

**North Babylon UFSD Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Ms. Meyerson called to order the regular meeting of the **North Babylon UFSD** at 7:00 PM

A motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mr. Scheid, to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing negotiations and personnel related issues and was unanimously approved at 7:03PM.

OPEN SESSION: 8:00 PM

The record reflects 8 community members in attendance

Roll call:

Board Members, Central Office Staff and District Attorneys present, Mrs. McNamee absent

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following:

Appointment of Board Member

Resolved, pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Board of Education by the New York State Education Law and Board Policy, the Board hereby appoints Mr. Jay Shinnick as trustee of the Board of Education, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Audrey Jacullo.

Oath of Office Administered to Mr. Shinnick by Mr. Steffanetta

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

On a motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mr. Levanti, the Board unanimously approved the following:

Planning Session – January 6, 2015 and Regular Business Meeting – January 22, 2015

III. Superintendent's Report

IV. a) Policy

NONE TO REPORT

b) Personnel

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following: Mr. Shinnick abstained:

Resignations, Terminations & Leaves of Absence: The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education approve the resignations, terminations, leaves of absence, and/or position abolitions in accordance with applicable provision of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in Schedules I and IA.

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following: Mr. Shinnick abstained: Appointments, Tenure & Salary Changes: The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education approve the employment appointments, tenure appointments, and salary changes, in accordance with applicable provision of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in Schedules II and IIA.

c) Financial Matters

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following, Mr. Shinnick abstained:

The Revenue Status Report for the period ending December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following:
The Appropriation Status Report for the period ending December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, the Board unanimously approved the following Mr. Shinnick abstained:
Trial Balance Reports for funds A, C, H3, F, SA, TA & TE for the period ending: December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following, Mr. Shinnick abstained:
The Register of Bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,928,873.77
Cafeteria	\$ 33,661.19
Special Aid	\$ 34,814.85

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, the Board unanimously approved the following, Mr. Shinnick abstained:
Treasurer’s Report for December, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board unanimously approved the following Mr. Shinnick abstained:
Budget Transfers for amounts over \$5,000

On a motion by Mr. Levanti, seconded by Mrs. Rowland, the Board unanimously approved the following Mr. Shinnick abstained:
Scholarship Donations for the month January, 2015.

d) Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Mrs. Rowland, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, the Board approved the Omnibus Motion Items a-j, Mr. Shinnick abstained:

<p>a. CSE and CPSE Placement Actions:</p> <p>1. Recommend the Board accept the CSE Placement Actions for the following date(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 4, 2015.
<p>b. Obsolete Equipment:</p> <p><i>WHEREAS, equipment is not working or compatible with our current network and books are outdated, now be it resolved the following equipment/ books be declared as surplus and that such equipment/ books be discarded in the most appropriate manner :</i></p> <p>1. Mitsubishi Projectors as further described in the attached memo dated January 23, 2015.</p> <p>2. The attached list of book(s) located in the High School Library attached memo dated January 30, 2015.</p>
<p>c. Building Use Requests:</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the following Building Use Request(s):</p> <p>1. Building use request from Fierce Dance Competition previously approved on October 23, 2014 to be amended to utilize the Middle School Auditorium on Friday, March 13, 2015 for set up as well as beginning the event. Additional time for security and custodial services will be charged. <i>(see attached)</i></p> <p>2. Suffolk County Department of Civil Service requests the use of the Robert Moses Middle School on Saturday, June 3, 2015 to administer the Policy Officer Exam from 6:00 am – 2:30 pm.</p>
<p>d. Health Services Contract(s) for the 2014-15 school year</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the following Health Service Contracts between North Babylon UFSD and:</p> <p>1. Syosset Central School District at a rate of \$877.07 per student.</p> <p>2. Massapequa Public Schools at a rate of \$910.29 per student.</p>

<p>e. Field Trip(s):</p> <p>Recommend the Board approves the following field trip(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The 8th Grade Class requests permission to travel to Six Flags Great Adventure, New Jersey for their class trip on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 as further described in the attached request form. 2. In the event that the following student athletes/ athletic teams qualify for Winter Season Championships , the following teams request permission to travel to post season play as further described in the attached request form: Winter Track (Boys & Girls), Wrestling, Boys Swimming, Bowling, Boys Basketball & Girls Basketball. 	<p>Tab 11</p>
<p>f. Inter-Municipal Transportation Agreement – West Babylon UFSD</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the agreement between the North Babylon UFSD and the West Babylon UFSD for shared transportation services for the 2014-2015 school year as further described in the attached agreement.</p>	<p>Tab 12</p>
<p>g. Contract – JDL Services</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the Service Agreement between the North Babylon UFSD and JDL for the the period beginning March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$2,300 for APPR training.</p>	<p>Tab 13</p>
<p>h. Field Tests- Request for Reconsideration</p> <p>WHEREAS, mandatory 3-8 English Language Arts and Math tests are given to students in New York State during April, which is the beginning of the fourth quarter of the school year; a practice contrary to good testing practices, which would suggest that summative tests be given at the end of a school year, as high school Regents exams currently are, but by the bureaucratic needs of the mandatory New York State Education Department (SED)Teacher and Principal Accountability system, known as Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR), and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the APPR accountability system requires that teachers and principals be given “composite” scores by early September, which dictates when tests must be administered to generate needed “data” in a timely manner, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the quality of instruction of all 3-8 grade students is lowered by mandatory testing practices of SED: teachers’ time is used unwisely and students’ learning opportunities are reduced as a consequence, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, in addition, the method of creating these mandatory tests includes the administration of additional “field tests” used by testing companies to develop appropriate questions for future tests, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, for-profit testing companies, such as Pearson, make a commercial profit by using children and taxpayer resources to advance their business plans, at no cost to the private corporation, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, in the past, districts have been asked to participate in these “field tests” on a voluntary basis, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, The New York State Board of Regents just adopted a proposal of the SED to make the administration of these tests mandatory, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, as a result thereof SED now compels districts to add further testing in the fourth quarter of the school year, using still more instructional time for the purpose of advancing a mandatory testing system organized not on the basis of what is best for children, but on what is best for the new teacher and principal accountability bureaucracy, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, as an additional result, this new additional mandatory testing forces children and districts, in effect, to subsidize the profit-making work of private corporations, thus using public resources and private families for the purpose of advancing a private business plans. Therefore, be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the North Babylon BOE disagrees strongly with this recent decision of the Regents and urges the Regents to reconsider its approach to assessing student learning and teacher or principal effectiveness, in as much as this decision hurts children and abuses the public trust by subsidizing private enterprise without public discussion.</p>	
<p>i. Academic Calendar 2015-2016</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the Academic Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.</p>	<p>Tab 14</p>

j. Eagle Scout Project

Recommend the Board approve the Eagle Scout Project submitted by Kyle W. as further described in the attached letter also endorsed by Mrs. Jackson, Principal of Belmont Elementary School.

VIII. Reports from Sub Committees:

Audit Committee: *None to report at this time*

Building Inspection Committee: *Date of original meeting canceled due to snow day and a new date has not been determined at this time.*

Policy Committee: *None to report at this time*

Community Action Committee: Letters to reactivate this committee were mailed on February 2, 2015

IX. Public Participation

Items Not on the Agenda:

1. Inter-municipal Transportation Agreement
2. Use of \$120,000
3. Eagle Scout Project
4. Hiring on anticipated vacancies
5. Filling vacant Board position

A motion made by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Rowland, to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel related issues at 8:30 PM was unanimously approved.

X. Adjournment- 10:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Erin Aristy, District Clerk

Minutes approved: March 19, 2015