

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

PRESENT:

Doris Fischer
Laura Gavey
Michael Greb
Henry Johnson
Rosemary Natoli
Brian J. Sales

Charles A. Leunig
Superintendent of Schools

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

ABSENT:

Everett E. Newman III

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 8 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 Mr. Greb to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 26, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignations – Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Music

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Allan Frank	Assistant Superintendent Finance & Operations	1995-Present	7/31/09	Retirement
Sonia Kircher	Music Teacher PT (.5) Annual Per Diem (.5) Susan E. Wiley	2008 – Present	2/6/09	Personal

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Declination of Appointment – Co-Curricular

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following declination of appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Reason Given</u>
Michael Johnson	HS Musical Play Set Designer Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 1/14/09	Medical

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Memoranda of Agreement between the Copiague U. F. S. D. and (a) the Copiague Teachers' Association; (b) the Copiague Association of Principals

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer approve the Memoranda of Agreement between the Copiague U. F. S. D. and (a) the Copiague Teachers' Association; (b) the Copiague Association of Principals which allows members to convert sick leave payout into a non-elective IRS 403(b) contribution.

Vote: 6 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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>
Ancrum, Mamie	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Denning, Ann	Varsity Lacrosse Assistant Coach	2/10/09
Keupp, Jen-Michael	Sound Technician HS Play	2/10/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Lee, Jee Yun	Sound Technician HS Play	2/10/09
Piering, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Richardson, Trina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Roth, Elise	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	2/10/09

b. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute - Elementary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Danielle Lagnese	NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education 1-6 eff. 9/1/06 Early Childhood Education B-2 eff. 2/1/07	Elementary Grades K-6 Deauville Gardens	1/13/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/09 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$56,475 (prorated) of the 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule

c. Appointment – Teaching: Part Time (.5) - Art

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Barbara Kulikowska	NYS Initial Cert. Visual Arts eff. 9/1/05	Art Middle School/ Susan E. Wiley	2/2/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/09 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$56,475 at .5 (\$28,237.50 prorated) of the 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule

d. Appointments – Grant Programs – 2008-09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Kenneth Pratt	Extended Day SAT High School	\$35.00 per hour 3/30/09 – 6/4/09
Deena Ryan	Extended Day SAT High School	\$35.00 per hour 3/30/09 – 6/4/09
Maria Cericola	Extended Day High School	\$35.00 per hour 2/2/09
Odalys Fregni	Extended Day Middle School	\$23.14 per hour 2/3/09
Chantall Charles	Extended Day Susan E. Wiley	\$35.00 per hour 2/2/09

e. Appointments – Coaching Staff – Spring 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Kenneth Rittenhouse	Varsity Baseball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$6,240 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
William Bennett	Varsity Asst. Baseball First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,992 3/9/09
Terrance Jablonski	JV Baseball First Aid Expires 4/10	\$4,680 3/9/09
James Konen	Varsity Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 2/11	\$6,760 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Kenneth Berry	Varsity Asst. Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 2/11	\$5,408 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Francis Salazar	JV Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 12/10	\$5,070 3/9/09
John Parrinello	JV Boys Asst. Lacrosse First Aid Pending	\$4,133 3/9/09
Patricia Stein	Varsity Girls Lacrosse First Aid Expires 1/12	\$6,760 3/9/09
Ann Denning	Varsity Asst. Girls Lacrosse First Aid Pending	\$5,408 3/9/09

George Schroeder	Varsity Boys Track First Aid Expires 6/11	\$6,240 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Jack Sack	Varsity Asst. Boys Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,992 3/9/09
Antoinette Spencer	Varsity Girls Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$6,240 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Stephen Rebholz	Varsity Asst. Girls Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$4,992 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Kristin Havdoglous	Varsity Softball First Aid Expires 6/11	\$6,240 3/9/09
Elizabeth Brennan	Varsity Asst. Softball First Aid Pending	\$4,992 3/9/09
Jonathan Cutolo	JV Softball First Aid Expires 7/10	\$4,680 3/9/09
Paul Kounadis	JV Boys Tennis First Aid Expires 10/09	\$3,900 3/9/09
Christopher Porcellini	Middle School Baseball First Aid Expires 8/11	\$3,455 3/9/09
Staci Melnick	Middle School Softball First Aid Pending	\$3,455 3/9/09
Christopher Gaudio	Middle School Boys Track First Aid Expires 6/10	\$3,455 + \$400 longevity 3/9/09
Nicholas Lorenzen	Middle School Girls Track First Aid Expires 4/10	\$3,455 3/9/09
Peter Casale	Middle School Boys Lacrosse First Aid Expires 8/11	\$3,455 3/9/09

Maryanne Sarro	Middle School Gymnastics First Aid Expires 8/09	\$4,668 3/9/09
Jessica Mattera	Middle School Gymnastics Asst. First Aid Expires 2/11	\$3,734 3/9/09
Jacqueline Fitzharris	Middle School Boys Tennis First Aid Expires 4/10	\$3,455 3/9/09
Lizet Mandriota	Middle School Girls Lacrosse First Aid Expires 1/12	\$3,455 3/9/09

f. Appointment – Co-Curricular – 2008-09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lauren Lefkowitz	Set Designer High School	\$2,474

g. Appointment – Home Tutor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Neil Schweitzer	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 2/10/09

h. Appointments – Annual - Mentors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Eileen Plaskon	Danielle Lagnese eff. 2/2/09	Deauville Gardens Half Year
Michele Budion	Barbara Kulikowska eff. 2/2/09	Middle School Half Year

Mentors are assigned to new teachers holding New York State Initial Certificates in order to provide a one-year mentoring experience during their first year of employment. Mentors receive a \$2,000 annual stipend in addition to 120 hours of professional development credit.

i. Compensation for Additional Work

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Days Worked</u>
Chantall Charles	Music Teacher Middle School	2/4/09 – 4/24/09 30 class periods

The rate of pay for one additional teaching period per day is one-eighth of the daily rate for the teacher.

j. Appointments – High School Musical Play Ancillary Staff – Spring 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jen Michael Keupp	HS Musical Play	\$1,200	Audio Advisor
Jee Yun Lee	HS Musical Play	\$1,200	Audio Advisor

k. Appointment – Annual – Chaperone – 2008-09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Christopher Porcellini	Teacher

l. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Permanent – Chief Custodian

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Timothy McCarthy	Chief Custodian Middle School	Step 5 - \$61,061 eff. 3/2/09

m. Continuation of Appointment – Non-Teaching – Clerk Typist (Part time)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Kathleen LaFauci	Clerk Typist (part time) Susan E. Wiley	Step 1 - \$16.00 per hour 3.5 hours per day eff. 3/2/09

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #5863	Case #7301	Case #7306	Case #7207	Case #7303	Case #7302
Case #7307	Case #7309	Case #7046	Case #7137	Case #7308	Case #6018

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #3955	Case #4523	Case #7261	Case #4752	Case #5315	Case #4278
Case #5820	Case #7271	Case #7286	Case #7288	Case #7245	Case #5891
Case #7263	Case #5056	Case #7279	Case #5757	Case #7264	Case #3610
Case #5239	Case #5726	Case #7284	Case #5126	Case #7277	Case #5228
Case #7260	Case #7265	Case #7262	Case #5422	Case #5506	Case #7278
Case #4325					

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed

8. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following policy changes:

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve rescheduling the date of the Board of Education meeting from March 2 to March 4, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to accept a grant in the amount of \$800 that has been donated by Target, which will be used by students to travel to the Nassau County Museum of Art.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the request for winter guard students to attend the Color Guard Competitions in New Milford, Connecticut, on February 21, 2009 and in Trumbull, Connecticut, on February 28, 2009, and to attend the Color Guard Championship in Old Bridge, New Jersey, on April 26, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the increase in the stipend paid to the Treasurer from \$11,025 to \$21,825 for the 2008/09 school year for additional duties he now has to perform.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following resolution, which establishes an Unemployment Insurance Reserve:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of an Unemployment Reserve Fund to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants consistent with the applicable provisions of the General Municipal Law.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the following resolution that provides legal representation for an employee:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2009, Bruce Muro, a professional staff member, submitted to the Board of Education a notice of the commencement of a legal proceeding against him entitled The People of the State of New York vs. Muro, Docket No. 2008SU059855, which proceeding allegedly arises out of the exercise of the employee's powers or performance of his duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby designates and appoints Raymond Perini, Esq. to provide legal representation for the employee in accordance with Education Law §§3811 and 3028.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
 - a. General Fund - 1/28/09
 - b. School Lunch Fund - 1/28/09
 - c. Federal Fund - 1/28/09
 - d. Capital Fund - 1/28/09
2. Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2008
3. Cafeteria Operating Report for the Month of December 2008
4. Budget Transfers – December 2008
5. Revenue, Expenditure, Investment, Extracurricular, and Trail Balance Reports – December 2008
6. Enrollment Report for the Period Ending January 30, 2009
7. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig provided an update of the current state and federal budget situation as they relate to Copiague. He also announced that tomorrow the USDA will visit all three of our elementary

school cafeterias to present them with the Gold Award. Newsday will be at the Susan E. Wiley School to take pictures and to do a report on the presentation. Mr. Leunig also showed the Kidsday articles that featured our Middle School children which appeared in Newsday in the daily and weekend papers.

Dr. Bannon reported that she has received a preview of the 07-08 School Accountability Status and that the District is seeing improvement in all academic areas.

Ms. Mary Klein, Director of Guidance, presented a Guidance Update.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

5440	School Social Worker Services
5450	Student Safety
5450.1	Notification of Release of Convicted Sex Offenders
5450.1-E.1	Notification of Sex Offenders Exhibit to Staff, Parents and Community Members
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

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

5220	Student Publications
5225	Student Personal Expression
5300.35	Code of Conduct – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
5500	Student Records
5500-R	Student Records Regulation
5500-E.1	Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
5500-E.2	Objection to Release of Directory Information Designations
5500-E.3	Notification of Release of Student Records Pursuant to Court Order or Subpoena
5500-E.4	Application to Review Student Records by Parties Entitled Thereto Without Consent of Parent/Guardian or Student
5500-E.5	Application to Review Student Records and Consent Thereto by Parent/Guardian or Student
5600	Miscellaneous Student Policies
5620	Pregnant Students
5640	Employment of Students
5640-R	Employment of Students Regulation
5650	Student Volunteers for School and Public Service
5660	Student Gifts and Solicitations
5680	Student Fees, Fines and Charges
5800	Student Awards and Scholarships

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School.

Budget Work Sessions have been scheduled for March 4, March 16, and March 30, 2009.

All schools will be closed for the winter recess from February 16 through February 20, 2009. Offices will be open Tuesday through Thursday, February, 17-19, 2009.

The Legislative Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales gave a recap of the N-SSBA Legislative Committee Meeting which he attended.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There was no voice of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk