

MINUTES OF BABYLON SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: April 11, 2011

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

Members Present

Mr. Henry Brunjes, President

Mrs. Judy Anderson

Mr. Dominic Bencivenga

Mrs. Lisa McKeown

Mr. Thomas Melito

Members Absent

Roger A. Katz

District Superintendent

Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit

Central Office Administration

Dr. Peter Daly, Deputy Superintendent

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

District Clerk

Linda Pesce

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Brunjes, President. At this time a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the administrative group and advice from counsel regarding an alleged wrongful termination of an employee, proposed amendment to employment contract of a particular person and an employee disciplinary matter was made by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga and approved. (5-0). The Board resumed public session at 7:34 p.m. at which time Mr. Brunjes led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2011, Work/Study Meeting of March 28, 2011 and Special Meetings of March 21, 2011 and April 4, 2011 was approved on motion by Mr. Bencivenga and seconded by Mrs. McKeown. (5-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's and Business Office Financial Reports and Extra Curricular Fund Report for March 2011 was approved on motion by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Melito. (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student delegate, Adam Marrone, reported that Students Against Destructive Decisions held a week of awareness from April 4-8. The Drama Club produced The Laramie Project which was held this past weekend told the story of Matthew Shepard, a college student, who was the subject of a hate crime in 1998. He also reported on other activities in the Babylon Junior-Senior High School. Dr. Peter Daly presented the proposed 2011-2012 school budget and addressed questions from visitors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Anderson, audit committee chair, reported that the district received two audit reports. Nawrocki Smith, LLP conducted an internal audit on employee stipends and a recommendation to approve night and weekend differentials should be conducted at the reorganizational meeting. The Federal Single Audit Report conducted by Cullen & Danowski indicated no discrepancies. Both audit reports will be placed on the district website. Mrs. McKeown, finance committee chair, reported that the committee met to go through the budget process. The next meeting of the finance committee is scheduled for May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Melito, buildings and grounds committee chair, reported that the buildings condition survey has been received and the report will be shared with the public at a future meeting. Mr. Bencivenga, technology committee chair, reported that the committee met and reexamined a contract with MSG Varsity and will be looking into entering into an agreement. Also, noted on a different topic that the baseball team will be playing at Farmingdale University on Friday evening. As there were no other committee reports, the Board moved on to the next item.

QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board addressed questions from visitors on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL BUDGET

1. **ANNUAL BUDGET: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the budget and property tax report card for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$46,086,988 and that such budget be submitted to the voters for approval.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by T. Melito, Resolution 1 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

2. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dennis Lally, social studies teacher, effective July 1, 2011 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by T. Melito, Resolution 2 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

3. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Frank Procaccini, social studies teacher, effective July 1, 2011 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by D. Bencivenga, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 3 was approved. (5-0)

RESIGNATION

4. **RESIGNATION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Angela Schnepf, English teacher, effective July 1, 2011 with regret and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.
On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by T. Melito, Resolution 4 was approved. (5-0)

**RESIGNATIONS
EFFECTIVE DATE**

5. **RESIGNATIONS EFFECTIVE DATE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education change the resignation effective date for the following staff Edward Augustine, school counselor, Mary Jo McCaig, social studies teacher, and Cathy Zelli, mathematics teacher, from June 30, 2011 to July 1, 2011.
On motion by J. Anderson, seconded by L. McKeown, Resolution 5 was approved. (5-0)

OMNIBUS MOTION

- On motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Melito, a motion to omnibus Items 6-20 was unanimously approved. (5-0)
On omnibus motion by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Melito an omnibus motion to move items 6-20 was unanimously APPROVED. (5-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Jacie Chatterton, elementary teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2011 to January 29, 2012, be approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the request from Stacy Neidig, foreign language teacher, for an unpaid childcare leave of absence commencing September 1, 2011 to January 29, 2012, be approved.

**ABOLISHMENT OF
POSITIONS**

8. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes two positions in the social studies 7-12 tenure area, one mathematics 7-12 tenure area, one school counselor K-12 tenure area, one elementary education K-6 tenure area, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the positions abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2011.

**ABOLISHMENT OF
POSITION**

9. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes one position in the physical education K-12 tenure area, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the position abolished shall be discontinued effective July 1, 2011, to wit: Susan Shanahan

**RESCIND CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

10. **RESCIND CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education rescind the casual appointments of Robert Richardelli as junior high boys lacrosse coach, John Parrinello and Jason Dittert as junior varsity boys lacrosse coaches and AnneMarie Martino as co-choreographer for the 2010-2011 school year.

**CASUAL
APPOINTMENTS**

11. **CASUAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following casual appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. Compensation for these positions to be in accordance with the Babylon Teachers' Association Contract.

Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach	John Parrinello
Junior High Boys Lacrosse Coach	Jason Dittert
Grade School Intramural Club	Craig Washington
Teacher mentor for L. Krellenstein, speech teacher (4/11-6/11)	Linda Fama

**CONDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTE
CUSTODIAL
APPOINTMENTS**

12. **CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d that the Board of Education approve the following conditional substitute custodial appointments. Compensation for substitute custodial assignments to be \$11.00/hour.

Fredy Rodas	Randolph Altman	Robert Moscato
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**CONDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTE
AIDE/MONITOR
APPOINTMENTS**

13. **CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE AIDE/MONITOR APPOINTMENTS: RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law 3000-d that the Board of Education approve the following conditional substitute aide/monitor appointments. Compensation for substitute aide/monitor assignments to be \$13.60/hour. Denise Adamo, Danielle Naldrett, Diane Szuchy, Marie Tripp, Alicia Lulley, Tamara Gumbardo, Diane Godgkeit

**ANNUAL MEETING
APPOINTMENT**

14. **ANNUAL MEETING APPOINTMENT: RESOLVED**, that Nancy Sharapata is designated as the permanent chairperson of election to be held on May 17, 2011 in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

15. **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following appropriation transfers for the 2010-2011 school year:

From:	A2110-1301-01	Tch/Reg Sch/Instr 7-12 ARRA	(\$86,500.00)
To:	A2251-1507-00	Spec Ed/Instr Sal	\$86,500.00
From:	A2251-4900-00	Spec Ed/BOCES	(\$130,000.00)
To:	A2251-4700-00	SpecEd/Tuition	\$130,000.00

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

16. **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 meetings held during the months of March 2011 and April 2011 be accepted.

**LICENSE AND
OPERATING
AGREEMENT WITH
SCOPE EDUCATION
SERVICES**

17. **LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the license and operating agreement between the Board of Education and SCOPE Education Services for the 2011-2012 school year.

**ANNUAL FIRE
INSPECTION REPORT**

18. **ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual fire inspection report for 2011/2012; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby directs the filing of said inspection in the Office of the District Clerk and the Office of the Commissioner of Education; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby gives public notice of the filing of said report as follows: Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the year 2011/2012 of the school buildings, Babylon Elementary School, Babylon Memorial Grade School and Babylon Junior-Senior High School within the boundaries of the Babylon Union Free School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the Office of the District Clerk of the Babylon Union Free School District at 50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York for inspection by all interested persons and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said notice in the Babylon Union Free School District's official newspaper within twenty (20) days.

**FEDERAL SINGLE
AUDIT REPORT**

19. **FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT: RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Federal Single Audit Report conducted by Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the 2009-2010 school year and hereby directs the District Clerk to place such report on the District website.

**APPROVAL OF A
RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN
INTER-MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT WITH
SUFFOLK COUNTY
FOR PROCUREMENT
OF NATURAL GAS**

20. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY FOR PROCUREMENT OF NATURAL GAS: WHEREAS**, sub-division (c) of section (1) of Article IX of the New York State Constitution provides that “Local governments shall have power to agree, as authorized by act of the legislature, with the federal government, a state or one or more other governments within or without the state, to provide cooperatively, jointly or by contract any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each participating local government has the power to provide separately...;”and **WHEREAS**, sub-division (1) of section 119-o of Article 5-G of the general Municipal Law provides, in part, that “In addition to any other general or special powers vested in municipal corporations and districts for the performance of their respective functions, powers or duties on an individual, cooperative, joint or contract basis, municipal corporations and districts shall have power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis or for the provision of a joint service...;”and **WHEREAS**, paragraph (d) of sub-division (2) of section 119-o of Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes agreements relating to “purchasing and making of contracts subject to general laws applicable to municipal corporations and school districts;” and **WHEREAS**, sub-division (a) of section 119-n of Article 5-G provides that “The term ‘municipal corporation’ means a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, fire district or a school district”; and **WHEREAS**, Babylon Union Free School District is an educational/municipal corporation and **WHEREAS**, Babylon Union Free School District has determined that, in the interest of realizing cost savings, it is to its advantage to participate, through Suffolk County’s Department of Public Works, in Suffolk County’s bidding and award procedures for the procurement of natural gas, by including the demand for natural gas of Babylon Union Free School District in the County’s request for bidders; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the mutual interest of Suffolk County to include Babylon Union Free School District demand for natural gas in its request for bidders for natural gas for County facilities, in order to maximize purchasing value and obtain a more favorable price, which will amount to a cost savings for Suffolk County; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, **RESOLVED**, that Peter R. Daly, Deputy Superintendent is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Suffolk County, in a form acceptable to the Board attorney, pursuant to §119-o of the General Municipal Law, to promote efficient and economical purchasing opportunities for natural gas; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that such agreement shall provide that Babylon Union Free School District and any of its affiliates, successors, and assigns shall be solely responsible for payments due the successful contractor or vendor for their individual purchases.”

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the Board moved on to the next item.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS**

Heather Tenety, PTA President, updated the Board of Education on PTA sponsored activities. She also reported that the PTA is donating two smartboards, one to the elementary school and one to the grade school. The Rotary Club held a “Legacy of Literacy” program which donated books to the elementary school students. She encouraged Board members participation at PTA events.

**QUESTIONS FROM
VISITORS**

The Board of Education addressed questions and/or concerns regarding a section XI decision regarding the girls lacrosse team, residence of a board member, a stipulation of settlement agreement, audit committee policy regarding board membership qualifications, update on Superintendent search and cost of conducting a search.

**FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS**

The Board of Education will be holding a work/study meeting of the Board of Education in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. A regular meeting and budget hearing will be held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Babylon Junior-Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m. there being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bencivenga and approved. (5-0)