

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 11, 2011

## PRESENT:

Doris Fischer  
Laura Gavey  
Henry Johnson

Michael Greb  
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.

Warren Richmond, Esq.

Approximately 14 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 Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 4, 2011.

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

### 2. Tenure Recommendations – Professional Staff Members

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the following professional staff permanent tenure recommendations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>End of Probationary Period</u>	<u>Effective Tenure Date</u>
Todd Andrews	Executive Director of Human Resources	Executive Director of Human Resources	6/30/11	7/1/11
Nicholas Lorenzen	Mathematics Teacher High School	Mathematics 7-12	6/30/11	7/1/11
Joseph Agosta	Elementary Principal Great Neck Road	Elementary Principal	7/7/11	7/8/11
Dr. Mary Klein	Director of Guidance K-12 District	Director of Guidance K-12	8/27/11	8/28/11
Tomasz Banach	Mathematics Teacher Middle School	Mathematics 7-12	8/31/11	9/1/11
Katianne Brosnan	Elementary Teacher Deauville Gardens	Elementary	8/31/11	9/1/11
Stephanie Cilento	Special Education Teacher Deauville Gardens	Special Education	8/31/11	9/1/11

Nicholas Crowe	Physical Education Teacher Susan E. Wiley	Physical Education	8/31/11	9/1/11
Melanie Diamond	Elementary Teacher Susan E. Wiley	Elementary	8/31/11	9/1/11
Reagan Hertel	English as a Second Language Teacher Middle School	English as a Second Language	8/31/11	9/1/11
Kerry Insardi	Special Education Teacher Middle School	Special Education	8/31/11	9/1/11
Mesut Karatuna	School Psychologist Middle School	School Psychologist	8/31/11	9/1/11
Jean Ann Kohn	Special Education Teacher High School	Special Education	8/31/11	9/1/11
Lauren Lefkowitz	Technology Education Teacher Middle School	Technology Education	8/31/11	9/1/11
Cassie Mazlin	Science Teacher High School	Science 7-12	8/31/11	9/1/11
Bethany Pokorny	Coordinator of Special Education	Coordinator of Special Education	8/31/11	9/1/11
Claudia Prisinzano	Secondary Assistant Principal Middle School	Secondary Assistant Principal	8/31/11	9/1/11
Kayte Raby	Elementary Teacher Middle School	Elementary	8/31/11	9/1/11
Christopher Uccellini	Elementary Teacher Susan E. Wiley	Elementary	8/31/11	9/1/11
Christina Cutolo	Guidance Counselor High School	School Counseling and Guidance	9/8/11	9/9/11
Tracy Wenzler	Science Teacher High School	Science 7-12	9/11/11	9/12/11

**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>
Abbey, Wrennoshi	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	4/12/11
Brown, Dennis	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	4/12/11
Deebie, Aubrey	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	4/12/11
Iula, John	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	4/12/11
Quinn, Erin	College Counseling Practicum	4/12/11
Terry, Shaniqua	Educational Bus – Attendant	4/12/11

**b. Appointments – Teaching: Regular Substitutes – Elementary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Jenna Farella	NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) eff. 9/1/07 Early Childhood Education (B-2) eff. 9/1/10 Students with Disabilities (B-2) eff. 2/1/11	Elementary	4/5/11 and terminating on or before 6/30/11 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$59,914 (prorated) of the 2010/11 Teachers' Salary Schedule
Nicole Jaworowski	NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) eff. 9/1/10	Elementary	3/31/11 and terminating on or before 6/30/11 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$59,914 (prorated) of the 2010/11 Teachers' Salary Schedule

**c. Continuation of Appointments – Non-Teaching: Cafeteria Aides**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Rosemarie Bena	Cafeteria Aide Great Neck Road	\$15.33 per hour 2.5 hours per day eff. 4/18/11
Joyce Hoffman	Cafeteria Aide Great Neck Road	\$15.33 per hour 2.5 hour per day eff. 4/18/11
Maria Pagliughi	Cafeteria Aide Deauville Gardens	\$15.33 per hour 2.75 hours per day eff. 4/18/11

**d. Appointments – Election Workers: Copiague Public Schools Trustee/Budget Vote – May 17, 2011**

<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
Donna Dorso	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour

Frances Giunta	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
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
Kimberly Ramirez	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
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: 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 #74235      Case #56745      Case #56203      Case #56911      Case #56887  
Annual Review of Students

**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 #67030      Case #69542      Case #66702      Case #56410      Case #61217  
Case #59266      Case #66482      Case #56443

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Gavey announced that there will be a change in the agenda and the reports will be given next with the items for consideration to follow.

### **REPORTS**

1. Enrollment Report for the Period Ending March 25, 2011
2. Mrs. Zimmer, the lead Math Coach at Deauville Gardens, presented an overview of the envision Math Program for grades 3, 4, and 5.
3. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that on March 11<sup>th</sup>, sixteen actors from the high school competed against other high schools at Hofstra University's 62 Annual Shakespeare Festival. They performed selected cuts from Julius Caesar Act II, scenes I and II, set in modern day board room, and won the top award for best scene. Our students were also praised for their professional courtesy. The district was awarded a mini-grant from Allstate Safe Teen Driving in the amount of \$1,000. The money will go towards defraying the cost of the post-prom party. Edwin Cruz, a student in Ms. Ciccotto class, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2011 Suffolk County STOP-DWI Poster Contest in the Freestyle Art Category. His work will be included in Suffolk County's 2011-2012 STOP-DWI Calendar and he will also be awarded a \$50 prize. Healthy Schools NY will be honoring James Travis, Advisor to the Tree Huggers Club, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, for his commitment to the health and well-being of his students, the school, and the community at large. Finally, Mr. Leunig shared with the Board a plaque he received, on behalf of the District, at the Copiague Youth League's Winter Dinner on Friday night. Mr. Leunig went on to say, "The plaque represents a partnership that has grown between the District and the Youth League." He shared that Mrs. Morrill, Commissioner of the Copiague Youth League, emphasized to the audience how important it is to pass the budget so the Youth League continues to have access to the use of the gyms. She reminded everyone of five years ago when the district was on a contingent budget and the buildings were not available, Youth League programs suffered as a result.

Mr. Leunig and Mr. Michaelsen reviewed the proposed budget. At the conclusion of the last meeting the tax rate was down to 3.4%. The Board asked if they could sharpen their pencils a little more so that the tax rate could be brought in below 3% without compromising any programs. Mr. Leunig explained at that time that in order to achieve this the District must dip deeper into its reserve funds. Mr. Leunig reiterated that because our funds are healthy at the moment we can dip a bit deeper into them to lower the tax rate. By increasing the amount taken out of the reserves by \$225,397, the tax rate could be brought in at 2.97%. This would achieve the Board's wish to have the tax rate come in under 3% and maintain student programs.

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Newman to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 School Budget for the Copiague Union Free School District in the amount of \$101,902,840.

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

2. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to adopt the Property Tax Report Card.

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

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the request for the Winter Color Guard to attend the Winter Color Guard competition in Trenton, New Jersey on April 16, 2011.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the BOCES Budget and Trustees.

All schools will be closed for spring recess from Monday, April 18 through Monday, April 25. All offices will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.

**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 mentioned that she had heard that a school district was bringing a Subway Restaurant into their school cafeteria in order to generate revenue. She was wondering if this would be a good way to help offset some of the state aid the district was losing. It was explained to the resident that any money that is made in the school cafeteria needs to go into the School Lunch Fund and this money could only be used to make improvements in the cafeterias. Our School Lunch Fund is healthy and the district has made many improvements in the cafeterias using this money.

Another resident, on behalf of the community, thanked the Board and the Administration for all the hard work they put into developing a budget that kept the needs of the children and the community first.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:42 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 9:43 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk