

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Laura Gavey
Michael Greb
Henry Johnson
Rosemary Natoli
Everett E. Newman III
Brian J. Sales

Charles A. Leunig
Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendents
Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Instr.
Allan W. Frank – Finance & Operations

ABSENT:

Doris Fischer

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 4 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Brian J. Sales, President, in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School, with the opening exercises and a moment of silent meditation.

Roll Call of Board Members by the District Clerk.

FOR ACTION

1. Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 15, 2008.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignations – Mathematics, Teaching Assistant

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Greb to accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Lance Lohman	.4 Mathematics Teacher .6 Annual Per Diem Substitute Middle School	10/21/08 – Present	1/9/09	Personal
Colleen Smith	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	11/5/08 – Present	1/5/09	Personal

Ms. Smith is resigning her teaching assistant position and will remain on the per diem substitute list.

Sarah Shields	Teaching Assistant Deauville Gardens	9/19/07 – Present	1/30/09	Personal
Karen Melara	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	10/18/05 – Present	1/23/09	Personal

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Requests for Leave of Absences – Speech, English, Special Education

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following requests for leave of absences, without pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Louise Radzicki	Speech Teacher Deauville Gardens	1994 – Present	4/9/09* terminating 5/20/09	Child Care

*February 12, 2009 through May 20, 2009 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Lauren McElmoyl	English Teacher High School	2003 – Present	4/15/09* terminating 5/31/09	Child Care
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*March 4, 2009 through May 31, 2009 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Jayme Taff	Special Education Teacher Middle School	2003 – Present	4/28/09* terminating 5/31/09	Child Care
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*March 17, 2009 through May 31, 2009 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following staff appointments:

a. Approval - Resolution - Emergency Conditional Appointments

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individuals on an emergency conditional basis pursuant to applicable provisions of the New York State Education Law:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>
Accurso, Michael	Student Teacher	1/15/09
Ancrum, Mamie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Barry, Ann Marie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Drury, Secilia	Student Observer	1/15/09
Klein, Mary	Director of Guidance	1/15/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
McAuliffe, Peggy	Student Teacher	1/15/09
Piering, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Richardson, Trina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Roth, Elise	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Salgado, Jose	Student Observer	1/15/09
Smith, Tania	Band Volunteer	1/15/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bust Transportation Attendant	1/15/09
Tomek, Christina	Student Observer	1/15/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/15/09

b. Appointments – Teaching: Grant Programs – 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Palazzo	Extended Day	\$35 per hour
	Science Tutor	1/15/09
	Middle School	
Monica Csorny	Extended Day	\$35 per hour
	Science Tutor	1/15/09
	Middle School	
Daniel Leccese	Extended Day	\$35 per hour
	Science Tutor	1/15/09
	Middle School	
Loretta Barbetti	Extended Day	\$35 per hour
	Science Tutor	1/15/09
	Middle School	

Alice Jankowski	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Carole Olsen	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Nicole Coleman	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Nina Maslo	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Laura Johnson	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Jennifer Rondon	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Thomas Witko	Extended Day Science Tutor Middle School	\$35 per hour 1/15/09
Nube Crimi	Title III Newcomer Program High School	\$35 per hour 12/15/08

c. Appointments – Adult and Continuing Education Teachers – Spring 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Albanese	Scrapbooking	\$16.51 per hour
Linda Chase	Forensic Anthropology	\$16.51 per hour
Elizabeth Coniglio	Ceramics	\$16.51 per hour
Kattia Gordon	Party Planning	\$16.51 per hour
Mary Haughey	Creative Writing	\$16.51 per hour
Michael Holzweiss	Basic Automotive Maintenance	\$16.51 per hour
Michael Jones	Beginning Computers	\$16.51 per hour
Viet Nguyen	Volleyball	\$16.51 per hour
Christopher Mastromano	Ballroom Dancing	\$16.51 per hour
Lynn Mastromano	Ballroom Dancing	\$16.51 per hour
Sonja Schaffner	Ballroom Dancing	\$16.51 per hour
Christopher Langer	Weight Training	\$16.51 per hour
Frank Tucci	Italian Conversation Spanish Conversation Spanish Intermediate Conversation	\$16.51 per hour Certified teacher paid an additional hour each session

Matthew Pecorella	Yoga	\$35.00 per session
Jolanta Bazyte	Nutrition Workshop	Paid on a contractual basis w/Copiague School District
Carmen Roberts	Aerobics and Kickboxing	\$30.00 per session
Staci Melnick	SAT Preparation	\$16.51 per hour Certified teacher paid an additional hour each session
Percival Dyer II	Careers in the U. S. Foreign Service	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School District
BOCES Staff	ABE/GED English as a Second language Learn to be a U. S. Citizen Notary Public Test Preparation Civil Service Test Preparation	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School District
Professional Training Consultants (Roland Grant)	First Aid Defensive Driving	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School District
Suffolk County Police Department	Ident-a-Kid Workshop	No Fee
Allen Pelkonen	College Funding Alternative Investments	No Fee
Brian C. Vail	Long Term Care & Estate Planning Retirement Seminar	No Fee

d. Appointment – Home Tutor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Lisa Dunn	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 1/15/09

e. Appointments – Co-Curricular – 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
John Meyer	Pit Orchestra Director High School	\$1,883
Michael Johnson	Set Designer High School	\$2,474
Theresa Bapst	Winterguard High School	\$3,557

f. Appointments – High School Musical Play Ancillary Staff – 2008/09

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Michael Johnson, Jr.	Musical Play	\$900	Lighting Designer
Michelle Budion	Musical Play	\$500	Assistant Director
Mark Levinson	Musical Play	\$1,400	Rehearsal Pianist
Meredith Wanzer	Musical Play	\$700	Crew Manager
Lois DeVito	Musical Play	\$500	Production Assistant
Tania Smith	Musical Play	None	Volunteer
Nicole Coleman	Musical Play	None	Volunteer

g. Appointments – Marching Band Staff – 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Theresa Bapst	Winterguard Drill Writer	\$1,500
Tom Anderson	Percussion Instructor	\$1,000
	Percussion Arranger	\$1,000
Cesare Papetti	Mallet Instructor	\$1,500
Rebecca Meyer	Winterguard Technician High School	\$1,500
	Equipment Writer Middle School	\$ 500
Jacqueline Arquer	Winterguard Technician Middle School	\$ 500
Demitris Whitehead	Drumline Instructor	None
Paul Caputo	High School Band	None
Danielle Palladino	High School Band	None

h. Compensation for Additional Work

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Days Worked</u>
Deena Ryan	Mathematics Teacher High School	10/8/08, 10/10/08, 10/14/08, 10/15/08, 10/16/08, 10/17/08, 10/20/08, 10/21/08, 10/22/08, 10/23/08, 10/24/08, 10/27/08, 10/28/08, 10/29/08, 10/30/08, 10/31/08, 11/3/08, 11/5/08, 11/6/08, 11/7/08, 11/10/08, 11/12/08, 11/13/08, 11/14/08, 11/17/08, 11/18/08 Total of 26 class periods
Lizet Mandriota	Mathematics Teacher High School	10/22/08, 10/23/08, 10/24/08, 10/27/08, 10/28/08, 10/29/08, 10/30/08, 10/31/08, 11/3/08, 11/5/08, 11/6/08, 11/7/08, 11/10/08, 11/12/08, 11/13/08, 11/14/08, 11/17/08, 11/18/08, Total of 18 class periods

Marie Cerritos	Mathematics Teacher High School	10/28/08, 10/29/08, 10/30/08, 10/31/08, 11/3/08, 11/5/08, 11/6/08, 11/7/08, 11/10/08 11/12/08, 11/13/08, 11/14/08, 11/17/08, 11/18/08 Total of 14 class periods
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The rate of pay for one additional teaching period per day is one-eighth of the daily rate for the teacher.

i. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Permanent – Clerk Typist

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Karen Calautti	Clerk Typist Coordinators' Office Middle School	Step 3 - \$34,717 1/19/09

j. Appointments – Alternate Chairpersons: Committee on Special Education and the 504 Committee for the 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Dr. Jolie Dichter	Alternate CSE Chairperson
Dr. Lydia Warner	Alternate CSE Chairperson

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of students with disabilities:

Case #5206	Case #7231	Case #5512	Case #5124	Case #4913	Case #5201
Case #4823	Case #3990	Case #7257	Case #3169	Case #7186	Case #5793
Case #5929	Case #5578	Case #4875	Case #7252	Case #7229	Case #5885
Case #7244	Case #7258	Case #5568	Case #3982		

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following policy changes:

5300.26	Code of Conduct – Drug and Alcohol Abuse
5300.26-R	Code of Conduct – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Regulation
5300.35	Code of Conduct – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
5300.45	Code of Conduct – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
5300.50	Code of Conduct – Corporal Punishment
5300.55-R	Code of Conduct – Student Searches and Interrogations Regulations
5300.65	Code of Conduct – Public Conduct on School Property
5300.70	Code of Conduct – Dissemination and Review
8130	Emergency Management Plans

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to accept the following donations:

- A \$700 scholarship check from the Suffolk Association of School Business Officials
- \$2,000 from School Construction Consultants, Inc. in support of the Robotics Team

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following resolution which supports local government efficiency grant applications being submitted to the state by the Connetquot, Lindenhurst, and Hampton Bays School Districts during the month of January:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Copiague Board of Education believes that expanded availability of shared services and the functional consolidation of certain school district operations will result in greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association, the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, Suffolk County Government, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, and Western Suffolk BOCES have engaged in discussions regarding the expansion of shared services and functional consolidation amongst Suffolk County school districts; and

WHEREAS, the state has made Local Government Efficiency Grants available to school districts to promote the expansion of shared services; and

WHEREAS, three grant applications are being submitted to solicit funding for the study and establishment of cost-effective shared services to be introduced by Suffolk County school districts; and

WHEREAS, the areas to be studied with the grant funding include the expansion of regional non-public school transportation services (Lead Educational Agencies: Connetquot UFSD; Eastern Suffolk BOCES; Western Suffolk BOCES), the establishment of a countywide school employee health insurance plan (Lead Educational Agencies: Lindenhurst UFSD; Eastern Suffolk BOCES; Western Suffolk BOCES), and the introduction of a shared school purchasing office which will serve as a pilot (Lead Educational Agency: Hampton Bays UFSD); and

WHEREAS, all three of these areas to be studied offer potential savings for all school districts in Suffolk County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Copiague Board of Education supports the application of the Connetquot UFSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, and Hampton Bays UFSD for funding for the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program in order to assure that new cost-effective services options are available to Suffolk County school districts.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the request for two high school students to attend the Music Educators National Conference All Eastern Conference at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island, on March 8-11, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to award the Request for Proposal for REMS Grant Evaluator to Dr. Reneé Blumstein for her low proposal of \$6,000 meeting general conditions and specification.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the transfer of \$1,750 from the Vending Fund to the Varsity Club in support of their program.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the revision of the 2008/2009 School Calendar closing of school for students in order to schedule the annual spring Superintendent's Conference Day on March 19, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

7. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Change Order for a reduction of \$5,669 to the roof replacement contract at Susan E. Wiley Elementary School.

- Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 2 – Roof Replacement

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:

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| a. General Fund | - 12/16/08; 1/2/09 |
| b. School Lunch Fund | - 12/16, 23/08; 1/2/09 |
| c. Federal Fund | - 12/16/08; 1/2/09 |
| d. Capital Fund | - 12/16/08; 1/2/09 |

2. Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2008

3. Cafeteria Operating Report – November 2008

4. Budget Transfers – November 2008

5. Expenditure, Revenue, Investment, and Extracurricular Reports – November 2008

6. Enrollment Report for the Period Ending December 26, 2008

7. Superintendent's Report:

At this time Mr. Leunig presented Mr. Greb with the Developmental Achievement Citation for his participation in NYSSBA leadership development.

Mr. Leunig reported on the NYSCOSS Mid-Winter Conference he attended in Albany.

Mr. Leunig also announced that the school district's three elementary schools have been recognized as Gold Level Team Nutrition Schools in the Healthier US School Challenge by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

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| 4321.5 | Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment |
| 4321.6 | School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions |
| 4321.7 | Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Education Services Programs and Service Plans |
| 4321.8 | Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities |
| 4321.9 | Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities |
| 4321.10 | Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation |
| 4321.11 | Declassification of Students with Disabilities |
| 5305 | Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities |
| 5311.3 | Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints |
| 5311.3-R | Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints Regulation |
| 5415 | School Wellness |
| 5415-R | School Wellness Policy Regulation |
| 5420 | Student Health Services |
| 5420-R | Student Health Services Regulation |

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

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| 5420.2 | Requests for Religious Exemption from Immunization |
| 5420.2-R | Requests for Religious Exemption from Immunization Regulation |
| 5420.2-E.1 | Request for Religious Exemption to Immunization Form |
| 5420.2-E.2 | Results of Principals Review |
| 5430 | Student Psychological Services |
| 5430-E.1 | Student Psychological Services Application for Psychological Services
Grades 6-12 Exhibit |

5430-E.2 Student Psychological Services Authorization to Conduct an Individual
Evaluation Exhibit
5431 Suicide Prevention
5431-R Suicide Prevention Regulation
5431-E Suicide Prevention Exhibit

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sales discussed a letter the Board received from NSBA concerning the conference.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School. This meeting will be preceded by Board Recognition of Students at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

All schools and offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2009, in commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales reported on the Technology Meeting and the N-SSBA Legislative Meeting he attended.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There was no voice of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular person.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to reconvene the meeting.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk