

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 24, 2011

PRESENT:

Doris Fischer
Laura Gavey
Michael L. 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 19 Residents and Staff Members

The meeting was preceded by Board Recognition Night. Members of the Middle School Chamber Chorus, directed by Mr. Levenson, performed two musical selections.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 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. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting and Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 3, 2011.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignations – Annual Per Diem Substitute, Teaching Assistant

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Jennifer Birney	Annual Per Diem Substitute Susan E. Wiley	9/1/11 – 10/21/11	10/21/11	Personal
Carolyn Mejia	Teaching Assistant Great Neck Road	9/21/10 – Present	10/12/11	Personal

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Declinations of Appointment – Ancillary Staff

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to accept the following declinations of appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nicholas Ashley	Color Guard Technician Marching Season Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 6/20/11	Personal
Frank Ponzio	Brass Technician Summer Band Camp Appointed at Board of Education Meeting of 6/20/11	Personal

Peter Robinson Drill Technician Personal
 Summer Band Camp
 Appointed at
 Board of Education Meeting
 of 6/20/11

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. Request for Leave of Absence – Part-time Clerk Typist

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following request for leave of absence, without pay:

Name	Assignment & School	Service in District	Effective Date	Reason Given
Claudia Spota	Clerk Typist (part-time) Deauville Gardens	1998-Present	10/28/11 terminating on or about 12/19/11*	Personal

*These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mr. Newman, 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:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFF. DATE
Batindaro, Meaghan	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	10/25/11
Berinato, Tonimarie	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	10/25/11
Falcone, Christina	College Student Observer	10/25/11
Foskey, Carolyn	Educational Bus - Attendant	10/25/11
Koszelak, Iwona	Translator	10/25/11
Koszelak, Marek	Translator	10/25/11
Parker, Denise	College Student Observer	10/25/11
Saccaro, Theresa	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	10/25/11
Sciammarella, Christina	College Student Observer	10/25/11
Williams, Amanda	College Student Observer	10/25/11

b. Appointment – Annual Per Diem Substitute

Name	Assignment & Certification	Salary & Effective Date
Helen Harris	Susan E. Wiley NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education eff. 9/1/07	\$120 per day 10/25/11 to on or before 6/30/12

c. Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Richard O'Malley	Per Diem Substitute NYS Permanent Certificates N, K & 1-6 Physical Education eff. 9/1/76 Math 7-12 eff. 9/1/80	\$100 per day 10/25/11

d. Appointment – Annual – Mentor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Darwin Ryan	Timothy Clare	High School

Mentors receive a \$2,200 annual stipend in addition to 120 hours of professional development credit.

e. Appointments – Extended Day – 2011/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend Effective Date</u>
Renee Locker	Extended Day High School	\$35 per hour 10/7/11
Neil Schweitzer	Extended Day High School	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Paul Kounadis	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Rosemarie Espinal	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Nina Maslo	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Jacqueline Oquendo	Expended Day Recycling Club Susan E. Wiley	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Krystof Lipinski	Extended Day Deauville Gardens	\$35 per hour 10/25/11
Keith Junas	Extended Day Great Neck Road	\$35 per hour 10/25/11

f. Appointments – Title III Grant Program – 2011/12 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Michelle Budion	Saturday Program Supervisor	\$45 per hour 5 hours per week for 20 weeks 10/29/11
Claudia Prisinzano	Saturday Program Supervisor	\$45 per hour 5 hours per week for 20 weeks 10/29/11
Helen Harris	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11

Iwona Matesewicz	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Samuel Gonzales	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Barbara Gold	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Armando Marcenaro	Saturday Program Teacher Citizenship Instructor	\$35 per hour 10/29/11 Additional hour for 20 weeks
Nube Crimi	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Barbara Kulikowska	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
André Hosza	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Andrew Reyes	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Yvonne Pino	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Colleen McLinden	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
John Sofos	Saturday Program Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Carmen Gomez	Saturday Program Teaching Assistant	\$26.71 per hour 10/29/11
Lisa Amodeo	Saturday Program Teaching Assistant	\$18.99 per hour 10/29/11
Jean Maria Fortunato	Saturday Program Substitute Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Meghan Nocella	Saturday Program Substitute Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Megan White	Saturday Program Substitute Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Yvonne Romeu Shapiro	Saturday Program Substitute Teacher	\$35 per hour 10/29/11
Cecilia Fernandez	Bilingual Clerical Staff	\$17.61 per hour 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 10/29/11 and 11/5/11
Maria Herrero	Bilingual Clerical Staff	\$17.61 per hour 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 10/29/11 and 11/5/11

g. Appointments – Annual – Co-curricular – 2011/12 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Diane Chimienti	Literacy Coach Middle School	\$3,334
Peter Robinson	Marching Band Co-Assistant Director High School	\$1,770
Frank Ponzio	Marching Band Co-Assistant Director High School	\$1,770

h. Appointments – Ancillary Staff - 2011/12 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Raymond Devlin	Marching Band Technician Fall/Parade season and school year	\$1,000
Kevin McKean	Mallet & Leadership Technician Fall/Parade season and school year	\$500
Lori Pannullo	Color Guard/Winter Guard Technician Fall/Parade season and school year	\$500

i. Appointment – Head Chaperone – Winter – 2011/12 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Stipend & Effective Date</u>
Yvan Garcia	Head Chaperone Winter Season High School	\$1,500 plus \$60 per athletic event attended

j. Appointments – Annual – Chaperones – 2011/12 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Christine Sklar	Teacher
Stephanie Valeiko	Guidance Chairpersons

k. Appointments – Coaching Staff – Winter – 2011/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & Certification</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Steven Rebholz	Varsity Boys Basketball First Aid Expires 6/3/13	\$7,730 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11
Timothy Clare	JV Boys Basketball First Aid Expires 10/30/12	\$5,798 10/25/11
Carole Olsen	Varsity Girls Basketball First Aid Expires 6/4/12	\$7,730 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11
Lisa Macchia	JV Girls Basketball First Aid Expires 6/1/12	\$5,798 10/25/11

Anthony Cipriano	Varsity Wrestling First Aid Expires 6/21/13	\$7,730 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11
Nicholas Lorenzen	JV Wrestling First Aid Expires 2/12/13	\$5,798 10/25/11
George Schroeder	Boys Winter Track First Aid Expires 6/2/14	\$6,690 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11
Antoinette Spencer	Girls Winter Track First Aid Expires 6/3/13	\$6,690 10/25/11
John Sack	Varsity Assistant Winter Track First Aid Expires 6/3/13	\$5,352 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11
Jonathan Cutolo	Varsity Girls Bowling First Aid Expires 6/11/13	\$5,650 10/25/11
Christina Cutolo	Varsity Boys Bowling First Aid Expires 6/11/13	\$5,650 10/25/11
Joseph Napolitano	Middle School 7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Middle School Wrestling First Aid Expires 8/20/12	\$4,004 10/25/11 \$3,632
Kristin Havdoglous	Middle School 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Basketball First Aid Expires 5/25/14	\$3,632 10/25/11
Daniel Broadbent	Middle School 7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Volleyball First Aid Expires 6/4/12	\$4,004 + \$400 Longevity 10/25/11

I. Appointments – Translators

<u>Name</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Iwona Koszelak	Polish	\$15 per hour
Marek Koszelak	Polish	\$15 per hour

m. Appointment – Consultant

Name	Assignment	Cost
Building Bridges Educational Consultants	Wilson Reading System Introductory Workshop	\$475 per participant
	Wilson Reading System Level 1 Certification	\$1,800 per participant

We expect no more than 10 participants. Teachers who participate will be required to sign an agreement with the district agreeing to reimburse the district for the fee if they do not complete the training and maintain their certification.

The fees for this training will be paid out of Title II funds.

n. Increase in Hours – Non-Teaching: Food Service Worker

Name	Assignment & School	Salary & Effective Date
Aye Aye Ni	Food Service Worker (part-time) Great Neck Road	Step 1 - \$13.56 per hour 4 hours per day eff. 10/25/11 (Step 2 – 2/1/12)

o. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Part-time Clerk Typist

Name	Assignment & School	Salary & Effective Date
Anadesis Miranda	Clerk Typist (part-time) Middle School Guidance Office	Step 1 - \$17.61 per hour 3.5 hours per day 10/25/11 Probationary period to end 4/23/12

p. Appointments - Committee on Preschool Special Education

Name	Assignment
Stacey Bach	Teacher Member
Natalia Brite	Teacher Member

q. Appointments - Committee on Special Education

Name	Assignment
Jean Ann Kohn	Alternate Special Education Teacher
Stephanie Cilento	Alternate Special Education Teacher
Jennifer Smith	Alternate Special Education Teacher
Danielle Palladino	Alternate Special Education Teacher

r. Appointment – Student Worker

Name	Assignment & School	Salary & Effective Date
Samantha Cheung	Library	\$7.25 per hour
	Susan E. Wiley	10/25/11

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

6. 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 #57293	Case #56861	Case #57161	Case #57249	Case #57314
Case #57151	Case #57023	Case #57206	Case #57518	Case #57353
Case #57354				

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

7. 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 #71884	Case #10056762	Case #60871	Case #60593	Case #67712
Case #71505	Case #10057375	Case #60376	Case #60788	Case #61685
Case #68377	Case #10057335	Case #10057254	Case #72324	Case #10057187
Case #67357				

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

8. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following policy changes:

6720-R	Competitive Bidding Procedures Regulation
7100	Facilities Planning
7100-E	Facilities Planning Report Card

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the 2011/2012 School District Tax Rate of \$173.34 per \$100 of assessed valuation as projected in the School District Budget.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to accept the External Auditor's Reports prepared by Cullen and Danowski, LLP for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to accept the Federal Single Audit Report as prepared by Cullen and Danowski, LLP.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

At this time Mr. Sales congratulated Mr. Michaelsen on getting the audits completed in a timely manner as opposed to last year. However, Mr. Sales would have liked to of had an additional Audit Committee Meeting to review the Federal Single Audit Report rather than having it sent home for the Board to review.

4. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to accept the following donations:

- (a) An Automatic Defibrillator Device (AED) from Capital One Bank.
- (b) \$1,054 from the Western Suffolk Counselors' Association to pay bus transportation for our students so they could attend the Western Suffolk Counselors' Association College Fair.
- (c) \$500 from the Suffolk County Community College Honors Club to be used to purchase college-themed resource books that will be housed in the middle school library.
- (d) A baby grand piano from Mr. and Mrs. Segal.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the External Audit 2010-2011.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
- a. General Fund - 10/1, 12/11
 - b. School Lunch Fund - 9/27; 10/12/11
 - c. Federal Fund - 9/27; 10/12/11
 - d. Capital Fund - 10/12/11

2. Treasurer's Report – September 2011
3. Cafeteria Operating Report – September 2011
4. Expenditure, Revenue, and Investment Reports – September 2011
5. Enrollment Report for the Period Ending – September 30, 2011
6. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that earlier in the day he had received a call from the College Board (Jacqueline Piazza) telling him that the Copiague School District has been named AP District of the Year (nationally) in the small district category. Mr. Leunig went on to say, "this great achievement is a cumulative effort. Key people in achieving this honor are Mrs. Altruda and Dr. Klein, Dr. Bannon with the curriculum piece and teachers - Allison Weller, Michelle Penyy and James Travis, who had a great impact on more students achieving scores of 3 or better." Data from the College Board shows that Copiague has simultaneously expanded access to AP and improved scores. From 2009 to 2011, Copiague had increased student participation in AP by 32%, increased the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher by 35% and increased the percentage of traditionally underserved minority students earning scores of 3 or higher by 61%.

Other perks that our district will receive from this honor are mention in national and regional press release developed and distributed by the College Board, listing on related College Board websites, listing on related College Board AP marketing materials, and additional PR opportunities at the Annual Conference in July. Additionally, our district will have a significant role in the Awards Plenary Session at the College Board Annual Conference which will include a custom video shoot and production to highlight the district, schools, administrators, teachers and students; a speaking opportunity for a student at the plenary session; an AP scholarship for the district's choice of AP programs totaling \$10,000; complimentary registration for a total of 10 attendees to the Annual Conference; all travel, lodging and expenses for 4 of the 10 attendees including a District Administrator, an AP teacher, a student and chaperone; an assembly program with executives from the College Board and AP to present the "Award."

Mr. Leunig discussed with the Board starting the budget process earlier this year due to the complexities of the state aid cuts and the tax cap. It was agreed that in the months leading up to the traditional budget season (beginning in March) that have two Board meetings; the second Board meeting of the month would be dedicated to discussing the budget and long range planning. From March forward, budget work sessions will be scheduled for every Board meeting. Below is the tentative schedule for the budget work sessions, pending adoption of the official budget calendar:

November 21, 2011	March 7, 2012
December 19, 2011	March 19, 2012
January 23, 2012	April 2, 2012

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

3230-E	Organization Chart Exhibit
4000	Student Learning Objectives and Instructional Goals
4200	Curriculum Management
4300	Curriculum
4311.1-R	Display of the Flag Regulation
4315	Health Education
4315.1	AIDS Instruction
5305-E	Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities Exhibit
6100	Annual Budget
6110	Budget Planning
6110-R	Budget Planning Regulation

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

4316	Physical Education
4316-R	Physical Education Regulation
4317	Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
4318	Driver Education
4319	Science and Math Instruction
4321	Programs for Students with Disabilities
4321-R	Programs for Students with Disabilities Regulation
4321-E	Programs for Students with Disabilities Exhibit
4321.1	Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs and Services
4321.2	Preschool Special Education
4321.2-R	Preschool Special Education Regulation
4321.3	Independent Education Evaluations
4321.4	Special Education Personnel
4321.5	Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment
4321.6	School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Greb announced that the Board received the following invitations:

November 6th – Fire Prevention Award
November 15th – Fall Varsity Awards
December 1st – WSBOCES Annual Board Dinner
November 29th - N-SSBA Semi-Annual Meeting
November 10th – Great Neck Road students and staff celebrate Veterans Day
October 29th – Town of Babylon’s 13th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VOICE OF THE BOARD

Mr. Sales mentioned the upcoming N-SSBA Semi-Annual Meeting on November 29th and suggested inviting Mr. Millan, Director of School Safety and Security and Mr. Harris, Director of Technology, since this meeting is focusing on emergency response and the use of technology.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

There was no voice of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to go into Executive Session to discuss particular persons and negotiations.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk