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Pending Board Approval

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the Willow Road School on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Robb-Fund
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Evans		Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
Trustee Greco Jacobs		School District Attorney Perna
Trustee Stris*		Principal Capozzoli
		Principal Gruen
		Principal Huplosky
		Principal Steele
		District Clerk Michels
		Approximately 120 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:17 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues and the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and the attorney were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Trustee Stris arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2012 meeting.

MINUTES OF 12/18/12
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence
The following correspondence was received from Frazer & Feldman:

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nassau County Tax Certiorari Proceedings Update
- School Safety Update
- FOIL Requests for Voter Lists
- Observations of Parentally Placed Classified Students
- Amendment to Section 100.5 of the Regulations of Commissioner of Education – Compensatory Score Option

An acknowledgement card was received from the Kenny Family for a sympathy card sent.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked Principal Capozzoli for hosting the board meeting, and she thanked the Willow Road teachers for preparing the students' art work display. The arts are very important since they increase student engagement, enforce positive behavior and enhance creative thinking. Forty-nine district students participated in the Nassau Elementary All County Festival at the Tilles Center, and two students participated in the Long Island String Festival. The Superintendent thanked the Music Teachers, and the students received Certificates of Recognition. The teachers and students presented the Board with a card thanking them for supporting the arts. The District will begin a new Saturday Explorations Program through SCOPE. The program will feature a class for four year olds, music, foreign language, and science.

Superintendent Robb-Fund and Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment Schozer introduced the new website and explained some of the new features.

Recess at 8:40 p.m.

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide
To add Marcella Dowling as a substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aide.

M. DOWLING ADDED AS A
SUBSTITUTE CRA/NHA

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

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2012-2013 Calendar Re-Adoption

To re-adopt the 2012-2013 calendar of days for student attendance for 2012-2013, with amendments prepared in accordance with the Agreement with the Valley Stream Teachers' Association.

REVISED CALENDAR
ADOPTED

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

On the question: President Greco Jacobs read the following statement:

“As you are all aware, the disruption caused by Hurricane Sandy resulted in a loss of seven instructional days for our students. New York State regulations require a minimum of 180 school days each year, and thus, like many other school districts on Long Island, our district needs to make up a number of school days, specifically, three days. Many, if not most school districts, revised their school calendar by eliminating days from the February recess and converting several of these days to instructional days for students. The Valley Stream 13 Board of Education strongly supported this solution as it would provide an opportunity for meaningful instruction for our children and allow students and teachers the opportunity to prepare for upcoming assessments.

However, our labor counsel has advised that any change in the calendar is subject to negotiations with the Valley Stream Teachers Association, and that the present teachers' contract — which applies to all four Valley Stream school districts — requires that any make-up days are to be added to the *end* of the school year, that is, following the last scheduled day of school in June. Nevertheless, the superintendents approached the VSTA and asked if the teachers would be willing to add all the days in February rather than at the very end of June.

The VSTA leadership has informed the boards and superintendents that the VSTA membership has rejected the February option, and our labor counsel has advised that in the event the matter were to be grieved, the teachers' union would prevail. Therefore, schools will be open on Friday, February 15 as an instructional day; however, school will be closed on February 18, 19 and 20. Classes will resume on February 21 as previously scheduled. The VSTA would not agree to any additional instructional days during the February vacation. The last day of school for students will remain as June 21; teachers will be required to report on June 24 and 25 for professional development.

This Board is extremely disappointed with this outcome, as we believe that it is not in the best educational interests of our children. However, we will abide by the terms of the teachers' contract.”

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Employment of an Art Teacher

To employ Donna Geidel as the Art Teacher assigned to Willow Road School on Step 1 MA (\$66,258), effective January 2, 2013 on one year and 5-months probation and unless sooner terminated.

D. GEIDEL EMPLOYED AS AN
ART TEACHER

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

Employment of a Part-time Physical Education Teacher

To employ Elyssa Pascarella as the Part-time (.08) Physical Education Teacher assigned to Wheeler Avenue School on Step 1 BA (\$56,972 pro-rated for the number of hours worked) effective January 4, 2013 through June 30, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

E. PASCARELLA EMPLOYED AS
A PART-TIME PE TEACHER

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

Employment of a Noon Hour Supervisor

To employ Elyssa Pascarella as the Noon Hour Supervisor assigned to Wheeler Avenue School at \$40 per hour effective January 4, 2013 through June 30, 2013 and unless sooner terminated.

E. PASCARELLA EMPLOYED AS
A NH SUPERVISOR

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBSTITUTE LIST APPROVED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT
ACCEPTED

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

Rescind Emergency Capital Project Bid Resolution

To rescind the resolution passed at the December 18, 2012 Board of Education Meeting awarding the Emergency Capital Project Bid to Irwin Contracting of Hauppauge, NY.

CAPITAL BID AWARD
RESCINDED

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

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Emergency Capital Project Bid Recommendation

CAPITAL BID AWARDED

To award the following emergency capital project to:

Emergency Masonry Repair at James A. Dever School
SED # 280213-02-0-001-029

Contractor: Total Construction Corporation, Brooklyn, NY
Amount: \$49,600

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, D. Evans]

Policies for 1st Reading:

- 1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 8635 Information Security Breach & Notification
8635-R Regulations for Information Security Breach & Notification

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice-President S. Douglas]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/14SMS, 12/14BJA, 12/17, 12/19/12, and 1/7/13.

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Review dated 12/20/12.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Agreement between the Henry Viscardi School and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

H. VISCARDI CONTRACT
APPROVED

Moved by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Agreement between the Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc. and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

CORINTHIAN THERAPY
CONTRACT APPROVED

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

High School Board Report
Joseph DiSibio

The high school board meeting took place on January 8th. Student Athletes were recognized. Soccer Coach, David Aguado, was named Coach of the Year by Nassau County. The revised 2012-2013 calendar was approved. The District Treasurer resigned, and they are interviewing candidates for a new Treasurer.

Report of the Attorney
Michael Perna

On January 14, 2013 the President signed into law the "Uninterrupted Scholars Act" which creates a new category of entities who are eligible to receive educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). The Act allows schools to release educational records without parental consent to child welfare agencies that are legally responsible for the care and protection of students, including the educational stability of children in foster care. It also creates an exception to the existing FERPA requirement that parents must be notified when schools disclose educational records pursuant to a court order. Additional notice to parents by the educational agency or institute is no longer required. One purpose of the Act is to help students in foster care receive a better education.

New Business

Trustees Stris & Greco Jacobs attended the NSSBA Conference, Understanding Employment Discrimination. Topics included age and sex discrimination, Americans with Disabilities, equal pay and discussed the latest rulings under both federal and state laws.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels
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District Clerk