

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MARCH 1, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Daubel  
Rosemary Natoli  
Anthony Pepe  
Peter Robinson  
Brian J. Sales  
Kenneth Urban

Dr. Kathleen Bannon  
Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendent:  
Jeanette Altruda – Curriculum & Ins.  
Todd Andrews – Human Resources  
Karen Sheridan – Student Services  
Jeffrey White – Finance & Operations

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 16 Residents & Staff members

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Brian J. Sales, President of the Board of Education in the Middle School Auditorium.

**2. FOR ACTION**

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes - Regular Board of Education Meeting - February 8, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 8, 2021.

Motion by Rosemary Natoli, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.2 Resignation - Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Motion to accept the following resignation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT SCHOOL</u>	<u>SERVICE IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON GIVEN</u>
Karen Sheridan	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services District	8/19/02-Present	6/30/21	Retirement

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.3 Termination of Appointment-Security Aide (Guard)

Motion to accept the following termination of appointment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SERVICE IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Paul Saravisky	Security Aide (Guard) Middle School	03/21/06-Present	3/2/21

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.4 Declination of Appointment - Coach

Motion to accept the following declination of appointment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>REASON GIVEN</u>
Francis Sommers	J.V. Football Assistant Coach High School Appointed at the August 11, 2021 Board of Education Meeting	Personal

Motion by Rosemary Natoli, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.5 Requests for Leaves of Absence - Elementary Teachers, School Psychologist, Food Service Workers

Motion to approve the following requests for leaves of absence:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT SCHOOL</u>	<u>SERVICE IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON GIVEN</u>
Erica Czaja	Elementary Teacher Deauville Gardens West	9/1/03-Present	2/22/21 terminating 4/18/21	Child Care
Crystal DiCioccio	Elementary Teacher Susan E. Wiley	9/1/15-Present	4/20/21* terminating 6/30/21	Child Care
Diana Ellefsen	School Psychologist Susan E. Wiley	9/1/19-Present	3/15/21* terminating 6/30/21	Child Care
Grace Wrightington	Food Service Worker (part-time) High School	3/31/09-Present	2/22/21* terminating 4/5/21	Medical
Barbara Zisman	Food Service Worker (part-time) Deauville Gardens West/East	9/28/04-Present	2/25/21* terminating 4/30/21	Medical

\*This date will be adjusted if needed.

Motion by Peter Robinson, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.6 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague UFSD and the Copiague Teachers' Association

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, attached herewith, between the Copiague UFSD and the Copiague Teachers' Association:

This Memorandum of Agreement allows members of the Copiague Teachers' Association who are eligible to retire on June 30, 2021, who are not otherwise contractually first time eligible to receive an incentive, to be compensated with \$1,500 for each year of qualifying service to be contributed to a non-elective IRS 403(b) retirement savings plan to be distributed over five years.

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.7 Appointment - Administrative: Probationary - Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Motion to approve the Administrative Probationary appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Student Services to James McCabe.

Candidate: James McCabe, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Central Office  
Certification(s): NYS Professional Certificate – School District Leader – effective 9/1/12  
NYS Permanent Certificate – School Counselor – effective 9/26/07  
Tenure Area: Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
Effective: July 1, 2021  
Salary: \$205,000  
Probationary Period: July 1, 2021 terminating June 30, 2024

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.8 Appointment - School District Treasurer

Motion to approve the following School District Treasurer appointment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Karilyn Korec	School District Treasurer Business Office	\$120,000 (prorated) Effective 3/22/21

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.9 Appointments: Teaching: Regular Substitute Teachers - Elementary

Motion to approve the following regular substitute teacher appointments of:

Candidate: Diamantina Pagiazitis, Regular Substitute Appointment - Elementary, Deauville Gardens East School

Certification(s): NYS Initial Certificate – Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) – eff. 4/11/13 ext.  
NYS Initial Certificate – Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) – eff. 9/1/15 ext.

Service Area: Elementary

Effective: 2/9/21

Salary: Step 4 Column MA - \$61,094 (prorated) of the 2020-21 Teachers' Salary Schedule

Candidate: Janine Egan, Regular Substitute Appointment - Elementary, Susan E. Wiley School

Certification(s): NYS Professional Certificate – Childhood Ed. (Grades 1-6) – effective 9/1/09  
NYS Professional Certificate – Students with Disabilities (1-6) – eff. 12/7/17

Service Area: Elementary

Effective: On or about 4/7/21

Salary: Step 4 Column MA - \$61,094 (prorated) of the 2020-21 Teachers' Salary Schedule

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.10 Appointments - Co-Curricular -2020-21 (Second Semester)

Motion to approve the following co-curricular appointments of:

	<u>HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR</u>	<u>2/2/21 THROUGH 6/21</u>
Salvatore Cimino	Robotics Club Advisor	\$1,890
John Young	Robotics Club Advisor	\$1,890

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.11 Appointment: Coaching - Fall 2020/21

Motion to approve the following coaching appointment of:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Derrick Magwood	J.V. Football Coach First Aid Expires 7/13/21	\$7,174*

\*This stipend may be pro-rated based upon the reduced fall sports season.

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.12 Annual Appointments - Additional Chaperones - 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the following additional chaperones:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
John Louden	Teaching Assistant
William Holscher	Phys. Ed. Teacher
Roseann Trotta	Cafeteria Aide
Maria Barrera	Cafeteria Aide
Christopher Link	Per Diem Substitute
James Branker	Per Diem Substitute

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.13 Appointment - Per Diem Substitute Teacher

Motion to approve the following per diem substitute teacher:

William Holscher, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Copiague Middle School  
NYS Initial Certificate: Physical Education, Effective 4/13/19  
\$140/day, Effective 3/15/21 to on or before 6/30/21

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.14 Appointment - Per Diem Substitute Non-Certified Teacher (pending)

Motion to approve the following per diem substitute non-certified teacher appointment:

Erick Reyes, Per Diem Substitute Non-Certified Teacher, High School  
Currently enrolled at York College-Physical Education  
\$120/day, Effective 2/25/21 to on or before 6/30/21

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.15 Continuation of Appointments - Non-Teaching - School Nurse (RN), Courier (Driver Messenger), part-time

Motion to approve the following continuation of appointments.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Chelsea Cama	School Nurse Susan E. Wiley	Step 1 - \$46,739 + \$500 BA differential Effective 3/2/21
Beatrice Jackson	Courier (Driver Messenger) (part-time) District	Step 1 - \$18.23/hr. 5 hrs./day Effective 3/4/21

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.16 Reappointment of Excessed Part-Time Custodial Worker

Motion to approve the following reappointment of a part-time custodial worker:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Juana Fajardo	Custodial Worker (part-time) Great Neck Road	Step 2 - \$19.27/hr. 4 hrs./day Effective 3/2/21

Ms. Fajardo was employed by the Copiague Public Schools as a part-time custodial worker assigned to the Deauville Gardens East/West Elementary School from 2019-2020. Her position was abolished due to budgetary considerations, and she was excessed on September 3, 2020. Ms. Fajardo has unique skills, therefore, her assignment will be at the Great Neck Road Elementary School.

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.17 Probationary Appointment - Non-Teaching: Part-Time Custodial Worker

Motion to approve the following probationary part-time custodial worker appointment.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Beatrice Jackson	Custodial Worker (part-time) Great Neck Road	Step 1 - \$17.95/hr. 4 hrs./day Effective 3/2/21 Probationary period to end 11/3/21

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.18 Probationary Appointment - Non-Teaching: Part-Time Food Service Worker

Motion to approve the following probationary Part-Time Food Service Worker appointment.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Jennifer Santos	Part-time Food Service Worker High School	Step 1 - \$14.18/hr. 4 hours/day Effective 3/2/21 Probationary period to end 11/3/21

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.19 Appointments - Non Teaching - Substitute Custodial Workers

Motion to approve the following non-teaching substitute custodial worker appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT/ SCHOOL</u>	<u>SALARY/ EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Mark Roslewicz	Custodial Worker District	\$14.50/hr. Effective 3/2/21
Maurice Epps	Custodial Worker District	\$14.50/hr. Effective 3/2/21
Henry Dalton	Custodial Worker District	\$14.50/hr. Effective 3/2/21

Motion by Rosemary Natoli, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.20 Appointment - Volunteer

Motion to approve the following as a volunteer with the football program:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>
Brent Tiringer	Mr. Tiringer will work with the Varsity and JV levels for this season. Mr. Tiringer has been a paid coach in past seasons (2016, 2017, 2018) and volunteered during the 2019 season. He has expressed his interest in coming back on a volunteer status.

Mr. Bennett feels Mr. Tiringer has a good connection with the student athletes of the football program and will continue to work towards improving player development and the overall program. Mr. Tiringer will be volunteering with the football program under the supervision of Mr. Kenneth Rittenhouse, Varsity Head Football Coach.

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.21 Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the identification and placement of preschool students with disabilities

Motion to approve recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the identification and placement of preschool students with disabilities for the following dates: 2/3/2021, 2/10/2021, 2/12, 2021

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Kenneth Urban.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.22 Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of elementary and secondary students with disabilities

Motion to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of elementary and secondary students with disabilities for the following dates: 1/25/21, 1/27/21, 1/28/21, 2/3/21, 2/4/21, 2/5/21, 2/9/21, 2/10/21, 2/11/21 and 2/12/21

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Kenneth Urban.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.23 Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of secondary students with disabilities.

Motion to approve the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the identification and placement of secondary students with disabilities for December 3, 2020, February 9 and February 11, 2021.

Motion by Anthony S Pepe, second by Kenneth Urban.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.24 Approval of Board Policies

Motion to approve the following policy changes:

1. 5302, Alcohol Consumption by Students
2. 5311.3, Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints
3. 5311.3-R, Grievance Process for Student Discrimination Complaints Regulation
4. 5415, School Wellness
5. 5415-R, School Wellness Policy Regulation
6. 5420-E.1, Student Health Services Exhibit
7. 5420-E.2, Receipt of Medication Delivered to School
8. 5420-E.3, Notification of Student Illness
9. 5420-E.4, Notification of Student Injury
10. 5430, Student Psychological Services
11. 5431, Suicide Prevention
12. 5431-R, Suicide Prevention Regulation
13. 5431-E, Suicide Prevention Exhibit
14. 5440, School Social Worker Services
15. 5450, Student Safety
16. 5450-E, Student Accident Report Exhibit
17. 5450.1, Notification of Release of Convicted Sex Offenders
18. 5450.1-E, Notification of Sex Offenders Exhibit to Building Principals

Motion by Paul Daubel, second by Peter Robinson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.25 Nomination of a Member to Serve on the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Motion to nominate Mr. James Kaden to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Education Western Suffolk BOCES for one three year term.

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Copiague Union Free School District hereby nominates Mr. James Kaden as a candidate for reelection to serve on the Board of Education for Western Suffolk BOCES.

Motion by Peter Robinson, second by Paul Daubel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.26 Resolution to Participate in Southern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid

Motion to approve resolution to participate in Southern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid.

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services to allow any officer, board or agency of a political subdivision or of any district therein, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Copiague Union Free School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of:

	<b>Please check Either</b>	
	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
1. Art Supplies	X	
2. General School Supplies	X	
3. Office Supplies	X	
4. Fine Paper Supplies	X	
5. Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment	X	
6. Bakery Goods	X	
7. Cafeteria Food Supplies	X	
8. Custodial Supplies	X	
9. Custodial Paper Supplies	X	
10. Lumber Supplies	X	
11. Laser & Ink Jet Toners , OEM	X	
12. Microcomputer Hardware	X	
13. Office & Classroom Furniture	X	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until: **June 30, 2022**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts and Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

Action: 2.27 2020/21 Budget Transfer in Excess of \$10,000

Motion to approve a budget transfer in excess of \$10,000.

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

### **3. REPORTS**

Claims Audit Reports for the Month of January 2021

Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2021

Expenditure, Revenue and Investment Reports - January 2021

Cafeteria Operating Report Summary - January 2021

Budget Transfers for January 2021

Confidential Report on Pending and Closed Claims with NYSIR

Enrollment Report for Period Ending January 29, 2021



Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Bannon reported that there has been a tremendous amount of dialogue about reopening schools. We still must maintain a distance of 6 feet apart. As such, we can only fit 15 students in a classroom. Our goal is to keep our students safe. She said, "no one more than I want to get the children back in school."

She also mentioned that the testing for athletes has also been opened for staff and community members. The service is completely free.

School Budget 2021/2022 - Work Session:

Mr. White, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed the Expenditure Budget.

Second Policy Review

**Second Policy Review**

1. 5453, Student Bicycle Use
2. 5453-R, Student Bicycle Use Regulation
3. 5454, Student Automobile Use
4. 5454-R, Student Automobile Use Regulation
5. 5460, Suspected Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
6. 5460-R, Suspected Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation
7. 5500, Student Records
8. 5500-R, Student Records Regulation
9. 5500-E.1, Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
10. 5500-E.2, Objection to Release of Directory Information Designations
11. 5500-E.3, Notification of Release of Student Records Pursuant to Court Order or Subpoena
12. 5500-E.4, Application to Review Student Records by Parties Entitled Thereto Without Consent of Parent/Guardian or Student
13. 5500-E.5, Application to Review Students Records and Consent Thereto by Parent/Guardian or Student
14. 5600, Miscellaneous Student Policies
15. 5605, Voter Registration for Student
16. 5620, Pregnant Students
17. 5640, Employment of Students
18. 5640-R, Employment of Students Regulation
19. 5650, Student Volunteers for School and Public Service
20. 5660, Student Gifts and Solicitations
21. 5680, Student Fees, Fines and Charges
22. 5710, Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting
23. 5800, Student Awards and Scholarships

First Policy Review

**First Policy Review**

1. 0101, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms - New
2. 5305, Eligibility For Extra-Curricular Activities
3. 5305-E, Eligibility For Extra-Curricular Activities Regulation - Delete
4. 6000, Fiscal Management Goals
5. 6100, Annual Budget
6. 6100-R, Annual Budget Regulation
7. 6110, Budget Planning
8. 6110-R, Budget Planning Regulation
9. 6112, Determination of Budget Priorities
10. 6113, Dissemination of Budget Recommendations
11. 6120, Budget Hearing
12. 6130, Budget Adoption
13. 6135, Contingency Budget
14. 6135-E, Ordinary Contingent Expenses
15. 6140, Budget Implementation
16. 6150, Budget Transfers
17. 6200, Revenue
18. 6210, Local Tax Levy

19. 6230, Federal Funds
20. 6235, Grants
21. 6240, Investments
22. 6240-R, Investments Regulation
23. 6241, Use of Surplus Funds (Extraclassroom Fund)
24. 6254, Non-Resident Tuition
25. 6400, Depositories of Funds
26. 6410, Authorized Signatures
27. 6415, Electronic or Wire Transfers
28. 6415-R, Electronic or Wire Transfers

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

#### **5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. The agenda will include a work session for the development of the 2021/22 school budget.

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **8. VOICE OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Sales reported that he, the Board and Dr. Bannon met with Congressman Garbarino, Senator Brooks and Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre last week. They spoke about funding for Copiague. One of the topics was how the federal government gives us money and the state takes the money away. Another issue they spoke about is the possibility that the state may combine services into one category which would mean less money in aid for the district. Another topic was about receiving funding to help with remediation for students once we get back to normal. Finally, they spoke about how in school we must maintain a distance of six feet apart and to have music the students have to be twelve feet apart, but you can have wrestling, which makes absolutely no sense.

Mr. Sales also gave a report from N-SSBA. They were looking into the disparity of a school district that has small class sizes, as those school districts can possibly go back to 100% of the students in classroom learning and how a district that has a large number of students in the classroom cannot. It does not seem fair.

#### **9. VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

Many parents voiced their anger about other school districts opening their schools to 5 days a week learning, why isn't Copiague. They said the guidelines say the children have to be 6 feet apart unless barriers are put around. One parent started reading off the SCDOH website about barriers. They wanted to know is the issue about money paying for the shields. Dr. Bannon said, no it is not about money for shields, it is about keeping the children safe and the guidelines the district is following, says to keep 6 feet apart. Our community has a high number of COVID cases and what we are following is keeping our kids safe.

Parents want Dr. Bannon to investigate and report on ParentSquare.

Dr. Bannon mentioned that the district is starting to plan for the next school year and the plan is to be back 100%.

Another parent thanked all the teachers for their hard work. As a mom, her main concern is her son getting a solid education.

A parent wanted to know how their voices could be heard. Mr. Sales said that on the website are the legislators contact information.

Another parent who has a child in 2nd grade, complained that Wednesday's he only has work until 11:30 am. She spoke to the Principal and was told she was wrong. Dr. Bannon told her to leave her name and number, and she would call her tomorrow.

Finally, a parent asked if we have a COVID Task Force. Dr. Bannon said it is at the Administrative Level, as all information is disseminated to us, particularly me.

#### **10. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action: 10.1 Enter into Executive Session (if Needed)

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, personnel matters, student matters and other Executive Session Topics.

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:23 PM

Action: 10.6 Return to Open Session

Motion to return to Open Session.

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

The meeting was reconvened at 9:22 PM

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: 11.1 Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Kenneth Urban, second by Anthony S Pepe.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Rosemary Natoli, Peter Robinson, Brian J Sales, Kenneth Urban, Paul Daubel, Anthony S Pepe

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk