

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 16, 2009

PRESENT:

Doris Fischer
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:

Henry Johnson

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 19 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Brian J. Sales, President, in the West Cafeteria in 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 March 4, 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Termination of Appointment – Senior Account Clerk

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sandra Perras-	Sr. Account Clerk	9/24/08 – Present	3/13/09
D'Alessio	Business Office		

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Request for Leave of Absence – Food Service Worker

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>
Laura Skalkowski	Food Service Worker (Part time) High School	12/22/98 – Present	2/23/09 terminating on or before 4/5/09	Medical

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following resolution ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants on behalf of the Local Bargaining Unit and authorizing the President of the Copiague Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the formal Agreement:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Copiague Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014) between the negotiating representatives of the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants on behalf of the Local Bargaining Unit entered into on February 4, 2009 and ratified on March 11, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to execute the formal Agreement.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teachers Association

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teachers Association which allows members of the Copiague Teachers Association who are aged 55 or older by December 31, 2009 and retire on June 30, 2009 to be compensated for their accumulated sick days at a rate of 90% of their per diem value which will be contributed to a non-elective IRS 403(b) retirement savings plan.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. 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>
Clare, Timothy	Student Observer	3/17/09
Dede, Murielle	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Fogel, Wendy	HS Musical Musician	3/17/09
Griffin, Regina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Iovine, Stephanie	HS Musical Musician	3/17/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Mandaro, Anne	HS Musical Musician	3/17/09
Montalvo, Kattiusca	Student Observer	3/17/09
Nelson, Moira	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Parrillo, Desiree	HS Musical Musician	3/17/09
Putz, Erik	HS Musical Lighting Designer	3/17/09
Raitz, Kaitlyn	HS Musical Musician	3/17/09
Richardson, Trina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Schoolfield, Steven	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Theagene, Jocelyne	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/17/09

b. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute – Guidance Counselor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Christina DeMott	NYS Permanent Cert. School Counselor eff. 9/1/08	School Counseling and Guidance Susan E. Wiley	3/14/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/09 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$56,475 + \$2,541.38 Guidance Counselor differential (prorated) of the 2008/09 Teachers' Salary Schedule

c. Appointment – Grant Programs – 2008-09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
James Cleary	Title III ESL Extended Day Middle School	\$35.00 per hour 3/9/09

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
John DeWitt	High School Musical	\$300	Bass
Paul Caputo	High School Musical	\$300	Drums
Diana Ambriano	High School Musical	\$300	Violin
Elyse Gellert	High School Musical	\$300	Violin
Wendy Fogel	High School Musical	\$300	Violin
Anne Mandaro	High School Musical	\$300	Violin
Dustin Bartley	High School Musical	\$300	Viola
Kaitlyn Raitz	High School Musical	\$300	Cello
Stephanie Iovine	High School Musical	\$300	Cello
Jeanne Brunson	High School Musical	\$300	French Horn
Andrew Brunson	High School Musical	\$300	French Horn
Ralph Duke IV	High School Musical	\$300	French Horn

Desiree Parrillo	High School Musical	\$300	Guitar
Erik Putz*	High School Musical	\$900	Lighting Designer

*Mr. Putz is being appointed to fill the position Michael Johnson, Jr. was appointed to at the January 14, 2009 Board of Education meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Johnson is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

e. Appointments – Teaching: Per Diem Substitute

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Andrea Occhipinti	Per Diem Substitute Initial NYS Certificates: Childhood Ed. 1-6 Early Childhood Ed. B-2 Students w/Disabilities 1-6 Students w/Disabilities B-2	\$100.00 per day 3/17/09
Erin Kreyer	Per Diem Substitute Certification Pending Music K-12	\$90.00 per day 3/17/09

f. Appointment – Annual – Chaperone 2008/09 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Todd Rauch	Teacher

g. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary - Food Service Worker

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Denise Tavitian	Food Service Worker (Part time) Great Neck Road	Step 1 - \$12.35 per hour 3 hours per day 3/17/09 probationary period to end 11/30/09

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #7336 Case #7322 Case #7335 Case #5837 Case #7294

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #4041 Case #3727 Case #7305 Case #5135 Case #6072 Case #4126
 Case #5039 Case #7311 Case #5800 Case #5947 Case #4731 Case #3169
 Case #7113 Case #3265 Case #5793 Case #7310 Case #5583 Case #5699

Annual Review of Students

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

9. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following policy changes:

5220	Student Publications
5225	Student Personal Expression
5300.35	Code of Conduct – Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
5500	Student Records

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A):

RESOLUTION

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM RESOLUTION (A)

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Copiague Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Membership Committee consisting of one (1) representative from each Participant shall be formed. The Participant shall accordingly appoint one (1) representative to the Membership Committee. Said representative shall be provided with a list of bids. A meeting of the Membership Committee shall be held annually. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the following resolution concerning the Joint Municipal Cooperative Program through Western Suffolk BOCES for Requests for Proposal for special education services:

RESOLUTION

**JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROGRAM
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Copiague Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Request for Proposal Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Western Suffolk BOCES' standard request for proposal packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising, accepting, opening, and tabulating requests for proposal, awarding the requests for proposal, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required requests for proposal for special education services in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Western Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Western Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the Corrective Action Plan based on the Comptroller's Report of January 2009.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Greb to adopt the resolution regarding a change of Trustee for the District's 457 plan.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:

- a. General Fund - 2/25/09
- b. School Lunch Fund - 2/25/09
- c. Federal Fund - 2/25/09
- d. Vending Fund - 2/25/09

2. Enrollment Report for the Period Ending February 27, 2009

3. School Budget 2009/2010 – Second Draft

4. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced the Varsity Girls Basketball Team won the Long Island Championship and will be playing up in Troy, NY this weekend for the NY State Championship. Also, many of the Varsity and Jr. Varsity winter teams have received league Sportsmanship Awards and special recognition by Section XI.

Dr. Bannon gave a brief synopsis on a grant she has been researching called the 21st Century Community Learning Grant.

Mrs. Altruda, Assistant Principal, gave a presentation on the Credit Recovery program.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

6140 Budget Implementation

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

6200 Revenue
6210 Local Tax Levy
6230 Federal Funds
6235 Grants
6240 Investments
6240-R Investments Regulation
6241 Use of Surplus Funds
6254 Non-Resident Tuition
6400 Depositories of Funds
6410 Authorized Signatures

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School. This meeting will include a scheduled budget work session.

Superintendent's Conference Day has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009. School will be closed for students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales gave a report on the N-SSBA Legislation Committee Meeting which he attended.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There was no voice of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:38 p.m.

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk