

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 26, 2009

PRESENT:

Laura Gavey
Michael Greb
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
Henry Johnson

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 17 Residents and Staff Members

The meeting was preceded by Student Recognition at 7:00 p.m. held in the Middle School Auditorium.

Meeting was called to order at 7:43 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 Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 14, 2009 and the Audit Committee Meeting of January 20, 2009.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

2. Approval of a Resolution and Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District, the Copiague Teachers' Association, and a Staff Member

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following Resolution and Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District, the Copiague Teachers' Association, and a Staff Member:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Copiague Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board of Education the annexed agreement concerning a member of the District's staff, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to take such other or further action as shall be necessary to give effect thereto.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

3. Request for Leave of Absence – Foreign Language

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following request for leave of absence, without pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Monica Santaly	Foreign Language Teacher High School	2004 – Present	4/17/09* terminating 5/3/09	Child Care

*March 6, 2009 through May 3, 2009 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

4. Tenure Recommendation – Professional Staff Member

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following professional staff permanent tenure recommendation:

Name	Assignment & School	Tenure Area	End of Probationary Period	Effective Tenure Date
William Bennett	Physical Education Teacher Great Neck Road	Physical Education	4/5/09	4/6/09

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

5. 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:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFF. DATE
Accurso, Michael	Student Teacher	1/27/09
Ancrum, Mamie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Barry, Ann Marie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Drury, Secilia	Student Observer	1/27/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
McAuliffe, Peggy	Student Teacher	1/27/09
Piering, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Richardson, Trina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Roth, Elise	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Salgado, Jose	Student Observer	1/27/09
Smith, Tania	Band Volunteer	1/27/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bust Transportation Attendant	1/27/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	1/27/09

b. Appointment – Teaching: Probationary - Art

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Probationary Period	Effective Date & Salary
Lois DeVito	NYS Permanent Certificate Art eff. 9/1/03	Art Susan E. Wiley	2/2/09 terminating 2/1/11*	2/2/09 Salary: Step 3 Column MA \$60,718 of the 2008/09 Teachers’ Salary Schedule

*Credit given for prior tenure with the Roosevelt Public Schools.

c. Appointment – Teacher: Regular Substitute – Guidance Counselor

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Christina DeMott	NYS Permanent Certificate School Counselor eff. 9/1/08	School Counseling and Guidance Susan E. Wiley	1/31/09 and terminating on 3/13/09 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$56,475 + \$2,541.38 Guidance Counselor differential (prorated) of the 2008/09 Teachers’ Salary Schedule

d. Appointment – Co-Curricular – Head Chaperone 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Ronald Mammola	Head Chaperone Spring Season High School	\$1,500 plus \$60 per athletic event attended

e. Appointments – Home Tutors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Jonathan Cutolo	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 1/27/09
Brittany Patterson	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 1/27/09

f. Appointments – Staff Members – Plan to Improve Student Academic Achievement – “Project Interceptors”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Jean Rettura	Attendance Team Worker	\$35 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09
Lynn Atlas	Attendance Team Worker	\$35 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09
Armando Marcenaro	Attendance Team Worker	\$35 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09
Lisette Persico	Attendance Team Worker	\$35 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09
Carmela Hufnagel	Attendance Aide	\$17.03 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09
Rosette Verriotto	Attendance Aide	\$17.03 per hour 2/2/09 – 5/29/09

This program is funded through the Safe and Drug Free School Act Grant.

g. Appointment – Annual – Part-time School Nurse (Registered Nurse)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Tracey Stefanelli	Part-time School Nurse High School NYS Registered Professional Nurse License through 2/28/11	Step 1 - \$20.89 per hour 4 hours per day 1/27/09 terminating 6/30/09

h. Continuation of Appointment: Non-Teaching – Food Service Worker

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Tania Almonte-Brown	PT Food Service Worker High School	\$12.35 per hour 4 hours per day eff. 2/11/09

i. Continuation of Appointment: Non-Teaching – Maintenance Mechanic

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Steven Paleno	Maintenance Mechanic District	Step 1 - \$37,357 plus \$500 maintenance mechanic differential effective 2/9/09

j. Appointments – Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Donna Dorso	Committee on Special Education
Pamela White	Committee on Special Education
Melissa Cianci	Committee on Preschool Special Education

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #7254	Case #7187	Case #7285	Case #7268	Case #7282	Case #7138
Case #7182	Case #7295	Case #7294	Case #7188	Case #7190	Case #7275
Case #6018	Case #6016				

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #4377	Case #5769	Case #5723	Case #7259	Case #7269	Case #5928
Case #4821	Case #7176	Case #7256			

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed

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

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

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to adopt the School Calendar for the 2009/2010 school year.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the request for high school DECA Club students to attend the State Competition in Rochester, New York, on March 4-6, 2009.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:

- a. General Fund - 1/14/09
- b. School Lunch Fund - 1/14/09
- c. Federal Fund - 1/14/09
- d. Vending Fund - 1/14/09

2. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig provided highlights of the Legislative Advocacy meeting he attended with several Board members at Eastern Suffolk BOCES on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

Dr. Bannon gave an update on the Universal Pre-K Program.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

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

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

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| 5440 | School Social Worker Services |
| 5450 | Student Safety |
| 5450-E | Student Accident Report Exhibit |
| 5450.1 | Notification of Release of Convicted Sex Offenders |
| 5450.1-E.1 | Notification of Sex Offenders Exhibit to Staff, Parents and Community Members |
| 5450.1-E.2 | Notification of Sex Offenders Exhibit to Building Principals |
| 5453 | Student Bicycle Use |
| 5453-R | Student Bicycle Use Regulation |
| 5454 | Student Automobile Use |
| 5454-R | Student Automobile Use Regulation |
| 5460 | Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment |
| 5460-R | Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect and Maltreatment Regulation |
| 5460-E | Notification to the Principal of a Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Maltreatment |

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

There was no voice of the Board.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A parent, whose child is being interviewed to become a People to People Ambassador, was inquiring whether there were any monies available to help offset the travel cost associated with becoming an ambassador.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to reconvene the meeting.

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk