

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Cafeteria of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**    **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trustee Chiachiere  
Trustee DiSibio  
Trustee Evans  
Trustee Gorham\*  
Trustee Greco Jacobs  
Trustee Stris  
Trustee Subbiondo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Lison  
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan  
Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth  
Director of Special Services Sells-Asch  
School District Attorney Frazer\*  
District Clerk Michels  
Building Principal Capozzoli  
Building Principal Gruen  
Building Principal Huplosky  
Building Principal Zerillo

Approximately 35 Visitors

**Convening**

The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by President Stris.

CONVENING

**Quorum**

Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss personnel of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:25 p.m.

\*Trustee Gorham arrived at 7:25 p.m.

**Reconvening**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome**

President Stris welcomed all in attendance and asked that everyone notice the emergency exits.

**Quorum**

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

**Approval of the Minutes**

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting.

MINUTES OF 12/18/07  
MEETINGS APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

- An acknowledgement was received from Linda Balaban for a sympathy card sent
- Memo from Ehrlich, Frazer, & Feldman regarding Special Education Laws and Regulations
- Letter received from George Faber, BOCES Board President, regarding approval for renovation of their school in Greenvale - this letter was read by the District Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison welcomed all in attendance and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked Principal Gruen for hosting the meeting this month. Students and staff returned on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and have been busy. Wheeler Avenue third grade students are studying electricity and will share their project at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to be held at Wheeler Avenue School. Willow fifth graders were involved in a Newsday Kids Day Project entitled "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" and will be in the May 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Newsday. Howell Kindergarteners have been using the SmartBoard and Thinking Maps to manipulate and match words, letters and pictures. Dever third graders participated in the Heifer International Project that is designed to help impoverished families around the world. Students read books to raise money to purchase and provide families with a "living loan" of livestock which is then paid back by passing along the animal's offspring to another family. Parents and students participated in a guided, interactive tour of the Queens Hall of Science as part of the Saturday Excursions program at Howell Road School. Congratulations to teachers and parents of students who participated in the 2008 All-County Festival. Students are selected for their individual technical abilities and must be commended for their hard work. The VS 13 Educational Foundation will be holding an 80's Dance fundraiser on April 11 at James A. Dever School. Tickets will go on sale shortly. Please visit our newly designed website ([www.valleystream13.com](http://www.valleystream13.com)) and give your feedback.

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Christine Wiener, Daisy Martin, and Nidhal Nelson as substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides.

C. WEINER, D. MARTIN,  
N. NELSON ADDED AS  
SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Resignation of a Media Aide

To accept the resignation of Adrienne Dercola, Media Aide at Howell Road School effective January 11, 2008.

A. DERCOLA RESIGNED AS  
MEDIA AIDE

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Appointment of a Media Aide

To approve the appointment of Betty MacDonald as a Media Aide at Howell Road School effective January 17, 2008 on Step 1 (\$14,799.)

B. MACDONALD EMPLOYED  
AS MEDIA AIDE

Moved by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

Education Report: Darren Gruen gave a presentation highlighting the Social Studies curriculum and how English Language Arts, art and music are integrated with the curriculum. Dr. Chiachiere thanked Mr. Gruen for his report that helped everyone understand the on-going role of art and music throughout the curriculum.

Employments for the Math Before and After School Program

To approve the following employments for the Math Before and After School Program effective January 14, 2008 through February 29, 2008 for two hours per week at their hourly rate of pay:

EMPLOYMENTS FOR BEFORE  
& AFTER SCHOOL MATH  
PROGRAM

James A. Dever

Mary Ellen Kefalogiannis  
Louise Marchesi  
Noelle Mullen  
Danny Rothbard  
Kimberly Spinner  
J. J. Weiner

Wheeler Avenue

Lynn Bohnet  
Michelle Dorsi  
Corinne Lavin  
Kristen Lees  
Erica Sheid

Willow Road

Melissa Bianculli  
Rich Faso  
Susan McKenna  
Donna Quartuccio  
Susan Quartuccio  
Fran Achtziger  
Matthew Costantino  
Maria Romeo

Howell Road

Marlou Bradley  
Corinne Cortes  
Lisa Ellis  
Jackie Schimmenti  
Matthew Stashin  
Sarah Tauber  
Toni Pomerantz  
Janet Gonzalez

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Employment for ELA Before and After School Program

To approve the employment of Corinne Lavin as a teacher of the ELA Before/After School Program at Wheeler Avenue School during the weeks of November 5, 2007 through December 13, 2007 for a total of 12 hours at her hourly rate of pay.

C. LAVIN APPROVED TO WORK  
IN THE ELA BEFORE/AFTER  
SCHOOL PROGRAM

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Teacher Salary Increments

To approve the Salary Increments effective February 1, 2008 as listed:

SALARY INCREMENTS  
APPROVED

NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	
		FROM	TO
Lisa Gimbel	Willow	6MA+15	6MA+30
Joanne Mannion	Dever	10MA+30	10MA+45
Rae Risolo	Dever	11MA+45	11MA+60
Richard Rosenfeld	Dever/Howell	11MA+45	11MA+60
J. J. Weiner	Dever	9MA+45	9MA+60
Anna Mihalos	Howell	6MA+30	6MA+45
Monica Nedab	Wheeler	20MA	20MA+15
Bonney Goldberg	Dever	6MA+30	6MA+45

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously.

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  
UPDATED AND APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

Trustee Chiachiere thanked the District Staff and principals for attending the Mini-retreat on the evening of January 17<sup>th</sup> and sharing the process for hiring, tenure, observing and evaluating the teaching staff.

**BUSINESS** [C. Subbiondo, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Gorham and carried unanimously.

BOCES Bid Resolution

RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Nassau BOCES for the procurement of certain fiber-based internet, voice and other services and equipment in connection with the District's participation in Nassau BOCES' Administrative Technology Projects ("Agreement"), and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board; and

BOCES BID APPROVED FOR  
TECHNOLOGY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board has determined that the District's use of the equipment and services and its participation in Nassau BOCES' Administrative Technology Projects, which are the subject of said Agreement, are essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of the education program to be supported by the equipment and services, and is necessary to maintain its educational program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the foregoing, the Board has determined that the costs and expenses incurred in connection with said Agreement are ordinary contingent expenses of the District and that such expenditure is in the best financial interest of the District."

Moved by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

**POLICY COMMITTEE** [B. Gorham, J. Greco Jacobs]

Trustee Gorham advised that the following policies are presented for a first reading and will be adopted after a second reading at the next board meeting.

Policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

1. 1500 Public Use of School Facilities
2. 2210 Board Reorganizational Meeting
3. 2230 Appointed Board Officers
4. 2450 Policy Dissemination
5. 3220 Administrative Council, Cabinet, Committees
6. 3230 E Organization Chart
7. 4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption
8. 8212 Vandalism

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** [Vice President D. Evans]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/11/2007, 1/2, 1/3, 1/11D, 12/12, 12/17, 12/17/2007, 1/2, 1/14, 1/16H, 1/3Wh, 12/14/2007, 1/2, 1/3, 1/9, 1/15Wi, and 1/2/08 New York Child Learning Institute.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Subbiondo and carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 11/20, 12/12, 12/17/2007, and 1/7/2008.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

Approval of the Audit Committee Charter

To approve the Audit Committee Charter dated 1/15/08 as established by the Board of Education.

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER  
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION APPROVED

To accept five (5) air conditioners from Frank Chiachiere for use in the District with an approximate value of \$2000.

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously.

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer gave the following report on the Rights of Parents to Home School their child(ren). Parents must notify the Superintendent of Schools that they intend to home school their child and submit an I.H.I.P. (Individualized Home Instruction Plan) This plan must include syllabi, textbooks, instructional plan and the name of the instructor. The child must receive full-time instruction taught by a competent teacher. Quarterly reports of the child's progress must be submitted to the school district, as well as an annual progress report. Home schooled children are NOT entitled to borrow public school textbooks, computer software, or school library books. They cannot participate in interscholastic sports or special education programs. Students who are home schooled are not eligible to receive a local or Regents diploma.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Denise Michels*

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District Clerk