student does not live beyond the bus transportation limits established by District voters;

Mr. Bencivenga, President, presented the following resolution:

**SHALL**, the parents request for transportation of the student listed on Confidential Attachment "A" be granted, notwithstanding the fact that the student is not otherwise eligible for transportation under district policy? The resolution was defeated (1-6)

Voting Yes: A. Berenblatt

Voting No: D. Bencivenga, L. McKeown, R. Katz, G. Antolini, D. Montalto,  
A. Donaldson

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, responded to questions from visitors from the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting regarding the degree our school nurses hold and the cost, company, number, and installation of Smartboards.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding staff recognition program, sideline protocol at athletic events, school calendar, teacher negotiations, and transportation.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on September 24, 2012 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

At 8:53 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person was made by Mr. Antolini, seconded by Mrs. Berenblatt and approved.

(7-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:21 p.m. public session resumed. There being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Berenblatt, seconded by Mrs. Donaldson and approved. (7-0)