

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**November 21, 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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. Newman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 7, 2011.

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

**2. Resignations – Part-time Nurse, Part-time Security Aide**

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>
Nancy Lydon	Nurse (Part-time) Deauville Gardens	10/15/10 – Present	11/8/11	Personal
Raymond Ott	Security Aide (Part-time) High School	11/9/94 – Present	11/2/11	Personal

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

**3. Request for Leave of Absence – Elementary**

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following request for leave of absence, without pay:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason Given</u>
Caren Steiger	Elementary Teacher Susan E. Wiley	2000 – Present (Leave of Absence 4/27/10 to 1/27/12)	1/28/12 terminating 6/30/12	Child Care

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

4. 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>
Berend, Christina	College Student Observer	11/22/11
Cupas, Jennifer	Substitute Nurse	11/22/11
McKean, Kevin	Marching Band – Mallet & Leadership Tech.	11/22/11
Pannullo, Lori	Color Guard/Winter Guard Technician	11/22/11
Saccaro, Theresa	Educational Bus – Driver Assistant	11/22/11
Sans, Christopher	College Student Observer	11/22/11

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Catherine Lavoie	NYS Initial Certificate Childhood Education Grades 1-6 eff. 9/1/08	Elementary Susan E. Wiley	1/31/12 and terminating on or before 6/30/12 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$59,914 of the 2011/12 Teachers' Salary Schedule

c. **Appointments – Extended Day – 2011/12 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend Effective Date</u>
Jacqueline Zachmann	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Iwona Matuszewicz	ESL Extended Day Susan E. Wiley	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Raquel Estevez	ESL Extended Day Great Neck Road	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Heidi Cardenas	ESL Extended Day Susan E. Wiley	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Sarah Rowan	ESL Extended Day Home Visits Middle School	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Reagan Hertel	ESL Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Nidia Vaz-Correia	ESL Extended Day Great Neck Road	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Carly Lamson	ESL Extended Day Deauville Gardens	\$35 per hour 11/22/11
Yvonne Pino	ESL Extended Day Deauville Gardens	\$35 per hour 11/22/11

**d. Appointment – Plan to Improve Student Academic Achievement – “Project Interceptors”**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Danielle Poletti	Attendance Team Worker	\$35 per hour 11/22/11

This year’s program is expected to run from November 8, 2011 through April 2012 with each team working approximately twice a week for approximately 21 weeks under the supervision of Ms. Karen Sheridan, Executive Director of Student Services.

**e. Appointment – Per Diem Substitute**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Stazzone	Per Diem Substitute NYS Permanent Certificate Pre K, K & Grades 1-6 eff. 2/1/08	\$100 per day 11/22/11

**f. Appointment – Annual – Chaperone – 2011/12 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Michael Ferretti	English Chairperson

**g. Appointment – Annual – Teaching Assistant – 2011/12 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Melisa Dias	High School Special Education	Step 1 - \$24.63 per hour 3.5 hours per day 11/22/11 to on or before 6/22/12

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Tara Longo	Food Service Worker District	\$9.30 per hour 11/22/11
Harvey Marrow	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 11/22/11
Sean Morrison	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 11/22/11
Michael Papagno	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 11/22/11

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

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

Case #57480      Case #56605      Case #57244      Case #57205      Case #57089  
Case #57083

**Vote: 7 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 #59976	Case #70716	Case #70714	Case #10057371	Case #70302
Case #59816	Case #68124	Case #71371	Case #73309	Case #70716
Case #62179	Case #71167	Case #10057454	Case #10057455	Case #73521
Case #05952	Case #10057267	Case #03745	Case #03743	Case #58968
Case #60284	Case #73108	Case #74005	Case #10057285	

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

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

4316	Physical Education
4318	Driver Education
4319	Science and Math Instruction

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

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

### **REPORTS**

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
  - a. General Fund - 11/8/11
  - b. School Lunch Fund - 11/8/11
  - c. Federal Fund - 11/8/11
2. Treasurer's Report – October 2011
3. Expenditure, Revenue and Investment Reports – October 2011
4. Cafeteria Operating Report – October 2011
5. Budget Transfers – October 2011
6. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig began by reading an article from the New York Post regarding the Governor's emergency budget meeting on the debt as the special deficit-reduction supercommittee appeared set to admit failure. The article went on to say that New York could lose as many as 155,000 jobs and billions in dollars in aid to schools and health care services because federal budget cuts would tear into state and local jobs funded by Washington.

7. School Budget 2012/13 – Work Session

Mr. Leunig and Mr. Michaelsen presented the first work session in the development of the 2012/13 School Budget. Mr. Leunig began by reviewing the District's Budget Development Mission Statement and the Budget Goals. He also compared some significant facts as to what obstacles the District was facing while developing the 2011/12 School Budget to the obstacles the District is facing developing the 2012/13 School Budget. Mr. Leunig and Mr. Michaelsen then explained the new tax levy cap legislation so that the community has a better understanding of what it means and how the District will arrive at the proposed budget put before the voters.

Many residents asked questions and made some suggestions. Mr. Leunig and Mr. Greb thanked everyone for coming and encouraged the audience to keep attending the budget meetings, bring friends, ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

**SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

4322	Programs for the Gifted and Talented
4324	Programs for Pregnant Students
4325	Academic Intervention Services
4326-R	Limited English Proficiency/English Language Learners Instruction Regulation
4327-R	Homebound Instruction Regulation
4327-E	Homebound End of Year Report

**FIRST POLICY REVIEW**

4328	Alternative School Program
4331	Summer School
4334.1	High School Credit for College Courses
4340	Adult Education Programs
4350	Multicultural/Global Education
4400	Instructional Arrangements
4410	Grouping for Instruction
4430	Student Schedules and Course Loads
4510	Instructional Materials
4510.1	Instructional Technology
4511	Textbook Selection and Adoption
4513	Library Materials Selection and Adoption
4524	School Libraries

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Greb announced that Board has been invited to an Open House sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Sweeney on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. The invitation also asks that you please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room in the Middle School.

Superintendent's Conference Day will be held on November 23, 2011. Schools will be closed for students.

Thanksgiving Recess will be celebrated on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2011. All schools and offices will be closed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VOICE OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Sales reported on the Technology Committee Meeting in which he attended. Additionally, even though he did not attend the N-SSBA Meeting, he did have information from the meeting he shared with the Board.

Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Greb, Mrs. Gavey and Mr. Newman reported on the NYSSBA Workshop they attended, entitled, Bullying Can Have Dire Consequences: How Can Your District Help?

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

There was no voice of the people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to go into Executive Session to discuss particular persons.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was reconvened at 10:34 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk