

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**April 7, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Doris Fischer  
Laura Gavey  
Henry Johnson  
Rosemary Natoli  
Everett E. Newman III

Charles A. Leunig  
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kathleen Bannon  
Associate Superintendent

Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations  
Assistant Superintendent

**ABSENT:**

Michael L. Greb  
Brian J. Sales

Edward McCarthy, Esq.

Approximately 17 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Laura Gavey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice 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. Fischer to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 24, 2014.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

**2. Tenure Recommendations – Professional Staff Members**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approve the following professional staff permanent tenure recommendations:

Name	Assignment & School	Tenure Area	End of Probationary Period	Effective Tenure Date
Christie Ann Ruppert	Art Teacher High School	Art	6/30/14	7/1/14
Karla Cangelosi	Elementary Assistant Principal Great Neck Road	Elementary Assistant Principal	6/30/14	7/1/14
Kenneth Craft	Elementary Assistant Principal Susan E. Wiley	Elementary Assistant Principal	8/17/14	8/18/14
Bradley Reminick	Secondary Assistant Principal High School	Secondary Assistant Principal	8/28/14	8/29/14
Stephen Temme	Elementary Teacher Middle School	Elementary	8/29/14	8/30/14
Nicole Antz	Elementary Teacher Deauville Gardens West	Elementary	8/29/14	8/30/14
Lisa Macchia	Special Education Teacher Middle School	Special Education	8/31/14	9/1/14

Danielle Poletti	Foreign Language Teacher High School	Foreign Language 7-12	8/31/14	9/1/14
Jared Zucker	School Psychologist High School	School Psychologist	8/31/14	9/1/14
Chelsea Termini	Guidance Counselor Susan E. Wiley	School Counseling and Guidance	8/31/14	9/1/14

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the following staff appointments:

**a. Appointments – Teaching: Regular Substitutes – Elementary, English, Guidance Counselor**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>
Karen Seibert	NYS Initial Certificates Childhood Education Grades 1-6 Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 Early Childhood Education B-Grade 2 Students with Disabilities B-Grade 2 eff. 9/1/11	Elementary Deauville Gardens West	4/8/14 and terminating on or before 6/30/14 Salary: Step 1 Column BA \$45,567 (prorated) of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule
Ryan Russo	NYS Initial Certificate English Language Arts 7-12 eff. 9/1/13	English 7-12 High School	5/1/14 and terminating on or before 6/30/14 Salary: Step 1 Column BA + 24 \$51,756 (prorated) of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule
Lori Vasquez Legler	NYS Permanent Certificate School Counselor eff. 9/1/10	School Counseling and Guidance High School	5/12/14 and terminating on or before 6/30/14 Salary: Step 1 Column MA \$54,850 + \$2,468.25 (prorated) Guidance Counselor differential of the 2013/14 Teachers' Salary Schedule

**b. Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; Certification</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Danielle Kummer	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens West NYS Initial Certificates Childhood Ed. 1-6 Students with Disabilities 1-6 eff. 9/1/13	\$100 per day 4/8/14 to on or before 6/30/14

Meagan DiGiovanna	Per Diem Substitute Deauville Gardens West NYs Initial Certificate Childhood Ed. 1-6 eff. 9/1/13	\$100 per day 4/8/14 to on or before 6/30/14
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**c. Appointments – Extended Day – 2013/14**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Jodie Embleton	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 4/8/14
Jennifer Fitzpatrick	Extended Day Middle School	\$35 per hour 4/8/14

**d. Appointments – Co-curricular – 2013/14**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Samuel Gonzales	Intercultural Club Co-Advisor High School	\$813
Yoleidys Swerdloff	Intercultural Club Co-Advisor High School	\$813

**e. Appointment – Translator**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Katherine Korwal	Polish	\$32.50 per hour

**f. Continuation of Appointment – Non-Teaching – Clerk Typist**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Gina Serica	Clerk Typist Part-time (10 month) Deauville Gardens	Step 1 - \$17.91 per hour 3.5 hours per day eff. 4/7/14

**g. Continuation of Appointment – Non-Teaching – Custodial Worker**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Alfred Verriotto	Custodial Worker Part-time High School	Step 1 - \$15.54 per hour eff. 4/7/14

**h. Appointment – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Part-time Maintenance Mechanic**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
David Heerbrandt	Maintenance Mechanic Part-time District	\$16.43 per hour 4 hours per day 4/8/14 Probationary period to end 12/9/14

**i. Appointments – Election Workers – Copiague Public Schools Trustee/Budget Vote – May 20, 2014**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
B'Ann Roth	Chief Inspector of Election	\$10.00 per hour
Catherine Bykov	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Francine Daubel	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour

Ann DiMarco	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Diane Golden	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Fran Gusmano	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joan Hauser	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joann Mannino	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Elizabeth Miller	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Catherine Ochwat	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Mary Ann Odell	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Joan Powers	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Irene Ruland	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Damiana Santos	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Lidilia Trujillo	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Ann Marie Ullman	Assistant Clerk/Inspector of Election	\$8.75 per hour
Donna Dorso	Walk-in Voter Registration	
Cecilia Fernandez	Walk-in Voter Registration	
Rosette Verriotto	Walk-in Voter Registration	

