

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

## PRESENT:

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

Charles A. Leunig  
Superintendent of Schools  
Assistant Superintendent  
Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations

## ABSENT:

Michael Greb  
Henry Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by Mrs. Laura Gavey, President, in the Board of Education Conference Room, with the opening exercises and a moment of silent meditation.

Roll call of Board Members by District Clerk.

## FOR ACTION

### 1. Resignations – Mathematics, ESL, Teaching Assistants

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Jacquelin Armengau (Allen)	Mathematics Teacher High School Chair	2005 – Present	9/4/09	Personal
Kalliopi Surgit	ESL Teacher Deauville Gardens/ Middle School	2000 – Present	9/1/09	Personal
Michelle Budion	ESL Teacher Technical Arts Chair	2004 – Present	9/3/09	Accepting position as Coordinator of English Language Learning K-12
Danielle McClain	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	2007 – Present	8/26/09	Personal
Eleni Matheos	Teaching Assistant Deauville Gardens	2007 – Present	8/27/09	Personal

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve actions 2, 3, and 4 a. through n.:

### 2. Declinations of Appointments – Teaching Assistants, Coach

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason Given</u>
Frances Keogan	Teaching Assistant Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 8/24/09	Personal
Rolando Guevara	M. S. 7/8 Boys Soccer Coach Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 6/15/09	Personal

Barbara Kulikowska Teaching Assistant Accepting Position  
Middle School as a part time  
Special Education School Media  
Appointed at Board Specialist  
of Education Meeting  
of 8/24/09

**3. Resolution – Resignation of a Supervisory Staff Member and Reinstatement of Tenured Teaching Staff Member**

**RESOLUTION**

**Be it resolved**, that Eric Leibowitz hereby resigns from his tenured position in the tenure area of Coordinator of Mathematics K-12 effective September 3, 2009 and is hereby reinstated, with tenure, as a teacher in the tenure area of Mathematics 7-12 effective September 4, 2009. Upon his reinstatement, he will be placed on Step 10 MA+30 - \$86,315 of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule.

**4 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>Effective Date</u>
Allen, Michael	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Belette, Ernesto	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Benitez-Sorto, Yicennia	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Chang, Kuei	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Espinal, Ralph	Adult Education	9/4/09
Ferradino, Samuel	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Goldfarb, Roberto	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Guglielmo, Samantha	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Holm, Kristen	Student Teacher	9/4/09
Kuntz, Francis	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Lino, Elba	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Petit-Frere, Michemire	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Santa Maria, Doris	Temporary Account Clerk	9/4/09
Taveras, Sonata	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Thompson, Michael	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Tirino, Lisa	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09
Zuniga, Ivonne	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	9/4/09

**b. Appointment – Supervisory: Probationary – Coordinator of English Language Learning K-12**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Probationary Period</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Michelle Budion	NYS Professional Certificates: School District Leader School Building Leader eff. 9/1/08 NYS Permanent Certificates:	Coordinator of English Language Learning K-12 District	9/4/09 terminating 9/3/12	9/4/09 Salary: Step 1 \$98,439 (prorated) of the 2009/10 Supervisory Salary Schedule

English to Speakers  
of Other Languages  
English 7-12  
eff. 9/1/05  
Pre K, K and  
Grades 1-6  
eff. 9/1/04

**c. Appointments – Teaching: Probationary – Social Studies**

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Probationary Period	Effective Date & Salary
Colleen	NYS Initial Cert.	Social Studies 7-12	9/1/09	9/1/09
Ochotorena	Social Studies 7-12 eff. 9/1/05	High School	terminating 8/31/12	Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$58,310 of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule

**d. Appointment – Teaching: Temporary – Elementary**

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Denise Tirado	NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education Birth – Grade 2 Childhood Education Grades 1-6 Students with Disabilities Birth – Grade 2 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 eff. 2/1/07 Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 Generalist eff. 9/1/07 Generalist in Middle Childhood Ed. Grades 5-9 eff. 9/1/09	Elementary Grades K-6 Deauville Gardens	9/1/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/10 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$58,310 of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule

**e. Appointments – Teaching: Part Time – (.6) Foreign Language, (.525) School Media Specialist**

Name	Certification	Service Area & Assignment	Effective Date & Salary
Danielle Poletti	NYS Initial Cert. Spanish 7-12 eff. 9/1/07	Foreign Language 7-12 High School	9/1/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/09 Salary: Step 1 BA + 15 \$52,971 @ .6 (\$31,782.60) of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule

Barbara Kulikowska	NYS Initial Certificates: Visual Arts eff. 9/1/05 Library Media Specialist eff. 2/1/09	School Media Specialist Great Neck Road	9/1/09 and terminating on or before 6/30/10 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$58,310 @ .525 (\$30,612.75) of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule Step 2 Column MA \$60,323 @ .525 (\$31,669.58) of the 2009/10 Teachers' Salary Schedule eff. 2/1/10
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**f. Appointment – Teaching: Annual Per Diem Substitute**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Farrah Padro	Deauville Gardens NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Ed. B-2 Childhood Ed. 1-6 Students with Disabilities Grades B-2 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 eff. 2/1/09	\$120 per day 9/1/09 to on or before 6/30/10

**g. Appointments – Teaching: Per Diem Substitutes**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Christopher Contorno	Per Diem Substitute High School Initial NYS Certificate Social Studies 7-12 eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 9/8/09
Patricia Brunjes	Per Diem Substitute Susan E. Wiley Permanent NYS Cert. Pre K, K & 1-6 eff. 2/1/08	\$100 per day 9/8/09
Krystle Hernandez	Per Diem Substitute High School Initial NYS Cert. Social Studies 7-12 eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 9/8/09
Tara Maino	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens Initial NYS Cert. Childhood Ed. 1-6 eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 9/8/09
Lisa Meyer	Per Diem Substitute Initial NYS Certificates: Childhood Education 1-6 Students with Disabilities 1-6 eff. 2/1/09	\$100 per day 9/9/09

Danielle Poletti	Per Diem Substitute Initial NYS Cert. Spanish 7-12 eff. 9/1/07	\$100 per day 9/9/09
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Samantha Tilton	Per Diem Substitute Initial NYS Certificates: Physical Education Health Education eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 9/9/09
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**h. Appointment – Annual - Department Chairperson – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Eric Leibowitz	Mathematics High School	2003 – 2008 Middle School	\$10,100 (prorated eff. 9/4/09)

**i. Appointments – Co-Curricular – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Laura Johnson	Cheerleading Co-Advisor (Fall/Winter) Middle School	\$2,402.50
Kerry Insardi	Cheerleading Co-Advisor (Fall/Winter) Middle School	\$2,402.50
Maribel Ramirez	Photographer Middle School	\$2,212
	Yearbook Advisor Middle School	\$3,541
Christine Barteldt	Newspaper Co-Advisor Middle School	\$1,711
Ruth Flores	Foreign Language Club Co-Advisor Middle School	\$ 728
Lisette Feliz	Foreign Language Club Co-Advisor Middle School	\$ 728
Paul Kounadis	Website Coordinator Middle School	\$2,572
Kimberly Henson	Creative Craft Club Advisor Middle School	\$1,456
Jennifer Palazzo	Students Against Destructive Decisions Co-Advisor Middle School	\$ 728
Marisa Annese	Students Against Destructive Decisions Co-Advisor Middle School	\$ 728

**j. Appointments – Marching Band Staff – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Rebecca Meyer	Marching Band Volunteer	None

Steve Buglino	Marching Band Volunteer	None
Nicole Volpe	Marching Band Volunteer	None

**k. Appointment – Annual - Mentor – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
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Half Year Assignment:

Melanie Luck	Dyane Koza	Susan E. Wiley
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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 \$2,100 annual stipend in addition to 120 hours of professional development credit.

**l. Appointments – Annual – Teaching Assistants – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Debra Johnson	Middle School Special Education	Step 2 - \$23.50 per hour 3.5 hours per day 9/8/09 to on or before 6/25/10
Joyell Friedman	Deauville Gardens Special Education	Step 2 - \$23.50 per hour 3.5 hour per day 9/8/09 to on or before 6/25/10
Aliash Ramirez	Deauville Gardens Special Education	Step 2 - \$23.50 per hour 3.5 hours per day 9/8/09 to on or before 6/25/10
Jessica Kurtz	Susan E. Wiley Special Education	Step 1 - \$23.10 per hour 3.5 hours per day 9/8/08 to on or before 6/25/10

Ms. Kurtz is a certified teacher and, as such, may serve as a per diem substitute. She will receive her current rate of pay for time spent as a teaching assistant, and should she work as a per diem sub, the remainder of the day will be paid at \$100 per day, prorated.

**m. Appointments – Non-Teaching – Cafeteria Aides**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Dorothy McNulty	Cafeteria Aide Middle School	Step 2 - \$16.47 per hour 1 hour per day 9/9/09
Roseann Rojo	Cafeteria Aide Deauville Gardens	Step 2 - \$16.47 per hour 2.5 hours per day 9/9/09

**n. Appointments – Annual - Chaperones – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Warren Bender	Teacher
Christine Bennett	Teacher
William Bennett	Teacher
Kenneth Berry	Teacher
Elizabeth Brennan	Teacher
Maria Cericola	Teacher

Danielle Cioffi	Teacher
Anthony Cipriano	Teacher
Jon Cutolo	Teacher
Deborah Delaney	Teacher
Michael Ferretti	Teacher
Yvan Garcia	Teacher
Chris Koenig	Teacher
James Konen	Teacher
Joseph Kriklava	Teacher
Joseph Napolitano	Teacher
Barbara Olsen	Teacher
Carole Olsen	Teacher
Christopher Porcellini	Teacher
Antoinette Spencer	Teacher
Marino Stamatelatos	Teacher
Patricia Stein	Teacher
David Swaim	Teacher
Alline Torrey	Teacher
Joseph Vanasco	Teacher
Christine DeMott	Guidance Counselor
Kelly Morrongo	Psychologist
Lisa Amodeo	Teaching Assistant
Carmen Gomez	Teaching Assistant
Nancy Martinez	Teaching Assistant
Concetta Morrill	Teaching Assistant
Valerie Nevola	Teaching Assistant
Kathleen Williams	Teaching Assistant
Richard Besemer	Sub. Custodian
Michael Bopp	Security
Michael Brostowski	Sub. Custodian
James Collins	Custodian
Ann Faraci	Clerical
Alfred Ferriso	Security
Patricia Field	Clerical
Giacomo LaRosa	Custodian
Suzanne McCollough	Clerical
Dorothy McNulty	Cafeteria Aide
Pat Robinson	Cafeteria Aide
Karen Steigert	Cafeteria Aide

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Sales, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to adopt the following resolution which would call a special district meeting to vote upon a bond proposition authorizing the partial reconstruction of, and construction of alterations and improvements to, the Copiague Memorial Public Library:

### **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION OF THE COPIAGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK,  
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 3, 2009, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO  
AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES AND THE LEVY  
OF A TAX THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Copiague Memorial Public Library has adopted a resolution on August 26, 2009 requesting that the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District call a Special District Meeting at a time and place designated by said Board of Trustees to vote upon a bond proposition authorizing the partial reconstruction of, and construction of alterations and improvements to, the Copiague Memorial Public Library;  
Now, therefor be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COPIAGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Copiague Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Copiague Memorial Public Library, 50 Deauville Boulevard, Copiague, New York, as provided in the notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 10:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "*The Beacon*" and "*The Amityville Record*" two newspapers, each having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
OF THE COPIAGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of Copiague Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, adopted on September 3, 2009, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Copiague Memorial Public Library, 50 Deauville Boulevard, Copiague, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Library Bond Proposition:

**LIBRARY BOND PROPOSITION**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to partially reconstruct and construct alterations and improvements to the Copiague Memorial Public Library (the "Project") substantially as referred to and described in a summary prepared with the assistance of John A. Grillo, Architects, (the "Summary"), which Summary is on file and available for public inspection at the Copiague Memorial Public Library, including the construction of a partial second floor within the existing Library structure to provide for additional adult room reading space, computer space, group meeting space and individual study spaces; the foregoing to include associated HVAC, handicapped accessibility and structural improvements, and all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$1,865,000; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Summary may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that \$365,000 currently available in the Copiague Memorial Public Library's capital reserve fund is hereby authorized to be expended and applied to pay a portion of said estimated maximum cost;



(c) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 to finance the balance of said estimated maximum cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education; and

(d) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Library Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

LIBRARY BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, is hereby authorized to partially reconstruct and construct alterations and improvements to the Copiague Memorial Public Library and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$1,865,000; (b) that \$365,000 currently available in the Library's capital reserve fund is hereby authorized to be expended and applied to pay a portion of said cost; (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 to finance the balance of said cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by said Board of Education; and (d) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that voter registration for the District is ongoing until October 20, 2009, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. until 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the office of the District Clerk, Central Administrative Office, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, New York, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the school district for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting.

The register of the qualified voters of said School District prepared for the Annual Meeting and Election held on May 19, 2009 shall be used by said Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on October 27, 2009. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any Annual or Special District Meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special meeting or any election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2005, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County under the provisions of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

Immediately upon its completion, said register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, Sunday and legal holidays excepted, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and on Saturday, October 24, 2009, by appointment only.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. on October 20, 2009. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on October 26, 2009. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the date set for the Special District Meeting.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays excepted, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the qualifications of voters at District meetings or elections are as follows:

- (1) A citizen of the United States;
- (2) Eighteen years of age or older;
- (3) A resident of the District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the meeting at which he offers to vote; and
- (4) Not disqualified pursuant to the provisions of §5-106 of the Election Law.  
Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote.

Section 4. The vote upon the Library Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot labels printed for the said voting machines, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk