

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 27, 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 7 Residents and Staff Members

The meeting was preceded by Student Recognition at 7:00 p.m. held in the Middle School Auditorium.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 January 13, 2014.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Resignations – Building Substitutes, Teaching Assistants

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 Given</u>
Michelle Berardi	Building Substitute Deauville Gardens East	10/23/12-12/3/13	12/4/13	Personal
Nicole Carrazana	Building Substitute High School	12/21/10-12/8/13	12/9/13	Personal
Christina Wamboldt	Building Substitute Deauville Gardens East	10/8/13-1/17/14	1/18/14	Personal
MaryLynn Lalonde	Teaching Assistant Susan E. Wiley	12/18/12-1/24/14	1/25/14	Personal

Ms. Lalonde has resigned the teaching assistant portion of her appointment. The per diem substitute portion of her appointment will remain in effect.

Erika Rivera	Teaching Assistant High School	10/22/13-1/30/14	1/30/14	Personal
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Ms. Rivera has resigned her teaching assistant portion of her appointment due to the fact that her teaching assignment has increased from a part-time (.4) to a part-time (.6) teacher effective 1/31/14.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

3. Request for Leave of Absence – Teaching Assistant

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Service in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Camini	Teaching Assistant	10/2/12-Present	1/23/14	Medical
Bhairam- Joseph	High School		terminating on or about 2/14/14*	

*These dates will be adjusted if needed.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the following resolution ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Copiague Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019) between the negotiating representatives of the Board of Education of the Copiague Union Free School District and the Copiague Teacher Aides and Teaching Assistants entered into on December 12, 2013 and ratified on January 14, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to execute the formal Agreement.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion by Mr. Sales, 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>
Burgos, Pedro	Substitute Custodian, District	1/28/14
Giannini, Anthony	Volunteer, Susan E. Wiley	1/28/14
Gusmano, Rocco	Volunteer, High School	1/28/14
Gusmano, Vincent	Volunteer, High School	1/28/14
LaVigna, Paul	Senior Account Clerk, Central Office	1/28/14
Lewis, Muhammad	Volunteer, High School	1/28/14
Manzollilo, Joan	Adult Ed. Teacher	1/28/14
Senzon, Barbara	Volunteer, High School	1/28/14

b. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute - Elementary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Jacquelynn Golub	NYS Initial Certificates Childhood Education Grades 1-6 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 eff. 9/1/12 Early Childhood Education B-Grade 2 Students with Disabilities B-Grade 2 eff. 9/1/13	Elementary Middle School	2/7/14 and terminating on or about 3/24/14 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$54,850 (prorated) of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule

c. Appointment – Teaching: Part-time (.4) English as a Second Language Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date & Salary</u>
Danielle Cozzi	NYS Initial Certificate English to Speakers of Other Languages eff. 9/1/12	English as a Second Language High School	1/31/14 and terminating on or before 6/30/14 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$54,850 @ .4 (\$21,940) prorated of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule

d. Appointment – Teaching: Increase in Hours – Part-time (.6) Foreign Language

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment & School</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Erika Rivera	Foreign Language 7-12 Teacher High School	Step 1 Column MA \$54,850 @ .6 (\$35,948.40) of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule eff. 1/31/14

e. Appointment – Extended Day – 2013/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend Effective Date</u>
Krystof Lipinski	Extended Day Deauville Gardens East	\$35 per hour 1/28/14
Karen Coyle	Extended Day Deauville Gardens East	\$35 per hour 1/28/14

f. Appointment – Title III Grant Program – 2013/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary & Effective Date</u>
Dr. Mary Klein	Saturday Program Substitute Supervisor	\$45 per hour 12/3/13

g. Appointment – Head Chaperone – Spring 2013/14

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

h. Appointment – Co-Curricular – 2013/14

Name	Assignment & School	Stipend
Lauren Lefkowitz	Set Designer High School	\$2,853

i. Appointment – Intramural Activities Staff – 2013/14

Name	Assignment & School	Stipend
Kerri Hall	High School Table Tennis Winter/Spring	\$1,164

j. Appointments – Ancillary Staff – 2013/14

Name	Event	Stipend	Assignment
Michael Alexander	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician – Saxophone
Steven Bologna	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician – Bass
Donald Catrone	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician – Guitar
Bob Dziemian	Pops Concert	\$250	Sound Engineer
Douglas Rowand	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician – Percussionist/ Sound Engineer
Larry Wurtzel	Pops Concert	\$250	Musician – Trumpet
Kaitlin Schneekloth	High School Musical	\$1,000	Rehearsal Accompanist
Christopher Rossi	High School Musical	\$350	Pit Orchestra Musician Trumpet
Christopher Rispoli	High School Musical	\$350	Pit Orchestra Musician Guitar

k. Appointments - Volunteers

Name	Experience
Anthony Giannini	English & math teacher in Thailand

Mr. Giannini will be volunteering at the Susan E. Wiley School in their mentoring program.

Vincent Gusmano Carpenter with knowledge of woodwork, welding, plumbing, electrical and tile

Vincent Gusmano will be volunteering at the Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School in designing the set for their musical play.

Rocco Gusmano Lincoln Technical Institute - East Windsor, Connecticut
Certificate in Welding. Knowledge of carpentry and woodworking.

Rocco Gusmano will be volunteering at the Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School in designing the set for their musical play.

l. Appointments – Non-Teaching: Substitute Staff

Name	Assignment & School	Salary & Effective Date
Marc Tsakis	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43 per hour 1/28/14

Pedro Burgos	Custodial Worker District	\$9.43. per hour 1/28/14
Jane Chodkowski	Food Service Worker District	\$9.30 per hour 1/28/14

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 #010059562	Case #010059568	Case #10058229	Case #10058227
Case #010059020	Case #010059553	Case #010058977	Case #010058861
Case #10058130	Case #010059580	Case #010059581	

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 #010057321	Case #000067717	Case #010059557	Case#000069946
Case #70610	Case #70175	Case #010059539	Case #000073039
Case #010058990	Case #010059591	Case #000073192	Case #010058712
Case #010058533	Case #000074444	Case #010056992	Case #000074185
Case #000070841	Case #000072909	Case #000071379	Case #000070302
Case #000068786	Case #010058964	Case #68871	Case #010058576
Case #010057391	Case #010056269	Case #000066715	Case #000067373
Case #67351	Case #000066522	Case #010059563	Case #72837
Case #000067357	Case #000070280	Case #000067174	Case #000070026
Case #000053732			

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

8. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following policy changes:

2120-R.1 School Board Elections – Poll Watcher Regulations

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Sales to accept the donations that were received throughout the year for the ongoing Copiague College Initiative, to date \$2,675, through the purchase of “bricks.”

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

2. Motion by Mr. Sales, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to approve the request for high school 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.

3. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Gavey to award the Request for Proposal for School Agenda Books to School Mate for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years for their low proposal meeting general conditions and specifications.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

4. Motion by Mr. Newman, 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 – December 2013
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch Fund
 - c. Federal Fund
 - d. Trust & Agency Fund
2. Treasurer's Report – December 2013
3. Expenditure, Revenue, and Investment Reports – December 2013
4. Cafeteria Operating Report – December 2013
5. Budget Transfers – December 2013
6. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig presented Mr. Greb with a Board Excellence Award certificate from NYSSBA for his extensive time and effort expanding his governance knowledge and skills.

Mr. Leunig showed a short YouTube video on the Gap Elimination Adjustment. Mr. Leunig and several Board members saw this video when they attended the Suffolk County Superintendents Association Advocacy Workshop on Saturday and wanted to share it with the audience.

7. School Budget 2014/15 – Work Session

Monday's night budget presentation highlighted the Governor's budget proposal and an adjustment of our revenue estimate based upon this proposal. Building budgets were also discussed. Mr. Leunig and Mr. Greb reported on the WSBOCES Legislative Brunch they attended on Friday. They both thought that, as a whole, attitudes from the Legislators were changing to be more sympathetic with school districts.

SECOND POLICY REVIEW

2210	Annual School Board Reorganizational Meeting
2270.1	Litigation Procedures
2270.1-E	Legal Document Transmittal Form
2342	Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

FIRST POLICY REVIEW

2390	Board Hearings
2410	Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies
2440	Administration in Policy Absence
2450	Policy Dissemination
2560	Policy Review and Evaluation
2510	New Board Member Orientation
2520	New Board Member Training
2521	School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops
2530	Membership in School Boards Association
2531	Board Attendance at School Related Functions
2700	Board-Staff Communications
3000	Administrative Goals
3100	Superintendent of Schools
3110	Qualifications of Superintendent
6700	Purchasing
6700-R	Purchasing Regulation

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Cafeteria of the Middle School. It will be preceded by an Audit Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include a work session for the development of the 2014/15 school budget.

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 meeting in which he attended. A couple of topics that were discussed included the Veteran Property Tax Exemptions and how it would affect school districts and the cost of using lever voting machines as opposed to the new computerized machines that use paper ballots that are costly.

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: 7yes. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to reconvene the meeting.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Gavey, seconded by Mr. Newman to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mary Ellen Ruppert
District Clerk