

## MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING:**

November 14, 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 authorizing members in this Board who are not on the audit committee to join the audit committee in executive session for the purpose of meeting with the district's external auditor to review the 2011 draft annual report and accompanying draft management letter and working directly with the external auditor to assist the Board of Education in interpreting such documents was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0) Public Session resumed at 7:40 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2012 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by R. Katz. (7-0)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for September 2012 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by A. Donaldson. (7-0)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student delegate, Carolanne Murphy, reported that senior high student council is planning a few opportunities to support our community post-Sandy. Student Council is planning a Winter Holiday Festival on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Six Babylon students competed in the MSG Varsity "Challenge" competition. Colleen McKeown was selected for the All-County Women's Chorus. Four business students will be appearing in a Capital One Bank advertisement series promoting financial literacy. She also reported on other activities in the high school. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent of Schools, reported that we are happy to be back to school. Due to hurricane Sandy the district lost 6 days of instruction and one day of professional development. At this time, the Commissioner has not ruled to forgive districts of lost time as we fall short of the 180 required days. We have no snow days left to use and the Commissioner may require that we use scheduled vacation days before there is any give-back. It is advisable not to make plans for the February break, February 19-22, as we may be required to use them as make-up days. Mr. Rozakis acknowledged and applauded the many staff members, students and community members who unselfishly assisted our neighbors with relief and recovery efforts during the days following the hurricane. Working with the Babylon Helps organization, dozens of families were given substantial assistance. Congratulations to the fall athletic teams for a successful season. The independent audit report was presented by Mr. Peter Rodriguez of Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the independent auditor presented his report and the Board will be asked to accept and approve the report this evening. Mr. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the committee will be meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposal from Landtek, as well as matters relating to a possible bond referendum. Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the district's ability to communicate with school messenger was valuable during the storm. Mrs. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a first and second reading of policies will be conducted this evening. The finance committee scheduled a meeting for November 19<sup>th</sup> following the Work/Study Meeting and the policy committee will meet on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All meetings are posted on the district website.

**FIRST READING OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

1. **FIRST READING OF POLICIES 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT AND 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property, as attached. (Note: these sections are revisions within the Code of Conduct)  
On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown, the first reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property and to waive the formal first reading of policies 5300.30-Prohibited Student Conduct and 5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property was approved. (7-0)

**SECOND READING POLICY 5405 STUDENT WELLNESS**

2. **SECOND READING POLICY 5405 STUDENT WELLNESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 5405 Student Wellness, as attached.  
On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, the second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness and to waive the formal second reading of policy 5405-Student Wellness was approved. (7-0)

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

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

New Business

**APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

1. **APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept and approve the independent audit of the Babylon Union Free School District as prepared by the independent auditing firm of Cullen & Danowski for the 2011-2012 school year.  
On motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Donaldson, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown a motion to omnibus Items 2-13 was approved (7-0).  
On omnibus motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt Items 2-13 was approved (7-0).

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER II**

2. **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT CUSTODIAL WORKER II: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Stephen DeRusso as a probationary custodial worker II, assigned to the Babylon Junior-Senior High, effective November 15, 2012. Compensation for this assignment to be Column B, Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Civil Service Custodial Association Agreement.

**APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES**

3. **APPOINTMENT PART-TIME AIDES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the part-time aide appointments for Debbie Cannetti and Suzanne Camilleri effective November 15, 2012 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the aides and monitors association contract.

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR WORKER**

4. **SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR WORKER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve Kelly Becker as a substitute aide/monitor worker effective November 15, 2012 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

**NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

5. **NON-PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following non-permanent substitute teachers effective November 15, 2012 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these assignments to be \$90.00/day. Helene Abou Zeid, Matthew Barone, Kim Cudnik, Stephanie Duignan, Kelly Marmo, Courtney Sembach, Danielle Felton, Sara McAuley, Mark Indiviglio, Jennifer Sarno, Jennifer Morello, Steven Schiffman, Jennifer Sheehan, Jessica Levinson

**CASUAL APPOINTMENTS**

6. **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.

Winter Coaching

Varsity Boys Basketball  
JV Boys Basketball  
JH Boys Basketball

Chris Morra  
William Singleton  
Robert Andrews

**Continued Winter Coaching Appointments**

Varsity Girls Basketball	Chris Ryan
JV Girls Basketball	Tim Harrison
JH Girls Basketball	Rich Villanueva
JH Girls Volleyball	Brenda Mayo
Varsity Boys Winter Track	Joe Rossi
Varsity Girls Winter Track	Tom Nettuno
Varsity Wrestling	Kenny Brodmerkel
JV Wrestling	Danny McHugh
JH Wrestling	Joseph Fragapane
	Mike Russo
Varsity Cheerleading	Jeanne Allen
JV Cheerleading	Jacqueline Donnelly
Winter Weight Room Supervisor	Hans Wiederkehr
Athletic Trainer	South Bay Physical Therapy

**STUDENT TEACHER**

7. **STUDENT TEACHER: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the placement of Jessica Petroglia as an Elementary/Special Education student teacher for the Spring 2013 semester.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

8. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2011-2012 school year:

From: A 1620.4170-01-000	Operation-Elect & Gas	(\$157,034)
To: A 2251.4900-00-000	Special Ed-Boces	\$157,034
From: A 1620.4192-01-000	Operation-Fuel	(\$ 57,261)
To: A 2251.4900-00-000	Special Ed-Boces	\$ 57,261
From: A 1620.4192-02-000	Operation-Fuel	(\$ 59,859)
To: A 2251.4900-00-000	Special Ed-Boces	\$ 59,859
From: A 1620.4192-03-000	Operation-Fuel	(\$ 15,612)
To: A 2251.4900-00-000	Special Ed-Boces	\$ 15,612
From: A 1620.4192-03-000	Operation-Fuel	(\$ 24,816)
To: A 2251.4102-00-000	Special Ed-Other	\$ 24,816
From: A 1620.4900-00-000	Operation-Boces Service	(\$ 15,064)
To: A 2630.2000-00-000	Computer Instr-Equip	\$ 15,064
From: A 1620.5710-00-000	Operation-Gas & Maint	(\$ 13,956)
To: A 2630.4900-00-000	Computer Instr-Boces	\$ 13,956

**ADOPTION OF POLICY 5405 STUDENT WELLNESS**

9. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 5405 STUDENT WELLNESS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 5405-Student Wellness, as attached.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

10. **INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Babylon Union Free School District and West Babylon UFSD for cooperative transportation services dated November 14, 2012.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACT**

11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the district of location special education service contract between Babylon UFSD and Copiague UFSD for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

12. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the special education consultant service agreements between the Babylon Union Free School District and the Center for Hearing and Communication (SE#42), Access 7 (SE#43), Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, PC (SE#44) for the 2012-2013 school year.

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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 June 2012 to October 2012 be approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Members of the Board of Education thanked the Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent, and the building principals for their communication throughout the storm. They also acknowledged the volunteers who helped reach out to Babylon families.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

Mrs. Navarro, PTSA Co-President, thanked the BTA for 100% membership. Membership is still low and the committee is looking at ways to get the word out. The PTSA is collecting box tops.

On behalf of the BTA Gives Back, Mr. Richardelli, President, donated \$1,000 to the school district and also presented members of the Mike Green-Great Guy Foundation a check for \$1,000.

**QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or comments from visitors regarding school make-up days.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on November 19, 2012 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:27 p.m. a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the Babylon Teachers Association was made by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown, and approved. (7-0)

Public session resumed at 9:15 p.m. There being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by G. Antolini, seconded by A. Donaldson and approved. (7-0)