BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENT: Gary Brunjes, Debbie Young Szala, Sandra Levine, Tom Vitale, Director, Cathy Tingo, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Loretta Chillemi, Anne Lotito-Schuh

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Brunjes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes –

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2026 Board meeting. (Szala/Levine) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Treasurer's Report/Warrants –

Motion was made to accept the July 2026 Treasurer's Report, as prepared by SuzAnne Getz. (Brunjes/Levine) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to approve Payroll Warrants for payrolls ending July 11, 2026 and July 25, 2026, as prepared by Treasurer, SuzAnne Getz. (Brunjes/Szala) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to approve checks numbered 9220 through and including 9327. (Brunjes/Levine) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Director's Report -

The Director presented his report which was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Personnel Report –

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Katarzyna Szmidt, part-time Library Clerk, effective August 25, 2026. (Levine/Brunjes) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to appoint Katarzyna Szmidt as Substitute Library Clerk, effective August 25, 2026. (Szala/Brunjes) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of $1500 to Erin White on September 11, 2026. (Szala/Levine) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of $2250 to Cynthia Puleo in two installments on October 9, 2026 and October 23, 2026. (Levine/Szala) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of $1500 to Joshua Perry on November 6, 2026. (Brunjes/Levine) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

New Business –

Approval of Commercial Insurance Policy by Regan Agency –

Motion was made to approve the Insurance Proposal of Regan Agency, Inc. from September 1, 2026 through September 1, 2027. (Levine/Szala) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Tax Levy Approval –

Motion was made to set the Library tax levy for fiscal year 2026-2027 at $2,486,493 with an approximate tax rate of $12.90 per $100 based on an assessed valuation of $19,280,772 as determined by Matthew R. Cronin, Assessor of the Town of Babylon. This information will be sent via letter to Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Babylon Union Free School District. (Brunjes/Szala) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Upcoming Meeting –

September 15, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment –

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. (Levine/Szala) Unanimous (Chillemi-Absent) (Schuh-Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tingo

Board Secretary