

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: December 7, 2015
PLACE: Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Members Present

Mrs. Ann Donaldson, President
Mr. Dominick Montalto, Vice President
Mr. Dominic P. Bencivenga
Mrs. Carol Ann Dell'Erba
Mrs. Linda Jurs
Ms. Tricia Pané

Members Absent

Mrs. Elizabeth Altbacker

District Superintendent

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Daniel D'Amico, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Donaldson, President. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing clerical and administrators' negotiations, the employment history of particular individuals and advice from counsel was made by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga and approved. (6-0) Public session resumed at 7:30 p.m. at which time Mrs. Donaldson, President, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 9, 2015 and Work/Study Meeting of November 23, 2015 were approved on motion by C. Dell'Erba and seconded by L. Jurs. (6-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for October 2015 were approved on motion by T. Pané and seconded C. Dell'Erba. (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Board of Education recognized music students who participated in the NYSCAME/SCMEA High School All County Festival in November and music students who were selected for All State.
- Mrs. Rozzi, Superintendent of Schools, reported the following News & Updates Around the District:
 - Members of the Leo and Drama clubs hosted more than 50 local senior citizens for dinner and a show on November 5. During the event, Leo Club members served beverages, salads, baked ziti and an array of desserts to attendees before Drama Club members performed a production of Clifford Odets' "The Big Knife".
 - In November, six senior athletes signed National Letters of Intent to participate on collegiate sports teams and receive athletic scholarships.
 - The District Fall Newsletter was published last month and should have been received by residents.
 - Last week Mrs. Rozzi and Members of the Board of Education attended the annual Western Suffolk BOCES Dinner Meeting, an evening celebrating the many wonderful career & technical programs that our senior high school students attend.
- On behalf of the student delegates, Mr. Ryan, Assistant Principal, reported upcoming senior high student council events. He also reported on events in the English, Science, Art, and Music Departments, as well as, DECA, and Thoreau Society. Mrs. Nancy O'Donnell was recognized as the "2015 Middle School PE Teacher of the Year" at the Suffolk Zone PE Leadership Awards ceremony on December 2.
- Mrs. Rozzi thanked Mr. D'Amico, principals, and directors for all their hard work in putting together a successful Superintendent's Conference Day. Mrs. Rozzi. presented a Powerpoint on "Superintendent's Conference Day: A Commitment to Professional Time & Talk".

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- Ms. Pané, audit committee chair, reported that Nawrocki Smith, internal auditors, started fieldwork for the 2015/16 cycle review focusing on purchasing and related expenditures, reoccurring budget transfers, journal entries, bank reconciliations, and payroll distributions. Some additional initial key control testing areas this year will be extra classroom, general funds and controls and disaster recovery. They will be back on January 6th to continue their fieldwork. An Audit committee meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Nawrocki Smith to share reflections on the ongoing cycle.
- Mrs. Jurs, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met and discussed the school lunch program year-end financial position. The Board discussed the school lunch program during a work/study meeting on November 23rd. The finance committee will meet on January 25th at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Bencivenga, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported the committee will be scheduling a meeting later this month to review the progress of the capital project.
- Mr. Montalto, technology committee chair, reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 3:15 p.m. to review technology plans.
- Mrs. Dell'Erba, curriculum committee chair, reported that the committee will meet on January 11 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss one of the goals regarding summer curriculum writing, mini-grants and process of submitting proposals.
- Mrs. Altbacker, policy committee chair, was absent. Mrs. Rozzi reported that the policy committee will be meeting on January 5 at 3:15 p.m. to look at a concussion policy. Mr. Bencivenga asked that a typo be corrected on the first reading of policy 9150 Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization) in the second paragraph fourth line from win to in. This correction was duly noted prior to the first reading. All meetings will be posted on the district's website.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS ON
AGENDA
ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

The Board of Education addressed questions from visitors on the agenda items #5 and #11. As there was no discussion from the Board, the Board moved on to New Business.

New Business

OMNIBUS MOTION

On motion by C. Dell'Erba, seconded by D. Bencivenga, a motion to omnibus Resolutions 1-16 were approved (6-0).

On omnibus motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto an omnibus motion to move Resolutions 1-16 were approved (6-0).

RESIGNATION

1. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lynn Quigley, part-time aide, effective December 7, 2015 with regret and best wishes.

**LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request from Joan Hughes for an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence effective November 24, 2015 to December 19, 2015.

**PART-TIME
SECURITY GUARD
APPOINTMENT**

3. **PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the part-time security guard appointment of Frank Papillo for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for this position to be at the security guard hourly rate of pay of \$18.00.

**RESCIND
CASUAL
APPOINTMENT**

4. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Colleen Angerami as the All School Production Technical Director for the 2015-2016 school year.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

5. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following casual appointments for the 2015-2016 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Junior-Senior High School

Yoga Club Advisor

Leah Weissinger

Robotics Club Advisor

Brain Katz

All School Production Assistant Director

Brian Kroll

All School Production Pit Director

Charles Leech

All School Production Technical Director

Daniel Krueger

English Honor Society Co-Advisors

Sarah Schreiber/Lindsey Laurich

Grade School

Spring Garden Club Advisor

Kathleen Reynolds

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
APPOINTMENT**

6. **VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Nicholas Brennan as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 school year in accordance with Board of Education policy 4532-School Volunteers.

**APPOINTMENT
AFTERSCHOOL
AIDE**

7. **APPOINTMENT AFTERSCHOOL AIDE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jaime Harrison as an afterschool aide for the 2015-2016 school year for a student participating in afterschool athletics. Compensation for this assignment to be in accordance with the 2015-2016 aides' and monitors' association contract.

**SUBSTITUTE
AFTERSCHOOL
AIDE/MONITOR
APPOINTMENT**

8. **SUBSTITUTE AFTERSCHOOL AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Catrina Christiansen as a substitute afterschool aide/monitor for the 2015-2016 school year for a student participating in afterschool athletics on an as-needed basis when the appointed aide is out. Compensation for this assignment to be \$13.60/hour.

**PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

9. **PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following per diem substitute teachers from December 8, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for these assignments to be \$110.00/day.

Luke Schweider

Jessica Helton

Megan Cernilli

**SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL
WORKER**

10. **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following substitute custodial worker appointments from December 8, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Compensation for these assignments to be \$11.00/hour.

Riccy Vargas

Bernardita Rodriguez

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT**

11. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Babylon Teachers' Association and the Babylon Board of Education dated December 8, 2015 regarding the creation of a special sick leave bank, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**FIRST READING
OF POLICY 5150-
SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS**

12. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 5150-SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5150-School Admissions and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5150-School Admissions, as attached.

**FIRST READING OF
POLICY 5422/5422-R
ALLERGY POLICY**

13. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 5422/5422-R-ALLERGY POLICY: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 5422/5422-R-Allergy Policy, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 5422/5422-R-Allergy Policy, as attached.

**FIRST READING OF
POLICY 9150-STAFF-
STUDENT
RELATIONS
(FRATERNIZATION)**

14. **FIRST READING OF POLICY 9150-STAFF-STUDENT RELATIONS (FRATERNIZATION): RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education conduct a first reading of policy 9150-Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization) and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education waive the formal first reading of policy 9150-Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization), as attached.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION
RECEIPT OF
FEDERAL PART B
FLOW-THROUGH
ALLOCATIONS**

15. **SPECIAL EDUCATION RECEIPT OF FEDERAL PART B FLOW-THROUGH ALLOCATIONS: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2015-2016 school year between the Babylon UFSD and Metro Therapy (SEDCAR2015.16-#12) and ACLD (SEDCAR2015.16#2).

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
CPSE**

16. **COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education for cases dated October-November 2015, be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rozzi reviewed the before and after school childcare program and after a thorough analysis of three childcare programs, Mrs. Rozzi recommended to the Board that the District continue to use the SCOPE before and after school childcare program. Mrs. Rozzi reported that she attended a PTA Health & Wellness subcommittee meeting and part of the conversation was the school lunch program. Central Office administration with the food service director will continue to review the school lunch program.

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF ORGANIZATIONS**

- Mr. Richardelli, BTA President, thanked everyone for their support in the Read Across Our Community program. We will be receiving approximately 1700 books. He also thanked the Board for approving the Memorandum of Agreement on the agenda this evening.
- Mrs. Silvestri, K-6 PTA President, reported that the PTA provided a survey to the K-6 parents to get their views on the food service program. The PTA raised over \$350.00 from the Farmingo fundraiser. Upcoming events include Polar Express, holiday breakfast and PTA basketball starting in January. PTA hosted a parent workshop on Hour Code.
- Heidi Durler, PTA Health and Wellness committee representative, thanked Mrs. Rozzi for attending the meeting. Mrs. Durler read a letter from her co-chair, Lisa Troccio, regarding school lunch.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions/comments from visitors regarding after school childcare, school lunch program, AP Courses, high school library hours and computer sign-in process, and transportation.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will hold a Work/Study Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by D. Montalto and approved (6-0)