

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 2011

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 Superintendent
Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations
Kathleen Bannon – Curriculum & Instruc.

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 60 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 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. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 7, 2011.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teachers Association for a retirement incentive which allows members of the Copiague Teachers Association who are aged 55 or older by August 31, 2011 and retire on June 30, 2011 to be compensated for their accumulated sick days at a rate of 75% of their per diem value which will be contributed to a non-elective IRS 403(b) retirement savings plan.

Vote: 7 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>
Deebie, Aubrey	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	3/22/11
Terry, Shaniqua	Educational Bus – Attendant	3/22/11

b. Appointment – Grant Programs – Extended Day – 2010/11

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend</u> <u>Effective Date</u>
Natasha Murray	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 3/23/11

c. Appointment – Mentor – Supervisory

Name	Protégé	School	Stipend
Michelle Budion	Michael Ferretti	High School	\$1,250

d. Appointment – Home Tutor – 2010/11

Name	Assignment	Salary & Effective Date
Reagan Hertel	Home Tutor	\$27.50 per hour 3/22/11

e. Appointments – Election Workers – Copiague Memorial Public Library Trustee/Budget Vote – 2011

Name	Assignment	Salary
Roberta Fiore	Chief Inspector of Election	\$10.00 per hour
Fran Gusmano	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Carmela Hufnagel	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
<u>Alternate</u>		
Joan Hauser	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Cecilia Fernandez	Walk-in Voter Registration	
B'Ann Roth	Walk-in Voter Registration	
Rita Soukup	Walk-in Voter Registration	
Rosette Verriotto	Walk-in Voter Registration	

f. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Permanent – Principal Account Clerk

Name	Assignment & School	Salary & Effective Date
Susan Ortsman	Principal Account Clerk Business Office	Step 6 - \$53,352 3/27/11

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. 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 #56876	Case #56865	Case #56861	Case #56598	Case #56596
Case #56605	Case #56933	Case #56482		

Vote: 7 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 #60627	Case #67472	Case #66482	Case #73521	Case #10056375
Case #66492	Case #74266	Case #72242	Case #69301	Case #70646
Case #66381	Case #74087	Case #71969	Case #69359	Case #69465
Case #69233	Case #73192	Case #67458	Case #67788	Case #61669
Case #55224	Case #74179	Case #56574	Case #72487	Case #56702
Case #72267	Case #56765	Case #74296	Case #70362	Case #71611
Case #71236	Case #05009			

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

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

1500-R	Public Use of School Facilities Regulation
1500-E.2	Application for Use of Buildings and Grounds Permit
1500-E.3	Request for Facilities Use – In House School Groups
2410	Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies
2450	Policy Dissemination
2460	Policy Review and Evaluation
2510	New Board Member Orientation
2520	Board Member Training
2521	School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops
2531	Board Attendance at School Related Functions

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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 Public Schools, 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: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the budget transfers that exceed \$10,000.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the request for four high school students to attend the Angelo Del Toro Leadership Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Institute in Albany, New York, on April 2-4, 2011.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
 - a. General Fund - 2/17, 3/2/11
 - b. School Lunch Fund - 3/2/11
 - c. Federal Fund - 3/2/11
2. Treasurer's Report – February 2011
3. Expenditure, Revenue, and Investment Reports – February 2011
4. Cafeteria Operating Reports – February 2011
5. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending February 25, 2011
6. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that three of our sports teams have won the Winter Sportsmanship Award. Also, two Copiague students from Wilson Tech captured top honors at a recent SkillsUSA competition held at Farmingdale State University. In a recent Newsday article Copiague was one of eleven Long Island schools recognized nationally for increasing access to Advanced Placement courses and maintaining or improving the rate of which students score well on demanding AP tests. Finally, Mr. Leunig mentioned a complimentary letter that was recently in the Amityville Record.

7. As part of the Second Budget Work Session, Mr. Leunig began by reviewing the First Budget Work Session and the budget hole that was defined (\$7.6 million). Mr. Michaelsen continued by reviewing the budget building process and how certain cuts were derived to help close the hole. Mr. Andrews reviewed the proposed staffing reductions and shared how this was the most difficult piece because it involves people losing jobs. Finally, Mr. Leunig went through all the other pieces including dipping into reserves to help close the budget hole. As it stands now the remaining hole is down to just under \$1.9 million. Mr. Leunig explained that if the budget process stopped at this point, the result would be a 3.66% tax rate increase, or we can work on getting the tax rate lower while waiting for the state budget picture to be resolved.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

3230-E Organization Chart Exhibit

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

4311.1-R Display of the Flag Regulation
4850 Animals in the Schools
8115 Pesticides and Pest Management

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School. The agenda will include a Work Session for the development of the 2011/12 school budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales reported on the Nassau-Suffolk School Board Association's meeting he attended in which Senator Flanagan, Chairman, Education Committee was present. Mr. Sales also mentioned that there will be an Education Rally taking place at Hofstra University, Thursday, March 24.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There were several residents that asked questions and voiced some concerns regarding the 2011-2012 Budget Work Session presentation. Some of the questions were regarding transportation, summer school, the need for four assistant principals at the high school. Several high school students voiced their concern about teachers being excessed. The Superintendent and the Board addressed and discussed everyone's questions and concerns. Mrs. Gavey thanked everyone for coming out and giving their valuable opinions. Finally, a resident thanked the Board for all their efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk