

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD WORK/STUDY MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 21, 2013

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

Members Present

Mr. Roger A. Katz, President
Mrs. Lisa McKeown, Vice President
Mr. Gregory Antolini
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Ms. Alena Berenblatt
Mrs. Ann Donaldson
Mr. Dominick Montalto

District Superintendent

Mr. Richard S. Rozakis

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Katz, 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 2012-2013 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 D. Montalto, seconded by L. McKeown and approved. (7-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Katz, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WORK/STUDY
DISCUSSION**

The independent audit report was presented by Mr. Peter Rodriquez of Cullen & Danowski, LLP. Mr. Roger Smith from BBS Engineering and Architectural Firm gave an update on the state of the Bond proposal and a brief presentation.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education discussed particular agenda items and questions from visitors on agenda items were addressed.

New Business

**NYS ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REVIEW
ACT (SEQRA) REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED
2013 BOND
REFERENDUM**

1. **NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2013 BOND REFERENDUM: RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Babylon Union Free School Districts accepts the Environmental Conservation Law report and Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared by Enviroscience Consultants, Inc. determining that the capital improvement projects in the proposed 2013 Bond Referendum are Unlisted Actions under SEQRA regulations. Furthermore, the findings reported in the Environmental Conservation Law report and Short Environmental Assessment Form conclude that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by A. Berenblatt, Resolution 1 was approved. (7-0)

**RESOLUTION BOND
VOTE**

2. **RESOLUTION BOND VOTE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve December 10, 2013 as the designated date for a Special District Meeting for the bond construction referendum vote in the amount of \$26,600,000 as per the attached resolution calling for a Special District Meeting. (roll call vote required)
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 2 was approved.(7-0)
Voting Yes: R. Katz, L. McKeown, G. Antolini, D. Bencivenga, A. Berenblatt, A. Donaldson, D. Montalto

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

3. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve student participation for the following overnight field trips: NYSTEA Student Conference in Callicoon, New York from January 10-12, 2014; Disney World Performing Arts On Stage in Orlando, Florida from February 27-March 2, 2014 and DECA New York State Career Competition in Rochester, New York from March 4-7, 2014.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 3 was approved. (7-0)

CASUAL APPOINTMENT

4. **CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the casual appointment of Steve Vaccaro as a Director of Special Education (7-12) effective October 22, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2013-2014 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract, prorated.
On motion by A. Donaldson, seconded by D. Bencivenga, Resolution 4 was approved. (7-0)

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS

As there were no questions from visitors, the Board moved to the next item.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:45 p.m. a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the Babylon Teachers' Association was made by A. Donaldson, Seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Public session resumed at 9:05 p.m. There being no other business, the Board adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by G. Antolini and approved. (7-0)

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK/STUDY MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION #2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Babylon Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be held at the Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, in Babylon, New York, in said School District, on December 10, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock A.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and or supplement the notice of the Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth from time to time as, in his or her discretion such amendment may be required.

Section 3. That the notice of said Special District Meeting, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form to-wit:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

**Babylon Union Free School District,
Suffolk County, New York**

The Board of Education of Babylon Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at the Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, in Babylon, New York, in said School District, on December 10, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock A.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Babylon Union Free School District is hereby authorized to reconstruct and construct improvements to school district facilities, including field improvements, as well as other site improvements, at a maximum estimated cost of \$26,600,000, including costs incidental thereto; and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such Special District Meeting in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the reconstruction and construction of school facilities, at a maximum cost of \$26,600,000; and providing that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at said meeting whose name does not appear on the register of said School District or who does not register under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The Board of Registration has prepared a register at the last annual meeting or election which includes all persons who have presented themselves for registration thereat and also all persons who shall have been previously registered hereunder for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time within four years prior to the preparation of said register.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that, in lieu of the Board of Registration of said School District meeting prior to such Special District Meeting solely for the purposes of registering voter, the registration of voters shall be conducted by the School District Clerk ("walk-in" registration) at such Clerk's office located at 50 Railroad Avenue, in Babylon, New York, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. on any business day up to and including December 5, 2013, and any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register provided that he or she is known or can prove to the satisfaction of such School District Clerk to be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting. The register so prepared by said School District Clerk will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five days prior to the date set for such Special District Meeting between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing time, except Sunday, December 8, 2013, and between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and Noon on Saturday, December 7, 2013.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting.

Such capital projects have been determined to constitute Unlisted Actions for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act for which the Board of Education, as Lead Agent, has made a negative declaration indicating such capital projects will not have a significant adverse environmental effect.

Dated: Babylon, New York

October 21, 2013.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
BY: LINDA PESCE, DISTRICT CLERK

Section 4. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special District Meeting in substantially the form set forth herein by publishing the same four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting, in the Beacon News and South Bay's Neighbor Newspaper, two newspapers having a general circulation in said School District, and by giving such other notice as in his or her discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.