

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 13, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Doris Fischer  
Laura Gavey  
Michael Greb  
Henry Johnson  
Rosemary Natoli  
Everett E. Newman III  
Brian J. Sales

Charles A. Leunig  
Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendents  
Dr. Kathleen Bannon – Curric. & Inst.  
Peter H. Michaelsen – Finance & Operations

Christopher Clayton, Esq.

Approximately 8 Residents and Staff Members

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Laura Gavey, 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 Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Fischer to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 21, 2009.

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

**2. Resignations – Mathematics, ESL, Elementary, Food Service Worker**

Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Natoli 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> |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Jacklyn Medina | .6 Mathematics Teacher<br>Per Diem (Bldg.)<br>Substitute<br>Middle School                                    | 9/22/09 – Present          | 1/29/10               | Personal      |
| Odalys Alonso  | .2 ESL Support<br>Teacher<br>Teaching Assistant<br>Middle School<br>Title III<br>Saturday Program<br>Teacher | 9/18/06 – Present          | 1/29/10               | Personal      |
| Denise Tirado  | Temporary Elementary<br>Teacher<br>(Feinerman)   | 9/1/09 – Present           | 1/27/10               | Personal      |
| Edward Kelly   | Food Service Worker<br>(Part time)<br>High School  | 12/3/02 – Present          | 1/4/10                | Personal      |

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

**3. Request for Leave of Absence**

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

| Name       | Assignment & School                          | Service in District | Effective Date                   | Reason   |
|------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Linda Aims | Business Education<br>Teacher<br>High School | 2001 – Present      | 2/1/10<br>terminating<br>6/30/10 | Personal |

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

**4. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague U. F. S. D. and the Copiague Teachers Association**

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Newman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Copiague U. F. S. D. and the Copiague Teachers Association which allows members of the Copiague Teachers Association who are aged 55 or older by August 31, 2010 and retire on June 30, 2010 to be compensated for their accumulated sick days at a rate of 90% of their per diem value which will be contributed to a non-elective IRS 403(b) retirement savings plan.

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

5. Motion by Mr. Greb, 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:

| NAME               | ASSIGNMENT                               | EFF. DATE |
|--------------------|--|-----------|
| Belette, Ernesto   | Educational Bus Transportation Attendant | 1/14/10   |
| Byrd, Richard      | College Student Observer                 | 1/14/10   |
| Goldfarb, Roberto  | Educational Bus Transportation Attendant | 1/14/10   |
| Kirby, Seann       | College Student Teacher                  | 1/14/10   |
| Kuntz, Francis     | Educational Bus Transportation Attendant | 1/14/10   |
| Kurre, Donna       | Educational Bus Transportation Attendant | 1/14/10   |
| Ramos, Celia       | College Student Observer                 | 1/14/10   |
| Santa Maria, Doris | Temporary Account Clerk                  | 1/14/10   |
| Wexler, Jeremy     | Volunteer Band Instructor                | 1/14/10   |

**b. Appointment – Administrative: Probationary - Elementary Assistant Principal**

| Name     | Certification   | Service Area & Assignment                | Probationary Period    | Effective Date & Salary  |
|----------|---|--|------------------------|--|
| Randee   | NYS Permanent   | Elementary                               | 3/1/10                 | 3/1/10   |
| Bonagura | Certificates:<br>Reading Teacher<br>eff. 9/1/00<br>School District<br>Administrator<br>Pre K, K, and<br>Grades 1-6<br>eff. 9/1/99<br>School Administrator/<br>Supervisor<br>eff. 9/1/09 | Assistant Principal<br>Deauville Gardens | terminating<br>2/28/13 | Salary: Step 8<br>\$103,912 prorated<br>of the 2009-10<br>Administrators’<br>Salary Schedule |

**c. Appointment – Administrative: Interim Elementary Assistant Principal**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Certification</u>  | <u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>                   | <u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>                                   |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Ronald O. Grotzky | NYS Permanent Certificates:<br>School Administrator/<br>Supervisor<br>eff. 9/1/91<br>School District Administrator<br>eff. 9/1/87<br>N-6<br>eff. 2/1/88 | Elementary Assistant<br>Principal<br>Deauville Gardens | 1/14/10 and terminating on or about 2/28/10<br>Salary: \$525 per day |

**d. Appointment – Teaching: Regular Substitute – Foreign Language**

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Certification</u>                                   | <u>Service Area &amp; Assignment</u>      | <u>Effective Date &amp; Salary</u>   |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| Aglaed Marcedo | NYS Initial Certificate<br>Spanish 7-12<br>eff. 9/1/09 | Foreign Language<br>7-12<br>Middle School | 1/14/10 and terminating on or before 6/30/10<br>Salary: Step 1<br>Column BA<br>\$50,860 (prorated)<br>of the 2009-10<br>Teachers' Salary<br>Schedule |

**e. Appointment – Co-curricular – 2009/10 School Year**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Assignment &amp; School</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Jacqueline Arquer | Winterguard<br>Middle School   | \$2,400        |

**f. Appointments – Music Department Ancillary Staff – 2009/10 School Year**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Event</u>                    | <u>Stipend</u> | <u>Assignment</u>               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Theresa Bapst     | High School Winterguard         | \$1,500        | Designer                        |
|                   | Middle School Winterguard Show  | 500            | Designer                        |
| Rebecca Meyer     | Winter Color Guard Competitions | \$1,000        | Technician                      |
| Nicholas Ashley   | Winter Color Guard Competitions | \$1,000        | Technician                      |
| Tom Anderson      | Winter Marching Band            | \$2,000        | Percussion<br>Writer/Instructor |
| Nicholas Gleason  | Winter Marching Band            | \$1,500        | Mallet Instructor               |
| Mark Levenson     | High School Musical             | \$1,400        | Rehearsal Pianist               |
| Michael Alexander | Pops Concert                    | \$ 250         | Musician                        |
| Steven Bologna    | Pops Concert                    | \$ 250         | Musician                        |
| Mark Wurtzel      | Pops Concert                    | \$ 250         | Musician                        |
| Douglas Rowand    | Pops Concert                    | \$ 250         | Musician                        |

**g. Appointments – Non-Teaching: Probationary – Clerk Typists**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Assignment &amp; School</u>                | <u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Luz Ruiz-Avendano | Clerk Typist<br>(10 month)<br>Great Neck Road | Step 1 - \$16.56 per hour<br>5 hours per day<br>1/14/10<br>Probationary period<br>to end 9/15/10   |
| Lisette Caraciolo | PT Clerk Typist<br>(10 month)<br>High School  | Step 1 - \$16.56 per hour<br>3.5 hours per day<br>1/14/10<br>Probationary period<br>to end 9/15/10 |

**h. Increase in Hours – Part Time School Nurse (Registered Nurse)**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Assignment &amp; School</u>       | <u>Salary &amp; Effective Date</u>   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Stephanie Buckley | PT School Nurse<br>Deauville Gardens | Step 3 - \$25.45 per hour<br>4.75 hours per day<br>1/7/10 to on or before<br>6/30/10 |

**Vote: 7 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 #6072

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

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

|        |   |
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| 6100   | Annual Budget   |
| 6113   | Dissemination of Budget Recommendations                   |
| 6120   | Budget Hearing  |
| 8150   | Authorized Use of Cellular Phones                         |
| 8150-R | Authorized Use of School-Owned Cellular Phones Regulation |
| 8150-E | Cellular Telephone Service Agreement                      |
| 8200   | Buildings and Grounds Management                          |
| 8210   | Buildings and Grounds Security                            |
| 8210-R | Buildings and Grounds Security Regulation                 |
| 8211   | Access to Buildings                                       |
| 8220   | Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection          |
| 8310   | Receiving and Warehousing                                 |

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

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Motion by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Greb to approve the request for high school students to attend the Color Guard Competition in Ramsey, New Jersey, on January 30, 2010.

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

**REPORTS**

1. Receipt of Claims Auditor Reports:
  - a. General Fund - 12/21/09; 1/1/10
  - b. School Lunch Fund - 12/15, 21/09
  - c. Federal Fund - 12/21/09
  - d. Capital Fund - 12/21/09
  - e. Vending Fund - 12/9, 21/09
  - f. Trust & Agency Fund - 12/18/09
2. Budget Transfers – November 2009
3. Dropout Summary and Enrollment Report for the Period Ending December 25, 2009
4. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Leunig announced that the District signed on to the Race to the Top (RTTT) program. Mr. Leunig explained that there is potentially \$700 million in federal funds that New York State Schools could secure. However, Mr. Leunig cautioned that there is much information that is unknown about RTTT. The District should know by mid April if New York State has won the RTTT. Additionally, Mr. Leunig reported on the Mid Winter Superintendent's Conference he attended in Albany over the weekend. The Governor will be coming out with a draft of the State Budget on January 19. Educational Aid is projected to take a big hit.

5. Presentation:

Dr. Mary Klein, Director of Guidance K-12, gave a presentation on Copiague's College Day. Everyone agreed that it was a phenomenal event.

**SECOND POLICY REVIEW**

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|--------|--|
| 6685.1 | Medicaid Billing Compliance Program                    |
| 8330   | Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment |
| 8330.1 | Authorized Use of School-Owned Computer Equipment      |
| 8410   | Student Transportation                                 |
| 8411   | School Bus Scheduling and Routing                      |
| 8415   | Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips                  |
| 8415-R | Field Trips and Extracurricular Trips Regulation       |

**FIRST POLICY REVIEW**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 8412   | Idling Prohibition for Buses and Other School Vehicles   |
| 8500   | Food Service Management                                  |
| 8505   | Meal Charge Policy                                       |
| 8505-R | Meal Charge Regulation                                   |
| 8505-E | Meal Charge Letter                                       |
| 8520   | Free and Reduced Price Food Services                     |
| 8613   | Telephone Service  |
| 8650   | School District Compliance with Copyright Law            |
| 8650-R | School District Compliance with Copyright Law Regulation |
| 8700   | Insurance  |

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Middle School. This meeting will be preceded by Board Recognition of Students at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

All schools and offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010, 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**

Mr. Sales reported on N-SSBA Finance/Legislative Committee Meeting.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

There was no voice of the people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Greb to go into Executive Session to discuss particular persons.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Natoli, seconded by Mr. Greb to reconvene the meeting.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Ruppert  
District Clerk