**j. Substitute Appointment – Non-Teaching Staff**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment &amp; School</u>	<u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>
Donald Deaner	Courier District	\$9.43 per hour 4/8/14

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

**4. Resolution – Section 211 Waiver**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli to approval the following resolution authorizing the submission of Section 211 Waiver:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the State Civil Service Commission the request to employ a retiree: Robert Pasqualone, as a School Security Guard under section 211 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

**5. 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 #010058100	Case #010059096	Case #010057939	Case #010058040
Case #010058041	Case #010058711	Case #010058814	Case #010057847
Case #010058636	Case #010057558	Case #010057847	Case #010058022
Case #010057161	Case #010059008	Case #010058688	Case #010057723
Case #010058774	Case #010059580	Case #010058436	Case #010057672
Case #010058176	Case #0100578677	Case #010057699	Case #010057724

Case #010058977	Case #010058861	Case #010059021	Case #010058930
Case #010058693	Case #10058130	Case #010057730	Case #010058975
Case #010058852	Case #010058772	Case #010058742	Case #010059010

**Vote: 5 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 #010058505	Case #000074020	Case #000072680	Case #000068786
Case #000069642	Case #000069909	Case #000069253	Case #000070584
Case #010059489	Case #010057565	Case #010057520	Case #000067717
Case #000071249	Case #000061424	Case #000070483	Case #000070879
Case #000071276	Case #73608	Case #000069599	Case #000069600
Case #010058576	Case #000070711	Case #74060	Case #010058654
Case #000070959	Case #72985	Case #000069400	Case #000067595
Case #000071247	Case #71898	Case #000070704	Case #000072488
Case #000071563	Case #000071591	Case #000067472	Case #000067681
Case #66245	Case #010058960	Case #000067598	Case #010056903
Case #010058960	Case #000067598	Case #000074391	Case #000072618
Case #010059636	Case #010056992	Case #010059694	Case #010056101
Case #010059652	Case #73377	Case #000070668	Case #000071219
Case #70083	Case #000070668	Case #010058776	Case #010056911
Case #010056855	Case #010056513	Case #010056865	Case #010056855
Case #010056513	Case #010056865	Case #010056796	Case #010056233
Case #000067217	Case #010056375	Case #010056796	Case #010056375
Case #000066712	Case #000053732	Case #010058825	Case #000069087
Case #000067325	Case #010059670	Case #010056255	Case #000067030
Case #000069965	Case #73200	Case #000067325	Case #010056255
Case #000067030	Case #68347	Case #000068125	Case #000070728
Case #000071070	Case #000072449	Case #000067292	Case #010059656
Case #000070173	Case #000068277	Case #70175	Case #000070581
Case #000068277	Case #70175	Case #000070581	Case #000071966
Case #74067	Case #000068124	Case #69560	Case #000071966
Case #000074124	Case #000071081	Case #69821	Case #010059276
Case #68871	Case #68347		

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the request for the high school boys and girls varsity teams to attend the Penn Relays scheduled for April 24 through April 26, 2014.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

2. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the request for the Madrigal Choir to participate in the "Music in the Parks" Festival scheduled for May 31, 2014 in Hershey, PA.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

3. Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Statement of Certification for the Professional Development Plan for the 2013/14 school year.

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

### **REPORTS**

1. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending March 28, 2014

2. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig began his Superintendent's report by highlighting some great things going on in the district. The High School has received a Support Music Merit Award from the NAMM Foundations "Best Communities for Music Education" award. Rachael Korba, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in the Middle School was the winner the "Legislator for a Day" essay contest sponsored by the Suffolk County government offices. She will get to spend the day in the Suffolk County government offices as an honorary legislator for a day with Suffolk County Legislative Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory. Finally, Mr. Leunig shared some of the colleges/universities the Top 10 students have been accepted to - Harvard, Cornell, Vanderbilt, Northeastern, US Naval Academy, Boston College, Stanford, Duke, Yale, John Hopkins, Hunter, Brown, FIT, Syracuse, University of Iowa and RIT.

3. School Budget 2014/15 – Work Session:

Mr. Leunig began the budget work session by reminding everyone that at the last meeting the state still had not completed their budget process and our budget gap was at \$4 million. On March 31, the state approved a budget and while we did get an increase in state aid, it is not enough to close the gap as we are still behind where we should be on state aid. At this point the gap is down to \$1.7 million. At tonight's meeting additional reductions will further reduce the budget gap to approximately \$600,000. Most of these reductions come through a combination of attrition at the elementary level and not filling current vacancies for other positions.

April 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day to adopt the budget. In order to bring a balanced budget to this meeting it is likely that there will have to be some staffing reductions for next year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, 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 2014/15 school budget.

**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**

There was no voice of the people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Vote: 5 yes. Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk