

Center Moriches Union Free School District

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

**CENTER MORICHES, NY
APRIL 18, 2012**

The Board of Education, Center Moriches Union Free School District, held a Regular Meeting in the Board Room on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Board Members Joseph W. McHeffey, Wendy R. Turkington, Daniel Finnegan, Thomas R. Hogan and Heather Schaub-Magill; Superintendent Russell J. Stewart, Business Official Carol M. Perkins, District Treasurer Diane M. Smith and District Clerk Patricia A. Galietta.

President McHeffey called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 visitors present

1. **Superintendent's Report**
 - **CM Athletic Club Spring Games** – Coach Kevin Gwinn introduced members of the CM Special Olympics Athletic Club. Alec DeGaro (400 and 100 meter races) and Kieran Gwinn (400 and 100 meter races) won Gold Medals at the competition on April 15th at Huntington HS. They move on the Spring Games North at Connetquot HS on May 6th and if they qualify, on the State Championships in June.
 - **Legislative Report** – Mrs. Turkington reported on a meeting that she, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Soto attended on April 5th. They met with Assemblyman Thiele to discuss the district's needs, with an emphasis on the growth of the district, and the financial implications to the budget process.
2. **Minutes** – On motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following minutes as submitted:

Special Budget Workshop Meeting of March 28, 2012

PERSONNEL SECTION

3. **Appointment of Election Inspectors**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the appointment of the following individuals for the May 15, 2012, budget vote, each at \$9 per hour (except*):

3. **Appointment of Election Inspectors (continued)**

Phyllis Burwell	Alice Davis
Rosemarie Delio	Mary DeLello
Roberta Hart	Gladys Hawkins
Kathleen Kleinpeter	Maria Kreuscher
MaryLou Lemmen	Jean Lanham
Catherine Mahoney	Judith Martins
Leslie Murray	John Parrish
	Judith Ponticello* (paid regular salary; time over 7 hours = overtime)
Camille Pirozzi	Theresa Seng
Ann Sherman	Virginia Smith
Frances Terry	Winifred Thomasen

4. **Impartial Hearing Officer**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Diane Cohen** (162 West 94th Street, New York, New York 10025) as an impartial hearing officer effective April 2, 2012 (Case Identifier 70311).

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint **Ellen Cutler-Igoe** (55 Irma Drive, Oceanside, New York 11572) as an impartial hearing officer effective April 4, 2012 (Case Identifier 70378).

FISCAL SECTION

5. **Budget Vote**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to nominate and approve Joseph W. McHeffey as Chairperson for the May 15, 2012, budget vote and be it further RESOLVED, that the following details of the vote are also hereby adopts:

Annual Meeting

Date:	May 15, 2012
Time:	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Place:	Clayton Huey Elementary School Gymnasium
Voting by:	Voting Machine

<u>Proposition #1</u>	School District Budget: 2012-2013
<u>Proposition #2</u>	Transportation
<u>Absentee Ballots</u>	Applications may be obtained from the District Clerk at the High School Office

<u>Petitions</u>	Petitions for members of the Board of Education were due to the District Clerk by 5 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2012.
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6. **Budget Adoption – 2012-2013**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to adopt the 2012-2013 proposed school district budget (Proposition #1) in the amount of \$39,426,038.

Adoption of this budget requires a tax-levy increase of 4.90%, which exceeds the statutory tax-levy increase limit of 2.95% of this school fiscal year, and, therefore, exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

7. **Transportation - Proposition #2**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education of the Center Moriches Union Free School District is hereby authorized and required to continue to provide unlimited transportation for the 2012-2013 school year to all students.

A vote of “yes” on this proposition means that the transportation guidelines shall continue as currently provided and will be as follows:

- Transportation will be provided to all students for the 2012-2013 school year.

A vote of “no” on this proposition means that for the 2012-2013 school year, transportation will only be provided as required by state mandates as follows:

- Transportation will be provided for students in Grades K – 8 residing more than 2 miles, but not more than 15 miles from their school; and
- Transportation will be provided for students in Grades 9 – 12 residing more than 3 miles, but not more than 15 miles from their school.

If the “no” vote prevails, the estimated annual savings in transportation costs after the allotment of state aid is \$322,800.

8. **Property Tax Report Card**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Center Moriches Union Free School District approve the real property tax report card prepared by the district’s business office for the 2012 Annual District Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said report card shall be submitted to The State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

9. **Limited Income Disability Exemption**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to authorize the Limited Income Disability Exemption for the 2012 tax year.

10. **BOCES Board of Education Election**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to authorize the district clerk to record the outcome of the election and notify Eastern Suffolk BOCES of the following:

a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to cast one vote for Pamela Bethel as Trustee on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services, position to be from 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

Motion – W. Turkington, Second – D. Finnegan (Vote 5-0)

b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to cast one vote for Stephen Dewey as the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services, position to be from 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

Motion – W. Turkington, Second – D. Finnegan (Vote 5-0)

c. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to cast one vote for Chris Garvey as Trustee on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services, position to be from 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

Motion – W. Turkington, Second – D. Finnegan (Vote 5-0)

d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to cast one vote for Joseph LoSchiavo as Trustee on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services, position to be from 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

Motion – W. Turkington, Second – D. Finnegan (Vote 5-0)

e. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to cast one vote for Jeffrey Smith as Trustee on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Cooperative Education Services, position to be from 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

Motion – W. Turkington, Second – D. Finnegan (Vote 5-0)

11. BOCES Administrative Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to authorize the district clerk to record the approval of the vote and notify Eastern Suffolk BOCES of the results of the vote for the adoption of the BOCES administrative budget (2012-2013).

12. Payment Authorization

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to accept the report by the Independent Claims Auditor for the month of March 2012 and authorize payment of the monthly bills listed on Warrants for the month of March 2012, as audited by the Independent Claims Auditor as follows:

Warrant:	41	42, 43, 44, 63	45, 46, 47, 48, 65	66	49, 64, 69
Date:	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/28

13. CMTA Memorandum of Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 4-1 (Mrs. Schaub-Magill voted no), the Board of Education voted to approve the following Memorandum of Agreement between the Center Moriches Union Free School District and the Center Moriches Teachers’ Association (CMTA):

Appendix S.

PROGRAM SECTION

14. CPSE/CSE – Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education for the months of February and March 2012, and CPSE/CSE recommendations for the 2012-2013.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

15. First Policy Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to conduct a first reading of the following policies:

- Qualifications of Bus Drivers (Policy #5740) – new policy;
- Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers & Other Safety-Sensitive Employees (Policy 5741) – replaces old CM Policy EE; and
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Policy 6120) – replaces old CM Policy GBA.

16. **Second Policy Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to conduct a second reading of the following policies:

Flag Display (Policy #3140) – replaces old CM Policy INDB;
Staff Use of Computerized Information Recourses (Policy #6410) –
replaces un-coded Internet Acceptable Use Policy; and
Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use) (Policy #7315).

17. **Third Policy Reading and Adoption**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to conduct a third reading of the following policies and subsequently moves to adopt the policies:

Comprehensive Attendance (Policy #7110) – replaces old CM un-coded policy.

On motion by Mrs. Turkington, seconded by Mr. Finnegan and carried 5-0, the Board voted to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Galietta
District Clerk