

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MARCH 30, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Doris Fischer  
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  
  
Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 12 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 Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 16, 2009.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

**2. Approval of Memoranda of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and (a) Copiague Supervisory Association; (b) Copiague Educational Secretaries; (c) Supervisory Services Unit; (d) Non-Supervisory Services Unit; (e) Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants; (f) Cafeteria Workers and Part Time Aides Unit**

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Memoranda of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Local Bargaining Units that have chosen to participate in the retirement enhancement as follows: (a) Copiague Supervisory Association; (b) Copiague Educational Secretaries; (c) Supervisory Services Unit; (d) Non-Supervisory Services Unit; (e) Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants; (f) Cafeteria Workers and Part Time Aides Unit.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

**3. Resignations – Elementary, English, Foreign Language, Guidance Counselors, Health, Physical Education, School Psychologists, Science, Social Studies, Teaching Assistants, Clerk Typists, Chief Custodian, Maintenance Mechanic, Security Aide, Food Service Worker**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Lynn Atlas	Health Teacher High School	9/1/72 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Loretta Barbetti	Science Teacher Middle School	9/1/73 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Ester Davila	Foreign Language Teacher High School	9/1/01 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Lynda Friedman	Elementary Teacher Susan E. Wiley	9/20/89 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Lawrence Judd	School Psychologist Deauville Gardens	9/1/80 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement

Arthur Koch	English Teacher Middle School	9/1/82 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Suzanne LaPorte	Guidance Counselor Middle School	9/1/78 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Gil Link	Guidance Counselor High School	9/1/70 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Jane Lombardo	Elementary Teacher Assigned to WSBOCES	9/1/71 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Margaret Martinsen	Guidance Counselor Susan E. Wiley	9/1/87 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
José Osorio	School Psychologist Susan E. Wiley	9/1/96 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Todd Rauch	Physical Education Teacher Middle School	9/1/71 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Jean Rettura	Foreign Language Teacher High School	12/3/79 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Regina Velcenbach	Elementary Teacher Deauville Gardens	9/4/84 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Joseph Vricella	Social Studies Teacher/ Social Studies Chairperson High School	9/1/93 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Thomas Witko	Science Teacher Middle School	9/1/85 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Virginia Daly	Teaching Assistant Deauville Gardens	9/1990 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Constance Immesi	Teaching Assistant High School	3/1992 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Vincenza Longo	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	9/1985 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Rosario Surline	Teaching Assistant High School	2/1974 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Carmela Hufnagel	Clerk Typist Central Office	9/1986 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Joan Rebholz	Clerk Typist High School	12/1972 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Michael Magnani	Chief Custodian High School	4/1972 – Present	4/30/09	Retirement
George Grasso	Maintenance Mechanic Middle School	7/1972 – Present	6/30/09	Retirement
Phillip Koutrouby	Security Aide Deauville Gardens	2004 – Present	3/16/09	Retirement
Regina Kelly	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	10/2008 – Present	4/14/09	Personal
Shaun Skariah	Teaching Assistant Middle School	9/2008 – Present	3/27/09	Personal

Maria Siragusa	Food Service Worker Part time Susan E. Wiley	2007 – Present	3/12/09	Personal
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**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

**4. Request for Leave of Absence – Elementary**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following request for leave of absence, without pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Melissa Gnup	Elementary Teacher Middle School	2004 – Present	5/20/09* terminating 6/30/09	Child Care

\*May 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

5. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Natoli 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>
Chervony, Justin	Student Observer	3/31/09
Dede, Murielle	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Dowd, Jordan	Student Observer	3/31/09
Fogel, Wendy	HS Musical Musician	3/31/09
Griffin, Regina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Iovine, Stephanie	HS Musical Musician	3/31/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Mandaro, Anne	HS Musical Musician	3/31/09
Montalvo, Kattiusca	Student Observer	3/31/09
Nelson, Moira	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Pagliughi, Maria	Substitute Food Service Worker	3/31/09
Parrillo, Desiree	HS Musical Musician	3/31/09
Putz, Erik	HS Musical Lighting Designer	3/31/09
Raitz, Kaitlyn	HS Musical Musician	3/31/09
Richardson, Trina	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Schoolfield, Steven	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Theagene, Jocelyne	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	3/31/09
Wrightington, Grace	Substitute Food Service Worker	3/31/09

**b. Appointments – Grant Programs – 2008-09 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Stephanie Lanfranchi	Read 180 Extended Day Middle School	\$35.00 per hour 3/16/09
Christopher Gaudio	Read 180 Extended Day Middle School	\$35.00 per hour 3/16/09

Helen Harris	Teaching Assistant* System 44 Deauville Gardens	\$23.90 per hour 3/17/09
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\*This is a three hour position and Ms. Harris will be paid out of Title I funds.

**c. Appointments – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Maria Pagliughi	Food Service Worker District	\$9.30 per hour 3/31/09
Grace Wrightington	Food Service Worker District	\$9.30 per hour 3/31/09

**d. Appointments: Election Workers – Copiague Public Schools Trustee/Budget Vote 2009**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
B'Ann Roth	Chief Inspector of Election	
Kathleen Chiolo	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Norma Cooke	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election Board of Registration	\$8.75 per hour Voluntary
Francine Daubel	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election Board of Registration	\$8.75 per hour Voluntary
Ann DiMarco	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Frances Giunta	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election Board of Registration	\$8.75 per hour Voluntary
Connie Guerra	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Elaine Hardy	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joan Hauser	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election Board of Registration	\$8.75 per hour Voluntary
Franki Kelly	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Natalie Linardos	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Eugene Mitchko	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Mary Ann O'Dell	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Matilda Pagano	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joan Powers	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Vincenza Rago	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Lidilia Trujillo	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour

**Alternate**

Roberta Fiore	Alternate Poll Worker
Cecilia Fernandez	Walk-in Voter Registration
Carmela Hufnagel	Walk-in Voter Registration

B'Ann Roth Walk-in Voter Registration

Rita Soukup Walk-in Voter Registration

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

6. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, 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 #7179 Case #7255 Case #7295 Case #7137

Annual Review of Students

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

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

Case #7291 Case #7313 Case #4731 Case #5891 Case #7317 Case #2529  
Case #5832 Case #4998 Case #7315 Case #7086 Case #7119

Annual Review of Students

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

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

6140 Budget Implementation

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the revision of the 2008/2009 School Calendar as follows: If it is not necessary to close school for any reason prior to May 22, school will not be in session on Friday, May 22, 2009. This day pertains to the instructional staff and the non-instructional staff.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

2. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to award the disposition of bids for ceiling replacement and electrical reconstruction at the Great Neck Road Elementary School to the following vendors for their low bids meeting general conditions and specifications:

Hi-Lume Corporation	Ceiling Replacement	\$69,300
Madison Avenue Construction Corp.	Electrical Reconstruction	\$19,200

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to award the Request for Proposal for 2009/10 Building Inspection Services to KLH Fire Safety Consultants for their low proposal meeting general conditions and specification.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the requests for the girls' basketball team and step team to travel upstate to participate in the State Championship and the State Federation Championship tournaments.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

5. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the request for the Madrigal Choir to travel to Jackson, New Jersey on April 25, 2009 to attend the Madrigal Chorus Competition.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

### **REPORTS**

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:

- a. General Fund - 3/11/09
- b. School Lunch Fund - 3/11/09
- c. Federal Fund - 3/11/09
- d. Excel Fund - 3/11/09

2. Presentation:

Kendra McQuilton, Director of Business Development, ECG Engineering, LLC, gave a presentation on Energy Performance Contracting.

3. School Budget 2009/2010 – Third Draft

4. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball team winning the New York State Championship and for their valiant effort in competing for the State Federation Championship. He also announced that Ieashia Walker was named Miss New York State Basketball Player.

Mr. Leunig commended the cast and crew of the High School musical, "The Sound of Music," for their outstanding performance.

Also, the National PTA President will be visiting our schools on March 31.

Dr. Bannon spoke about the Hewlett Packard \$240,000 Technology Grant the Curriculum Office is working on.

### **SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

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| 6240-R | Investments Regulation |
| 6400   | Depositories of Funds  |
| 6410   | Authorized Signatures  |

### **FIRST POLICY REVIEW**

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| 6500   | Bonded Employees and Officers    |
| 6620   | Type of Funds                    |
| 6630   | Financial Reports and Statements |
| 6640   | Inventories                      |
| 6645   | Fixed Assets Accounting          |
| 6650   | Claims Auditor                   |
| 6660   | Independent Auditor              |
| 6670   | Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts   |
| 6670-R | Petty Cash Accounts Regulation   |

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Middle School.

All schools will be closed for spring recess from Monday, April 6, through Friday, April 10, 2009. All offices will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2009.

**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 Executive Committee Meeting which he attended.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

There was no voice of the people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

The Board went into Executive session at 8:40 p.m.

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

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was reconvened at 10:37 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk