

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga, President

Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President

Ms. Alena Berenblatt

Mr. Roger A. Katz

Mr. Dominick Montalto

Members Absent

Mr. Gregory Antolini

Mrs. Ann Donaldson

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, Babylon Clerical Association, Babylon Custodial Association, the employment history of a particular person and advice from counsel was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0) Public Session resumed at 7:47 p.m. at which time Mr. Bencivenga, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2013, Work/Study Meeting of February 25, 2013 and Special Meeting of February 19, 2013 was approved on motion by R. Katz and seconded by D. Montalto (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for January 2013 was approved on motion by L. McKeown and seconded by R. Katz. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegates, Ronnie Pashen and Giovanna Domingo reported that BHS Presents will be on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. The NAHS sold candy roses and homemade Valentine cards. Part of the proceeds will be donated to an art related charity. The World Languages Department celebrated World Language Week by highlighting different countries each day. They also reported on other activities in the high school. Mr. Rozakis, Superintendent of Schools, reported that our student attendance remained at 92% in the elementary and grade schools, and 90% in the junior-senior high school during the week of February 19th. Grades 3-8 will take their ELA State assessments and Math assessments when we return from Spring Recess. At the May Board of Education meeting we will hold a presentation on the Common Core and how it has changed our curriculum and instruction. Mr. Bencivenga, Board President, has been selected to receive SCOPE's School Board Service Award at their 12th Annual School Districts Awards Dinner on March 18th. The award is in recognition of Mr. Bencivenga's dedication to the children of Babylon but also for his service to our community in the aftermath of Sandy. The building principals reported on recent school highlights and upcoming events in their respective buildings. Dr. Daly, Deputy Superintendent, presented the proposed 2013-2014 school budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Donaldson, audit committee chair, reported that the final report from the Internal Auditors was received. L. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and reviewed the school lunch fund, appropriation status report and budget. R. Katz, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that interviews were conducted for construction managers for a possible bond referendum and that a facilities review committee will be formed. D. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that Mrs. Polney-Marinello will be presenting the technology budget at the work/study meeting on March 21st. A. Berenblatt, policy committee chair, reported that a second reading of the

attendance policy will be conducted this evening. All committee meetings are posted on the district's website.

The following resolution was presented:

SECOND READING OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE

1. **SECOND READING OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education conduct a second reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal second reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance, as attached.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, the second reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance and to waive the formal second reading of policy 5100-Student Attendance was approved. (4-1)

Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, L. McKeown, D. Montalto, A. Berenblatt

Voting No: R. Katz

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the budget presentation and agenda items.

New Business

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1. **SCHOOL CALENDAR: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the proposed school calendar for the school year 2013-2014, as attached.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jane Herbst, Library Media Specialist, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patricia Murphy, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Valerie Schultheis, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

5. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kathleen Whittier, elementary education teacher, effective July 1, 2013 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

On motion by A. Berenblatt, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 5 was approved. (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt a motion to omnibus Items 6-9 and 11-12 was approved (5-0).

On omnibus motion by R. Katz, seconded by A. Berenblatt Items 6-9 and 11-12 was approved (5-0).

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

6. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers effective March 12, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these assignments to be \$90.00/day.

Danielle Balducci, Joseph Belfi, Erik Forsythe, Diana Gorman, Christina Greco, Jillian Kuehne, Louis LaRusso, Teresa McHale, Meaghan Miner, Lauren O'Halleran, Kristyn Reisert, Patricia Baldwin

APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS

7. **APPOINTMENT SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITORS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following substitute aide/monitors effective March 12, 2013 to June 21, 2013. Compensation for these assignments to be \$13.60/hour.

Diane Cullen Patricia O'Hara Christine Wilson

RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

8. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual coaching appointment of Joe Rossi as the Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach and Colleen Angerami as Technical Director (Drama Club) for the 2012-2013 school year.

CASUAL APPOINTMENTS

9. **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.

Grade School

Grade 3 Club Invention - Endangered Earth	Danielle Vedder (1/2 year club)
Grade 4 Club Invention - Physics In Motion	Christopher Tordy (1/2 year club)
Grade 5 Club Invention- Trash Island	Heather Hosek (1/2 year club)
NYSSMA Vocal Coach	Colleen Angerami

Junior-Senior High School

Drama Club Production Director	Derek Kinnear
Drama Club Production Technical Co-Directors	Colleen Angerami/Kathryn Condra

Coaching

Varsity Boys Spring Track Coach	Craig Washington
Junior High Softball Coach	Jen Freyer
Junior High Boys Lacrosse	Edward Hilbert

ADOPTION OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE

10. **ADOPTION OF POLICY 5100-STUDENT ATTENDANCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 5100-Student Attendance, as attached.

On motion by D. Montalto, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 10 was approved. (4-1)
Voting Yes: D. Bencivenga, L. McKeown, D. Montalto, A. Berenblatt
Voting No: R. Katz

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

11. **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: RESOLVED**, that the annual meeting and election of the Babylon UFSD, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Babylon Memorial Grade School in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of the Babylon Union Free School District and hereby directs the District Clerk to publish said notice four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the Babylon Beacon and South Bay Newspaper, two papers having general circulation in the District.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

12. **HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare service agreements between the Bellmore UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Uniondale UFSD, Sachem CSD and the Babylon UFSD 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 January 2013 to March 2013, be accepted.

On motion by R. Katz, seconded by D. Montalto, Resolution 13 was approved. (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Education discussed the interscholastic "no-cut/cut" guidelines and a statement from Mr. Antolini regarding this topic was read by Mrs. McKeown.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

The Board addressed questions and/or concerns regarding the interscholastic "no-cut/cut" guidelines, life skills class, junior high school music classes and the exploration of new programs.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

A Work/Study Meeting will be held on March 21, 2013 and a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. A budget presentation will be held each evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter was made by L. McKeown, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting resumed at 10:45 p.m. There being no other items of business the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Montalto, seconded by A. Berenblatt and approved. (5-0)