

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**December 21, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Doris Fischer	Charles A. Leunig
Laura Gavey	Superintendent of Schools
Michael Greb	
Rosemary Natoli	<u>Assistant Superintendents</u>
Everett E. Newman III (arrived 7:33 p.m.)	Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Inst.
Brian J. Sales	Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations

**ABSENT:**

	Christopher Clayton, Esq.
Henry Johnson	Approximately 9 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.

The Deauville Gardens Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Angier, performed two holiday selections.

**FOR ACTION**

**1. Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 7, 2009.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

**2. Resignations – Assistant Principal, Teaching Assistant, Clerk Typists**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, 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>
Mary Koehler	Assistant Principal Deauville Gardens	8/09 – Present	1/8/10	Personal
Janet Doyle	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	2/08 – Present	12/22/09	To accept position as Annual Per Diem Substitute
Lisette Caraciolo	Clerk Typist (Spanish Speaking) Great Neck Road	4/08 – Present	12/29/09	Personal
Luz Ruiz- Avendano	Clerk Typist (Spanish Speaking) High School	11/08 – Present	12/29/09	Personal

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

**3. Declination of Appointment - Cocurricular**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason Given</u>
Francesca Spinelli	Advisor Winterguard Middle School Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 11/2/09	Personal

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

4. 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>
Belette, Ernesto	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Bragg, Heather	College Counseling Intern	12/22/09
Carpousse, Denis	Educational Bus Transportation Driver Asst.	12/22/09
Cedeno, Karina	College Counseling Intern	12/22/09
Goldfarb, Roberto	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Kuntz, Francis	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Kurre, Donna	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Lane, Eva	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Martins, Elizabeth	Educational Bus Transportation Driver Asst.	12/22/09
Occhiogrosso, Theresa	College Student Observer	12/22/09
Ramirez, Angelica	College Student Observer	12/22/09
Ramos, Celia	College Student Observer	12/22/09
Santa Maria, Doris	Temporary Account Clerk	12/22/09
Tobar-Garcia, Jeanette	Clerk Typist	12/22/09
Watson, Desiree	Educational Bus Transportation Attendant	12/22/09
Winters, Christine	Senior Account Clerk	12/22/09

**b. Appointment – Teaching: Annual Per Diem Substitute**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Janet Doyle	Deauville Gardens NYS Permanent Certificates: Pre K, K and Grades 1-6 Special Education eff. 9/1/07	\$120 per day 12/22/09 to on or before 6/30/10

**c. Appointments – Teaching: Per Diem Substitute Teachers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Tina Koop	Per Diem Substitute NYS Provisional Certificate School Psychologist eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 12/22/09

Christina Corda	Per Diem Substitute NYS Provisional Certificate School Psychologist eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 12/22/09
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**d. Appointment – Annual – Grant Programs – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend &amp; Effective Date</u>
Michele Bonaventura	Extended Day Healthy Fitness Program Deauville Gardens	\$35 per hour 12/8/09

**e. Appointment – Annual – Mentor – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Denise Cordella	Colleen McLinden	Susan E. Wiley

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.

**f. Appointments – Adult and Continuing Education – Spring 2010**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Karissa Barba	Knitting/Crocheting	\$16.51 per hour
Gloria Bopp	Decorative One Stroke Painting	\$16.51 per hour
Linda Chase	Forensic Anthropology	\$16.51 per hour
Ralph Espinal	Volleyball	\$16.51 per hour
Elizabeth Coniglio	Ceramics	\$16.51 per hour
Mary Haughey	Creative Writing	\$16.51 per hour
Sneha Jhaveri	Microsoft Office	\$16.51 per hour
Michael Jones	Beginning Computers	\$16.51 per hour
Staci Melnick	SAT Preparation English SAT Preparation Math	\$16.51 per hour Certified teacher paid an additional hour each session
Frank Tucci	Italian Conversation Spanish Conversation Spanish Intermediate Conversation	\$16.51 per hour Certified teacher paid an additional hour each session
Thomas Witko	Weight Training	\$16.51 per hour Certified teacher Paid an additional hour each session
Carmen Roberts	Zumba (2 sessions)	\$30.00 per session
Matthew Pecorella	Yoga	\$35.00 per session

Jolanta Bazyte	Nutrition Workshop	Paid on a contractual basis w/Copiague School District (\$9 per student)
Percival Dyer II	Careers in the U.S. Foreign Service	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School district (\$12 per student)
Rochelle Green	Cake Decorating	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School District (\$18 per student)
BOCES Staff	ABE/GED English as a Second Language Notary Public Test Preparation Civil Service Test Preparation	Paid on a contractual basis with Copiague School District
Professional Training Consultants (Roland Grant)	Defensive Driving Adult CPR Comm. CPR Infant & Child CPR Pet First Aid Standard First Aid Jetski & Waverunner NYS Approved Watercraft Boating Safety Course Professional Rescuer	\$25 per student \$28 per student \$38 per student \$28 per student \$40 per student \$40 per student \$45 per student \$28 per student
Suffolk County Police Department	Ident-a-Kid Workshop	No Fee
Allen Pelkonen	College Funding Financial Strategies During a Job Transition	No Fee
Jake Caramico	How Money Works	No Fee

**g. Appointment – Home Tutor – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Rosanne Wilson	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 12/22/09

**h. Appointment – Annual – Chaperone – 2009/10 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Paul Harvey	Teacher

**i. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Clerk Typist**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Jeanette Tobar-Garcia	Clerk Typist High School Guidance Office	Step 1 - \$32,885 1/4/10 Probationary period to end 7/2/10

**j. Continuation of Appointment – Non-Teaching: Maintenance Mechanic**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Steven Bolanda	Maintenance Mechanic District	Step 1 - \$41,900 plus \$550 night differential plus \$550 maintenance mechanic differential eff. 12/23/09

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Lidilia Trujillo	Food Service Worker District	\$9.30 per hour 12/22/09
Lisette Caraciolo	Clerk Typist District	\$12.25 per hour 1/4/10
Luz Ruiz-Avendano	Clerk Typist District	\$12.25 per hour 1/4/10

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

5. 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 as listed below:

Case #7514	Case #7517	Case #7520	Case #7423	Case #7427
Case #7518	Case #7426	Case #7162	Case #7516	Case #7519
Case #7217				

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

6. 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 #7409	Case #6087	Case #7467	Case #7462	Case #7497
Case #3330	Case #7052	Case #5818	Case #7478	Case #5835
Case #7489	Case #7471	Case #6017	Case #4212	Case #7249
Case #4027	Case #7477	Case #7482		

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

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

0320	Evaluation of Superintendent
3230-E	Organization Chart Exhibit
4531	Field Trips and Excursions
5710	Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting
6685	Medicaid False Claims, Fraud Prevention and Detection Policy
8123.1-R	Contagious Diseases Regulation
8130	Emergency Management Plans
8131	District Safety Plan
8132	Fire Drills
8133	Bomb Threats
8134	Emergency Closings

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the transfer of \$1,750 from the Vending Machine Fund to the Varsity Club.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

2. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following resolution regarding an increase in the 2009-2010 budget:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase of \$418,000 to the 2009-2010 budget, which increase is necessitated by Workers Compensation costs.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

3. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to decrease the gas mileage reimbursement rate, effective January 1, 2010, to \$.50 per mile, the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

4. Motion by Mr. Greb, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve rescheduling the date of the Board of Education meeting from January 25 to January 26, 2010.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

**REPORTS**

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
  - a. General Fund - 12/9/09
  - b. School Lunch Fund - 12/9/09
  - c. Federal Fund - 12/9/09
2. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending November 27, 2009.
4. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that seven of Copiague's athletic teams have won the Good Sportsmanship Award. He also congratulated the Buildings & Grounds crew for the remarkable job they did cleaning up after the blizzard. Their hard work allowed our schools to be opened on Monday. Finally, he reported that the Governor has temporarily withheld State Aid from school districts. Mr. Leunig said that the district remains financially sound and that we should be able to weather this latest situation until the State Aid withholdings are released.

**SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

6100	Annual Budget
6113	Dissemination of Budget Recommendations
6120	Budget Hearing
8150	Authorized Use of Cellular Phones
8150-R	Authorized Use of School-Owned Cellular Phones Regulation
8150-E	Cellular Telephone Service Agreement
8200	Buildings and Grounds Management
8210	Buildings and Grounds Security
8210-R	Buildings and Grounds Security Regulation
8211	Access to Buildings
8220	Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
8310	Receiving and Warehousing

**FIRST POLICY REVIEW**

6685.1	Medicaid Billing Compliance Program
8330	Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
8330.1	Authorized Use of School-Owned Computer Equipment
8410	Student Transportation
8411	School Bus Scheduling and Routing
8413	Transportation for Nonpublic School Students
8414	School Bus Safety
8414.1	Bus Driver Qualifications and Training
8414.2	School Bus Maintenance
8415	Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips
8415-R	Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips Regulation
8417	Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received several holiday cards.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School.

All schools will be closed for the holiday recess from December 24, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Offices will be closed December 24 – 28 and December 31 – January 1.

**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**

There was no voice of the people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Sales to go into Executive Session to discuss particular persons.

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk