

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 25, 2013**

**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

Dr. Kathleen Bannon  
Associate Superintendent

Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations  
Assistant Superintendent

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 Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 11, 2013.

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

**2. Resignations – Student Worker, English, Coach**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer 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>
John Costa	Student Worker High School Library	10/2/12 – Present	3/1/13	Personal
Jason Ross	English Teacher Middle School Coach – MS Softball	9/1/09 – Present	3/19/13	Personal

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

**3. Request for Leave of Absence – Cafeteria Aide**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer 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>
Elizabeth DePaolo	Cafeteria Aide High School	1986 – Present	2/11/13 terminating on or about 6/30/13	Medical

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

4. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, 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>
Andino, Leticia	Attendant, Educational Bus Transportation	3/26/13
Carusso, Donna	Attendant, Educational Bus Transportation	3/26/13
Gutierrez, Dianica	Attendant, Educational Bus Transportation	3/26/13
Maravilla, Mayra	Attendant, Educational Bus Transportation	3/26/13
Saulter, Jouquem	Driver Asst., Educational Bus Transportation	3/26/13

b. **Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute – English as a Second Language**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Anna Szyszko	NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education Grades 1-6 eff. 9/1/09 English to Speakers of Other Languages eff. 9/1/12	English as a Second Language High School	4/1/13 and terminating on or before 6/30/13 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$61,412 (prorated) of the 2012/13 Teachers' Salary Schedule

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Sara McAuley	Susan E. Wiley NYS Initial Certificates: Childhood Education Grades 1-6 Early Childhood Education B-Grade 2 Students with Disabilities B-Grade 2 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 eff. 9/1/12	\$120 per day 4/1/13 to on or before 6/30/13

d. **Appointments – Extended Day – 2012/2013**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend &amp; Effective Date</u>
Maria Stamatelatos	Extended Day High School	\$35 per hour 4/1/13
Yenifer Taveras	Extended Day Great Neck Road	\$35 per hour 4/1/13
Laura Soluri	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 4/1/13

Larry Kurtzman	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 4/1/13
Joseph Kriklava	SAT Prep – English Extended Day High School	\$35 per hour 4/1/13

**e. Appointments – Co-curricular – 2012/13 School Year**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Daniel Barresi	Treehuggerz Club Co-Advisor High School	\$797
James Travis	Treehuggerz Club Co-Advisor High School	\$797

**f. Appointment – Coaching Staff – Spring 2012/13**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Michael Ferretti	Middle School Softball First Aid Pending	\$4,189 3/26/13

**g. Compensation for Additional Work**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Days Worked</u>
Laura Johnson	Special Education Teacher Middle School	4/1/13 – end of year 1 extra period every day

Ms. Johnson will be teaching one additional period per day of Special Education Mathematics class. The additional instructional period is necessary to bring our Special Education class sizes in compliance with state regulations. The rate of pay for one additional teaching period is one-eighth of the daily rate for the teacher.

**h. Continuation of Appointment – Non-Teaching: Cafeteria Aide**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Kathleen	Cafeteria Aide	\$16.26 per hour
Mikolajczak	Deauville Gardens West	2.75 hours per day eff. 4/1/13

**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 #010058774	Case #010057724	Case #010058624	Case #010058749
Case #010058763	Case #010058760	Case #010058742	

**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 #000069062	Case #000066712	Case #010057223	Case #010056916
Case #000066280	Case #000067030	Case #000067754	Case #000070555
Case #72674	Case #010056291	Case #000068377	Case #000068799
Case #000059872	Case #000068125	Case #000071070	Case #010057439
Case #000073519	Case #000061522	Case #000070363	Case #000068277
Case #000066381	Case #010058521	Case #000070738	Case #72788

Case #000072909	Case #000070463	Case #000073603	Case #000068539
Case #000068550	Case #000072312	Case #000074039	Case #010057007
Case #000074391	Case #000074441	Case #68239	Case #000071191
Case #010056785	Case #000061010	Case #000067984	

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

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

9511                      Staff Health

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

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A) from Eastern Suffolk BOCES:

**JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM RESOLUTION (A)**

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 Union Free School District, 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 Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to accept the payment of \$7,190 from Avaya Special Rebates for obsolete telephone equipment that was sold as scrap.

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

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to accept the donation from Hanna Andersson/Cash for Kids Program in the amount of \$100 which was awarded to a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Deauville Gardens East.

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

4. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to accept the donation of a flowering cherry tree from Giannini Landscaping to the Green Team at Susan E. Wiley and the permission to plant the tree on school property for Earth Day.

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

5. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve a 3 year lease purchase agreement with a one dollar buyout for new automated external defibrillators (AEDs), a pole vault system and a 2013 Ford cargo van.

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

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

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

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

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

## **REPORTS**

1. Reports of the Claims Auditor – February 2013
  - a. General Fund
  - b. School Lunch Fund
  - c. Federal Fund
  - d. Trust and Agency
2. Treasurer's Report – February 2013
3. Expenditure, Revenue, and Investment Reports – February 2013
4. Budget Transfers – February 2013
5. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig began his report by telling everyone that the high school musical this year, *In the Heights*, was one of the best high school musicals he has ever seen.

Next, Mr. Leunig went on to report that the state aid runs could be announced as early as tomorrow but most likely at the end of the week. At the April 8 Board meeting the district should have all the

final aid numbers from the state, which will help us determine how best to bring the budget to a balanced conclusion.

6. Presentation:

The presentation this evening was an update on School Safety and Security provided by Mr. Todd Andrews and Mr. Corey Swinson.

7. School Budget 2013/14 – Work Session:

The budget work session included an update on the expenditure forecast in the budget, focusing on fine arts, instruction/curriculum, business administration, payroll and benefits.

**SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

2310	Regular Meetings
2340	Notice of Meetings
2342	Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was not correspondence.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2013, 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 2013/14 school budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VOICE OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Sales mentioned that N-SSBA wanted to remind everyone that what the governor calls a tax cap is really a tax levy cap. He also shared that on You Tube there is a video, "Give Long Island Its Fair Share of State Aid!"

**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.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was reconvened at 10:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk