

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 7, 2012**

**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  
Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Inst.  
Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations  
  
Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 13 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mr. Michael Greb, 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. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting and Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 13, 2012.

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

**2. Resignations – Teaching Assistant, English, Per Diem Substitute**

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey 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>
Carly Grenga	Teaching Assistant	10/4/11 – Present	2/13/12	Personal
	Susan E. Wiley			

Ms. Grenga wishes to resign the 3/5 hour Teaching Assistant portion of her annual appointment to accept a full time building substitute position.

Eastin DeVerna	English Teacher High School	2/9/10 – 2/17/12	2/17/12	Personal
Eileen Webb	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens	9/1/11 – Present	3/2/12	Personal

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

**3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey 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>
Brown, Aycia	Winter Guard Technician	3/8/12

Cornejo, Fausto	Substitute Custodian	3/8/12
Lyon, Jacqueline	Winter Guard Technician	3/8/12

**b. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute - Elementary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Kate Riker	NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Early Childhood Education (B-2) Student with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) Student with Disabilities (B-2) 9/1/10	Elementary Deauville Gardens	2/28/12 and terminating on or before 6/30/12 Salary: Step 1 Column BA \$52,259 (prorated) of the 2011/12 Teachers' Salary Schedule

**c. Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Christine Celeste	Per Diem Substitute Middle School NYS Initial Certificates: Mathematics 7-12 Student with Disabilities 7-12 Mathematics eff. 2/1/09	\$100 per day 3/8/12

**d. Appointments – Extended Day – 2011/12**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Kristen Wilson	Extended Day Susan E. Wiley	\$35 per hour 2/27/12
Kenneth Pratt	SAT English Prep High School	\$35 per hour 3/8/12
Paul Andrejkovics	SAT Math Prep High School	\$35 per hour 3/8/12

**e. Appointment – Annual – Teacher Mentor**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Jessica Zimmer	Kate Riker	Deauville Gardens

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 \$2,200 annual stipend in addition to 120 hours of professional development credit. Ms. Zimmer's stipend will be prorated.

**f. Appointment – Translator**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Janet Doyle	Urdu	\$15 per hour

**g. Appointments – Election Workers – Copiague Memorial Public Library Trustee/Budget Vote - 2012**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
B'Ann Roth	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
Joan Hauser	Alternate Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Cecilia Fernandez	Walk-in Registration	
Rita Soukup	Walk-in Registration	
Rosette Verriotto	Walk-in Registration	

**h. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Custodial Worker**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Pedro Espinal	Custodial Worker High School	Step 1 - \$39,517 plus \$550 night differential eff. 3/8/12 probationary period to end 9/11/12

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Fausto Cornejo	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 3/8/12
Peter Buonavita	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 3/8/12
Michael Sofia	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 3/8/12

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

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of School to submit a section 211 request to the State Civil Service Commission.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the State Civil Service Commission the request to employ retirees: Michael Bopp, Edward Burns, William Estes, Carl Ferrigno, Lee Gaddy, Walter Lenski, Joann Luquis, Richard Lynch, Arenia Miller, Gregory Outsen, John Pascua, Paul Polito, Sherranda Rush, Kevin Smith, Thomas Speed, Laura Stafford, Frederick Troise, and Michael Wright as School Security Guards under section 211 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law.

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

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

Case #57723	Case #57787	Case #57655	Case #57785	Case #56972
Case #74441	Case #57648	Case #56672		

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

6. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of students with disabilities as listed below:

Case #70896	Case #60806	Case #10057556	Case #73348	Case #59824
Case #62039	Case #60555	Case #69301	Case #73229	Case #74266
Case #56845	Case #56714	Case #56668	Case #10057754	Case #69086
Case #72635	Case #68225	Case #71191	Case #73192	Case #67693
Case #10056854	Case #60788	Case #73331	Case #69466	Case #71060
Case #69865	Case #72172	Case #72039	Case #60806	Case #66496

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

7. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following policy changes:

5110	School Attendance Areas
5140-R	Entrance Age Regulation
5140-E	Entrance Age Exhibit
5150	School Admissions
5152	Admission of Non-Resident Students Regulation

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

#### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Newman to nominate Mr. Sydney Finkelstein and Mr. Salvatore Marinello to run for reelection to the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services for one three year term.

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

2. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the request for two high school students to attend the Angelo Del Toro Leadership Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in Albany, New York, from March 24-26, 2012.

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

3. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to accept the Internal Auditor's Reports prepared by R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP.

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

4. Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Internal Audit 2010-2-11.

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

5. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from the Vending Machine fund to the Students Against Destructive Decisions club at the high school to defray costs of the after-prom party.

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

6. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to accept the donation of a nebulizer.

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

7. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the budget transfers that exceed \$10,000.

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

8. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the request for two students on the varsity track teams to participate in the New York State Winter Championship, in Ithaca, New York from Friday, March 2 through Saturday, March 3, 2012.

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

### **REPORTS**

1. Cafeteria Operating Report – January 2012
2. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending February 23, 2012
3. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig reported on his annual Superintendent's Mid-Winter Conference which he had attended from March 4-6, 2012. He also announced that the Middle School Robotics Team came in third place out of 44 districts at the Longwood High School Long Island Robotics Championship. Mr. Leunig also reminded everyone that tomorrow will be the official AP Award Ceremony.

4. School Budget 2012/13 – Work Session and Student Services/Special Education

The budget work session included a brief update on the expenditure side of the budget, where Mr. Michaelsen showed a reduction in the deficit of around \$300,000 bringing it under \$1.5 million. The second presentation focused on Student Services/Special Education, as well as the numerous other areas that fall under Mrs. Sheridan's area of responsibility in the Office of Student Services.

### **SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

5200	Cocurricular and Extracurricular Programs
5225	Student Personal Expression

### **FIRST POLICY REVIEW**

5252	Student Activities Funds Management
5260	Student Contests
5280	Interscholastic Athletics
5302	Alcohol Consumption by Students
5305	Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities
5305-E	Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities Exhibit
5311.3	Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints
5311.3-R	Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints Regulation
5420	Student Health Services

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Greb reported that the Board received a letter from Mr. Marinello and Mr. Finkelstein thanking the Board for their support. The Board also received a letter from Mr. Waidler inviting the elementary schools to participate in the packaging of items to be shipped to our service men and women in Afghanistan.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2012, 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 2012/13 school budget.

The Legislative Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 8:45 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VOICE OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Sales reported on the N-SSBA Legislative Committee Meeting which he attended.

Mrs. Fischer reported on the Suffolk Region Legislative Breakfast which took place on March 3, 2012.

Mr. Greb commented on the Varsity Winter Sports Awards that he and many Board members attended on March 6. Mr. Greb was impressed on how many scholar athletes our district has.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

There was no voice of the people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk