

# ***Center Moriches Union Free School District***

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## **REORGANIZATION MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CENTER MORICHES, NY  
JULY 6, 2011**

The Board of Education, Center Moriches Union Free School District, held the Reorganization Meeting in the Board Room on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Board Members Joseph W. McHeffey, Wendy R. Turkington; Thomas R. Hogan and Board Members Elect Daniel Finnegan and Wayne A. Vitale; Superintendent Russell J. Stewart, Deputy Superintendent Lynda G. Adams, Business Official Carol M. Perkins and District Clerk Patricia A. Galietta. Mrs. Turkington was excused at 7:25 p.m.

Temporary Chairperson Patricia A. Galietta called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 15 visitors present.

### **1. Administration of Oath/Election of Officers**

#### **A. Administration of Oath to Newly-Elected Board Members: District Clerk**

The Constitutional Oath was signed by the newly-elected Board members Daniel Finnegan and Wayne A. Vitale after which they officially began their new term as members of the Board of Education, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

#### **B. Election of President of the Board of Education**

On motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0 (Mr. McHeffey abstained), Mr. McHeffey was elected to the office of President of the Board of Education.

#### **President of the Board of Education, Announcement, District Clerk**

Having been elected by a majority of the Board of Education, Joseph W. McHeffey was declared President of the Board of Education. The constitutional Oath of Office was administered to and signed by Mr. McHeffey and Mr. McHeffey assumed the chair.

#### **C. Election of Vice President of the Board of Education**

On motion by Mr. McHeffey, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0 (Mrs. Turkington abstained), Mrs. Turkington was elected Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2011-2012 schools and the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, that in the absence of the President of the Board of Education or his/her inability to act, the Vice President of the Board of Education will act as President and be authorized to assume all of the responsibilities and perform all of the duties of the President of the Board of Education as provided by law; and

Be it further resolved, that the constitutional oath of office be signed by the newly-elected Vice President of the Board of Education after which the Vice President assumes office.”

2. Appointment of Officers

A. District Clerk

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Patricia A. Galietta** as District Clerk for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$6,428. Mrs. Galietta signed the constitutional Oath of Office.

B. Deputy District Clerk

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Judith Ponticello** be appointed Deputy District Clerk to serve in the absence of the District Clerk for the 2011-2012 school year.

C. District Treasurer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Diane Smith** Treasurer and the custodian of all monies belonging to the district from whatever source derived, during the 2011-2012 school year; and be paid at a stipend of \$7,038. Mrs. Smith signed the constitutional Oath of Office.

D. Deputy Treasurer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **John Allen** Deputy Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year, to assist the Treasurer and to serve in the absence of the Treasurer, at a stipend of \$2,070.

E. Independent Internal Claims Auditor

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to authorize the continuation of the Board of Education's Independent Internal Claims Auditor **James Ryan** and authorizes the payment of monthly bills as soon as audited by the Internal Claims Auditor and found to be correct; such payments to be formalized by Board of Education approval of the related warrants presented each month at a stipend of \$7,680 for the 2011-2012 school year and will include the first 160 hours of service. Hours billed beyond 160 hours will be billed at \$45 per hour.

3. Other Annual Appointments

A. School Attorney

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint the firm of **Lamb & Barnosky, LLP** as attorneys to the Board of Education for the school year 2011-2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school attorneys **Lamb & Barnosky, LLP** be paid a retainer of \$20,000 per annum for the 2011-2012 school year. Such fee is to include all labor and education law for the district. Any services not included in the retainer will be billed at an hourly rate of \$220; and

A. **School Attorney (continued)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school attorneys, **Frazer & Feldman, LLP** be paid an hourly rate of \$185 for special counsel services for the 2011-2012 school year.

B. **School Physician**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Dr. Mahendra Shah** to serve as School Medical Officer for Center Moriches School District during the 2011-2012 school year at an annual stipend of \$18,800.

C. **Insurance Agent**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) and Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc. (PERMA) (Workers' Compensation)** as School Insurance Agent and Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year.

D. **Chief Election Inspector/Registry Board**

i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint Judy Ponticello as Chief Election Inspector and member of the Registry Board for the Center Moriches School District for the school year 2011-2012.

ii. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint Kathleen Kleinpeter as member of the Registry Board for the Center Moriches School District for the school year 2011-2012.

E. **Committee on Special Education**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to the individuals on the following list be hereby appointed as members of the Center Moriches Committee on Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year:

**Chairperson: Michael Cruz, Director of Special Services**

**Alternate Chairpersons: Diane Barraud, Lynda Nappe, Katharine Dapolito; Marissa Morris, Cindy Fiscina; Maria Reina**

**Parent Members: Diane Corey, Claire Endres; Jamie Sarubbi**

A **representative** of Handicapped Children's Program, County of Suffolk, as designated on a rotating basis. And, as required, the **professional** who participated in the evaluation of each child who is being considered for services.

3. Other Annual Appointments (continued)

Teachers: All New York State licensed teachers employed by Center Moriches School District are appointed to participate as necessary on the Committee on Special Education.

Guidance Counselors: Lisa Hession, Henry Mack, Glenn Pepe, Pilar Marino, Elizabeth Bohr

Speech/Language Therapists: Diane Barraud, Marianne Minarik, Marietta Veligdan

School Nurses: Michele Murray, Miranda Pallas, Christine Schmutzler

School Psychologists: Katharine Dapolito; Maria Reina; Lynda Trujillo

Social Worker: Jacqueline Esp, Courtney Fabian

F. Committee on Preschool Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the individuals on the following list be hereby appointed as members of the Center Moriches Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year:

Chairperson: Michael Cruz, Director of Special Services

Alternate Chairpersons: Diane Barraud, Katharine Dapolito, Maria Reina; Lynda Nappe

Parent Members: Diane Corry, Claire Endres

A representative of Handicapped Children's Program, County of Suffolk, as designated on a rotating basis. And, as required, the professional who participated in the evaluation of each child who is being considered for services.

G. Surrogate Parent: Committee on Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint the following as Committee on Special Education "Surrogate Parent" for the 2011-2012 school year: **Claire Endres.**

H. Hearing Officers – Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the list of state-approved Impartial Hearing Officers for matters related to the Center Moriches Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year, be obtained from the revolving list located on The New York State Education Department website.

3. Other Annual Appointments (continued)

- I. Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Policy Against Harassment Compliance Officer  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve **Michael Cruz**, Director of Special Services, be appointed as Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator and the Policy Against Harassment Compliance Officer for the Center Moriches School District for the 2011-2012 school year.
- J. Asbestos/Safety Compliance Officer  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve **Gary Crowell** be appointed as Asbestos/Safety Compliance Officer for the Center Moriches School District for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$15,000.
- K. Records Management Officer  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve School Business Official **Carol Perkins** as Records Management Officer for the 2011-2012 school year.
- L. Bonding Counsel  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the appointment of **Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP**, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, to serve as bonding counsel to represent the district for the purchase of the district's bonds and tax anticipation notes for fiscal 2011-2012.

4. Bonding of District Personnel

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve, for the 2011-2012 school year, the School Business Official, Treasurer, and the Deputy Treasurer be each bonded for \$1,000,000; and, in addition,
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve a blanket position bond for all other employees be issued for the school year 2011-2012. Such bond to provide coverage in the amount of \$100,000 for all employees, some of whom will handle district funds during the school year 2011-2012.

5. Designations

- A. Official Bank Depositories – All Funds  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following banks be and are hereby designated as the official depositories for funds to be received and disbursed by the Center Moriches School District during the school year 2011-2012:

5. **Designations (continued)**

JP Morgan Chase Bank	Capital One Bank
Suffolk County National Bank	M.B.I.A. CLASS
Bank of America	

B. **Official Newspapers**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following newspapers may be used officially at any time it appears to the advantage of the district to do so:

Long Island Advance	Newsday
Long Island Business News	South Shore Press
The Tide of Moriches	

6. **Authorizations**

A. **Chief School Officers to Certify Payroll**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve that the School Business Official and the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to certify all payrolls prepared for the Center Moriches School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

B. **School Purchasing Agent**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve that the Business Official is hereby appointed school purchasing agent for the school year 2011-2012, and that she be authorized to purchase supplies and equipment and services as provided for in the budget. In the event the Business Official is absent, the Superintendent of Schools acts as an alternate Purchasing Agent.

C. **Petty Cash Funds**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve, according to Section 170.3 of the Commissioner's Regulations, petty cash funds (\$100 each) be established for the offices in the district as follows:

Russell Stewart	Superintendent of Schools
Lynda Adams	Deputy Superintendent
Kim Hardwick	Elementary School Principal
Patricia Cunningham	Middle School Principal
Edward Casswell	High School Principal
Michael Cruz	Director of Special Services
Gary Crowell	Supervisor of Maintenance
Thomas Kelly	Buildings & Grounds
Jeremy Thode	Director of Health, Physical Education, Business, Fine & Applied Arts and Athletics
Patricia Galietta	District Clerk

C. **Petty Cash Funds (continued)**

Judith Ponticello Business Office

Petty cash supervisors are responsible for their funds and are required to submit proper accounting records for expenditures from such funds; and further, that payments from such petty cash funds may be made for materials, supplies, or services only when payment is required upon delivery.

D. **Designation of Authorized Signatures on Checks**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the District Treasurer will be authorized to sign all checks or drafts for salaries of teachers and for all officers or other employees of this school district and for payment of bills, expenses, obligations and liabilities and also such documents, papers, agreements, writings and other instruments in writing as are authorized by the Board of Education or required by law to be executed, and in the absence or inability of the District Treasurer, as determined by the superintendent, to sign such checks or drafts and such documents, papers, agreements, writings, and other instruments requiring her signature, the Deputy Treasurer be authorized to sign in her place.

E. **Chief School Officer Authorized to Approve Budget Transfers**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the Superintendent be authorized to approve budget transfers up to and including \$15,000 during the time between official Board of Education meetings, such transfers to be reported to the Board at each meeting and as per Board policy.

F. **Authorization to Invest School District Funds**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve, the School Business Official and the Treasurer, after consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, are authorized to invest school district funds during the 2011-2012 school year as per the investment policy.

G. **Mileage Reimbursement Rate**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with the current IRS rate.

H. **Authorization to Take Part in the National School Lunch Program (Annual Renewal)**

i. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve, the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the above-named agreements so the district may offer its regular school breakfast and lunch program, and authorize the "Offer vs. Serve" provision of the National School Lunch Program to Grades K-12, for the 2011-2012 school year.

ii. **Free and Reduced-Price Meal Policy**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to adopt the Free and Reduced Meals Policy Statement as forwarded from The State Education Department, for the 2011-2012 school year.

I. **Food Service Program**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following meal prices for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Breakfast:	Elementary	\$1.25
	Secondary	\$1.75
Lunch:	Elementary	\$2.25
	Secondary	\$2.75

J. **Applications for Federal and State Grants**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that the Center Moriches Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to file the applications with the Education Department of the State of New York for funding available (including, but not limited to) Title I & II Consolidated, Handicapped Consolidated, Indian and other miscellaneous grant sources.

K. **Personnel Authorizations**

i. RECOMMENDED ACTION: that the Center Moriches Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to authorize the employment of temporary and part-time employees, substitute teachers, and overtime work for clerical and custodial staff.

ii. RECOMMENDED ACTION: that the Center Moriches Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve salary rates for substitute, temporary, and part-time non-instructional employees up to the starting salary for members of that unit.

L. **Contracts**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to authorize the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to sign contracts with other school districts for required health services supplied by Center Moriches School District for non-resident students attending Our Lady Queen of Apostles School and the Leonard E. Burket Christian School; for health services supplied by other districts for Center Moriches students attending non-public schools in those districts; for all placements authorized by the Committee on Special Education for Special Education students in out-of-district placements; and for contracts and related documents regarding bond issue work.



7. **Adoption of Policy Book**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to adopt the district's policy book.

8. **Proceed to Regular Meeting**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Vitale and carried 4-0, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and start the agenda for the regular July 6, 2011, Board of Education meeting.