

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 5, 2010

PRESENT:

Doris Fischer
Laura Gavey
Michael Greb
Rosemary Natoli
Everett E. Newman III
Brian J. Sales

Charles A. Leunig
Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Inst.
Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations

ABSENT:

Henry Johnson

Warren Richmond, Esq.

Approximately 27 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Laura Gavey, President, in the West Cafeteria of 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. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting and the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 15, 2010.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Declination of Appointment - Musician

Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to accept the following declination of appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason Given</u>
Steven Bologna	Pops Concert Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 1/13/10	Personal

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman 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>
Castonguay, Ginamarie	College Student Observer	4/6/10
Doyle, Christopher	Part Time Maintenance Mechanic	4/6/10
Geackel, Christopher	Substitute Food Service Worker	4/6/10
Hauser, Joan	Substitute Clerical	4/6/10
Kampa, Margo	College Student Observer	4/6/10
Kotowicz, Tanya	College Student Observer	4/6/10
Michaelsen, Trevor	Lacrosse Coach	4/6/10
Santa Maria, Doris	Temporary Account Clerk	4/6/10
Schreuder, Randa	Part Time Senior Account Clerk	4/6/10

b. Appointment – Teaching: Per Diem Substitute Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Fareya Khalid	Per Diem Substitute NYS Initial Certificate Biology 7-12 NYS Initial Extension General Science 7-12 Extension eff. 2/1/09	\$100 per day 4/6/10

c. Appointment – Coaching Staff – Spring 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Trevor Michaelsen	JV Boys Assistant Lacrosse First Aid Pending	\$4,146 (prorated) 4/6/10

d. Appointment – Volunteer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Nancy Peragine	NYS Provisional Certificate School Counselor eff. 9/1/09

Ms. Peragine will be volunteering in the Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School college/career room 1-2 days per week and will assist students with software and internet college/career programs.

e. Appointment – Music Ancillary Staff – 2009/10 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Eric Vivelo	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician

f. Appointments – Grant Programs – 2009/10 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend</u> <u>Effective Date</u>
Orlandina Carter	Extended Day Math Middle School	\$35 per hour 3/16/10
Jessica Talmage	Extended Day ELA Middle School	\$35 per hour 3/16/10

g. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Food Service Worker (Part-time)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Jodie McInerney	Food Service Worker (Part-time) Great Neck Road	Step 1 - \$12.75 per hour 3 hours per day eff. 4/6/10 Probationary period ends 12/13/10

h. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Christopher Geackel	Food Service District	\$9.30 per hour 4/6/10

i. Appointments – Election Workers: Copiague Public Schools Trustee/Budget Vote – May 18, 2010

<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	\$8.75 per hour
Francine Daubel	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Ann DiMarco	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Frances Giunta	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Connie Guerra	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Fran Gusmano	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joan Hauser	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Carmella Hufnagel	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
Joan Powers	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Vincenza Rago	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Heidy Ramos	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Damiana Santos	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Lidilia Trujillo	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Despina Xystris-Bernard	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour

Alternate

Roberta Fiore	Alternate Poll Worker
Claudia Williams	Alternate Poll Worker
Cecilia Fernandez	Walk-in Voter Registration
B'Ann Roth	Walk-in Voter Registration
Rita Soukup	Walk-in Voter Registration
Rosette Veriotto	Walk-in Voter Registration

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

- 4.** Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the identification and placement of students with disabilities as listed below:

Annual Review of Students

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. 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 as listed below:

Case #4998	Case #4656	Case #5915	Case #5165	Case #5800
Case #7552	Case #5840	Case #6084	Case #7037	Case #3720
Case #6008	Case #7546	Case #7508	Case #7539	Case #7569
Case #7500	Case #7565	Case #7564	Case #7570	Case #4531
Case #7521				

Annual Review of Students

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

9135	Child Abuse in an Educational Setting
9135-E.1	Child Abuse in an Educational Setting Exhibit – Confidential Report of Allegation
9135-E.2	Child Abuse in an Educational Setting Exhibit – Notice/Reporting Requirements
9290	Miscellaneous Professional Staff Policies

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

7. Termination of Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to table to Executive Session the action to terminate an appointment.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the request for high school students to attend the Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in Albany from April 17 to 19, 2010.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the request for Deauville Gardens 5th grade students to visit Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey on June 18, 2010.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Revision to the 2009/2010 School Calendar - The closing of school for students in Grades 3-5 on May 12 for scoring of the ELA, the closing of school for students in Grades K-8 on May 19 and the closing of school for students in Grades 9-12 on May 28, 2010 for a split Superintendent's Conference Day.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the addition of MetLife to the district's list of investment firms offering tax sheltered annuities to members of the district's staff and authorize payroll deductions for those employees who have indicated their desire to participate.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the License Agreement between the Copiague School District and SCOPE Education Services for the After School Child Care Program for the 2010/11 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the Agreement.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

6. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve a budget transfer of \$11,000 to cover the cost of the Advanced Placement Tests.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

7. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following resolution from Eastern Suffolk BOCES concerning the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A):

RESOLUTION (A)

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

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 Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. 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 an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

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.

8. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the following resolution from Western Suffolk BOCES concerning the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program:

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for OT/PT, Speech, Social worker, and other 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 Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; 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 for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, 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 services as described above; and

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

9. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the changes to the budget calendar as follows:

April 12, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session
April 19, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session or Budget Adoption
April 21, 2010	5:45 p.m.	Budget Adoption (if needed)

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

10. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the External Audit 2008-2009 that was prepared by Coughlin Foundotos Cullen and Danowski, LLP.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

11. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the Agreement between the Copiague School District and School Aid Specialists, LLC for the purpose of engaging their services to achieve greater revenue for the district.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

12. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to accept the Federal Single Audit Report as prepared by Coughlin Foundotos Cullen and Danowski, LLP.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

13. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from the Vending Machine Fund to the SADD club at the high school to defray costs of the after-prom party.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
 - a. General Fund - 3/17; 4/1/10
 - b. School Lunch Fund - 3/15, 17/10
 - c. Federal Fund - 3/17/10

2. Presentation:

Mrs. Pierre-Louis, Coordinator of Fine Arts, gave a presentation on the Fine Arts Department.

3. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that a number of students that attend BOCES won a variety of awards. He also mentioned, as everyone is aware, that the State has not passed a Budget yet and it is not anticipated to pass a Budget until the end of the month. The Legislators have been on vacation and are not due back until Wednesday of this week. There was talk in the Assembly of restoring 60% of the Governor's proposed cut in State Aid to schools, but nothing further has been done. Mr. Leunig reminded everyone that no matter what is going on in Albany we still must have a Budget adopted by April 23 and the District will have to do whatever is necessary to close the hole in the Budget left by State Aid cuts.

4. School Budget 2010/11 – Second Work Session

Since the Legislators are on vacation and nothing new would be coming down from Albany, Mr. Leunig recommended that the Board forego the April 12th Budget Work Session meeting. The next Budget Work Session will be on April 19, 2010.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

9282	Professional Staff Visitations and Conferences
9282-R	Professional Staff Visitations and Conferences Regulation
9282-E.1	Professional Staff Visitations and Conferences Request Form
9282-E.2	Request for Reimbursement Expense Voucher

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

9360	Support Staff Assignments and Transfers
9360-R	Support Staff Assignments and Transfers Regulation
9372	Support Staff Visitations and Conferences
9380	Support Staff Development
9381	Support Staff Orientation
9411	Board Negotiating Agents
9500	Miscellaneous Personnel Policies
9501	Conditional Appointment and Emergency Conditional Appointment of Staff Members Subject to Such Appointments
9510	Personnel Records
9511	Staff Health

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School. Budget Work Sessions for the development of the 2010/11 school budget will be held on April 12 and, if needed, April 19, 2010.

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 resident was upset that there would not be a TAG program next school year, due to the budget cuts. Additionally, the resident suggested that the district should find alternative ways of raising funds without raising taxes because the community could not afford a tax increase. Several other residents agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, 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 9:03 p.m.

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:42 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to take off the table Item 7.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
James Scurry	Custodial Worker Middle School	7/2/97 – Present	4/5/10

Vote: 6 yes. Unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.

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

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk