

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2014

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 12 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Michael Greb, President, in the Board of Education Conference Room at 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 December 16, 2013 and the Special Meetings of the Board of Education of January 6 & 7, 2014.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignations – Part-time Custodial Worker, Building Substitute

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>
Nikkien Fauntleroy	Custodial Worker (part-time) Great Neck Road	9/9/13 – 12/20/13	12/21/13	Personal
Ines Robinson	Building Substitute Deauville Gardens East	10/4/11 – 1/2/14	1/2/14	Personal

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Requests for Leaves of Absence – Science, Guidance Counselor, Security Aide

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Deanna Rittenhouse	Science Teacher High School	2003 – Present (9/1/13 – 1/30/14)	1/31/14 terminating 6/30/14	Child Care
Geraldine Baldwin	Guidance Counselor High School	2006 – Present	6/23/14* terminating 6/30/14	Child Care

*May 12, 2014 through June 30, 2014 will be counted toward FMLA entitlement. These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Keith Williams	Security Aide Central Office	9/1/11 – Present	1/15/14 terminating 1/23/14	Personal
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Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, 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>
Lewis, Muhammad	Volunteer, High School	1/14/14
Manzollilo, Joan	Adult Ed. Teacher	1/14/14
Senzon, Barbara	Volunteer, High School	1/14/14

b. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute – Science

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Benjamin Schuerlein	NYS Initial Certificate Biology 7-12 eff. 2/1/12	Science 7-12 High School	2/1/14 and terminating on or about 6/30/14 Salary: Step 2 Column BA + 9 \$57,672 (prorated) of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule

c. Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment/Certification</u>	<u>Salary/Effective Date</u>
Peter Hutchison	Per Diem Substitute Middle School NYS Permanent Certificates N, K & 1-6 eff. 9/1/94 Special Ed. eff. 9/1/94 Physical Education eff. 9/1/94 School District Administrator eff. 9/1/05 School Admin/Supervisor eff. 9/1/09	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14
Brianna O'Connor	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens West NYS Initial Certificates Child. Ed. B-2 & 1-6 Students with Disabilities B-2 & 1-6 eff. 9/1/12	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14

Kiersten Bortell	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens East NYS Initial Certificate Child. Ed. 1-6 eff. 9/1/12	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14
Alexandria Rappazzo	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens West NYS Initial Certificates Child. Ed. 1-6 eff. 2/1/12 Literacy B-6 eff. 9/1/13	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14
Lindsay Ehrman	Per Diem Substitute High School NYS Initial Certificate Social Studies 7-12 eff. 9/1/13	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14
Christopher Orlando	Per Diem Substitute High School Biology 7-12 eff. 9/1/11 General Science 7-12 Ext. eff. 9/1/13	\$100 per day 1/14/14 to on or before 6/30/14

d. Appointment – Adult and Continuing Education Staff – Spring 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Dr. Shirley Espinoza	Seminar – Allergies	No Fee

e. Appointments - Volunteers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Amanda Watral	M.Ed., International Educational Development Boston University B. A., German & Linguistics Boston College	4/13 – Present, Health & Welfare Council of Long Island – Consumer Health Advocate Coordinator 5/11 – 3/13, Health/Nutrition Facilitated Enroller

Ms. Watral will be conducting parent meetings for the purpose of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application.

Muhammad Lewis	LaGuardia Community College	Played two years at the AAU level. Played for the Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball teams
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Mr. Lewis will be volunteering with the boy’s high school basketball program.

f. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Continuation – Night Custodian in Charge

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
James Nolfo	Night Custodian in Charge Great Neck Road	Step 10 - \$61,502 plus \$550 Night Differential, \$550 Elementary Night Custodian in Charge Differential eff. 1/14/14

g. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Food Service Worker

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Melissa Indelicati	Food Service Worker (Part-time) Deauville Gardens	Step 1 - \$13.97 per hour* 4 hours per day eff. 1/14/14 probationary period to end 9/15/14

*Based on 2012/13 Salary Charts

h. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Nikkien Fauntleroy	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 1/14/14

i. Appointment – Extended Day – 2013/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend</u> <u>Effective Date</u>
Nicole Pellegrino	Extended Day Deauville Gardens East	\$35 per hour 1/14/14

j. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Senior Account Clerk

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Paul LaVigna	Senior Account Clerk Business Office	Step 5 - \$44,414 eff. 1/27/14 probationary period to end 7/28/14

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #010059543	Case #010059072	Case #010059191	Case #010059556
Case #010059546	Case #010059547	Case #010059550	

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

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

Case #010058144	Case #010058571	Case #000074424	Case #000071444
Case #010058125	Case #74179	Case #010059291	Case #000062179
Case #67133	Case #010059418	Case #68239	Case #000059236
Case #000072298	Case #000074442	Case #010056620	Case #010057711
Case #000070711	Case #61680	Case #000071966	Case #000070363
Case #000068277	Case #000069254	Case #010057565	Case #010056397
Case #000072531	Case #000073625	Case #000061373	Case #000067738
Case #000061587	Case #000060197	Case #000067639	Case #010057810
Case #000068032	Case #000066482	Case #000067371	Case #74443
Case #010059566	Case #010057395	Case #010058776	Case #010056690
Case #000073689	Case #010056399	Case #000069498	Case #72142
Case #000068207	Case #60171	Case #000071166	

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

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

1721-R	Student Teaching and Internship
1721-E.2	Administrative Internship Application
1800	Gifts from the Public
1900	Parental Involvement

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the budget transfers that exceed \$10,000.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the request for winter guard students to attend the out of state Winter Guard Competitions.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to pre-approve the request for students to attend the Angelo Del Toro Leadership Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Institute in Albany from March 22-24, 2014.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to table Consideration #4.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS

1. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending December 20, 2013
2. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig reported on the 6th Annual Copiague College Day. New this year, the focus has changed to college and career. Also new this year, the kindergarten children had a newly designed t-shirt with the year they will be graduating (2027).

Mr. Leunig reported on the Governor's State of the State Address which typically is the start of the State Budget season. Mr. Leunig thought it was very interesting the things that were said by the Governor and the things that were not said by him. Governor Cuomo reported that the state deficit went from \$10 billion to a \$2 billion surplus. The Governor spoke about Universal Pre-K for every child, which is interesting when some school districts are in such crisis, they are pulling back on full-day kindergarten to half-day kindergarten to save some money. The Governor is proposing a \$2 billion Bond Referendum for purchasing and building a technology infrastructure in all schools. Mr. Leunig was not sure what that would mean for a District like Copiague that already has a well-developed technology infrastructure. The Governor is also proposing a \$20,000 bonus for those teachers who are rated highly effective. This is tied to the new APPR which is flawed.

What the Governor didn't speak about was the controversy over Common Core. Legislative leaders are now coming out to say how flawed the system is. Another omission by the Governor was the GAP Elimination Adjustment. If eliminated, \$4.4 million in state aid would be restored to our district.

3. Presentation:

A presentation was given by the Elementary Staff Developers, Karla Cangelosi, Sheri Droz, Jacki Kelly and Melanie Luck, on Elementary ELA.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

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| 2120-R.1 | School Board Elections – Poll Watcher Regulations |
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FIRST POLICY REVIEW

2170	Board Member Conflict of Interest
2210	Annual School Board Reorganizational Meeting
2220	Board Officers
2230	Appointed Board Officials
2240	Board-Superintendent Relationship
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2270.1	Litigation Procedures
2310	Regular Meetings
2320	Special Meetings
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2342	Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
2350	Board Meeting Procedures
2351	Quorum
2352	Rules of Order
2360	Minutes
2360-R	Minutes Regulation

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School. The meeting will be preceded by Board Recognition of Students at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. The Agenda will include a work session for the development of the 2014/15 school budget.

All schools and offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014, in commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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 asked for a copy of Policy 2170. Additionally, the resident asked to consider changing the format of College Day to include career options that do not require a college degree.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, 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 8:25 p.m.

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:19 p.m.

FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to award the Disposition of Request for Proposal (Nassau BOCES) for Architectural/Engineering Services to Wendel Architectural/Engineering.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk