

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the Wheeler Avenue School on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio	Trustee Stris	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		School District Attorney Frazer*
		District Clerk Michels
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 125 Visitors

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

CONVENING

Quorum
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Five members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
Resolution: To approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting.

MINUTES OF 12/21/10
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence
A letter was received from Nassau Suffolk School Boards President, Jay Breakston, regarding the Nassau County Tax Certioraris.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Chiachiere extended deepest sympathy on the passing of Frances Freeman, Media Aide at the James A. Dever School for more than 25 years. There was a moment of silence.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison reported that the district is in the process of developing a spending plan for the 2011-2012 proposed budget that maintains a quality education for all students, and she invites everyone to participate in the process. Dr. Lison will present the proposed 2011-2012 budget at a meeting on February 9th at 6 p.m. in the Board Room. Information regarding the Budget Ambassador program will be included on our district website, and the first meeting will be held in early March. Congratulations to the 50 students who were selected to represent our district at the 75th All County Music Festival, and thank you to the teachers who helped these students develop into outstanding musicians and vocalists.

School Calendar – 2011-2012
To approve the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR
APPROVED

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

2010-2011 Salary – Information Technology Specialist
To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$48,863 for Pamela Arata, Information Technology Specialist.

P. ARATA SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

2010-2011 Salary – Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$68,380 for Amie Anci, Occupational Therapist.

A. ANCI SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

2010-2011 Salary – Occupational Therapist

To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$65,925 for Shirley Fils-Aime, Occupational Therapist.

S. FILS-AIME SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

2010-2011 Salary – Physical Therapist

To establish the 2010-2011 salary at \$56,347 for four days per week for Shoshana Bazini.

S. BAZINI SALARY
ESTABLISHED

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Education Report

Music Program Highlights (Dr. Christine Zerillo, Principal, Wheeler Avenue) Michael Soscia, District Coordinator of Music & Fine Arts, introduced the district’s band directors, Glenn Guidone, Lou Paniciulli, Cynthia Shannon as well as Gregory Hart. Mr. Hart, Wheeler vocal music teacher, and Wheeler students in 1st through 6th grades performed different musical techniques by grade level.

President Chaichiere thanked Mr. Hart and the students for a wonderful performance.

Child Care Leave of Absence – 1st Year

To approve the first year child care leave of absence for Tara Lanzisera, Speech Teacher at James A. Dever School effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

CCL APPROVED 1ST YEAR FOR
T. LANZISERA

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

Salary Increment

To approve a salary increment for Danielle Van Blerck effective February 1, 2011 from 3BA+15 to 3BA+30.

SALARY INCREMENT
APPROVED

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

Two-Year Special Education Plan

To approve the two-year Special Education Plan.

TWO-YEAR SPECIAL ED PLAN
APPROVED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUB LIST UPDATED AND
APPROVED

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

Appointment of Teachers for the ELA Academy

To appoint the following teachers to work the ELA Academy for one hour per week effective January 31, 2011 through April 15, 2011, at their hourly rate of pay:

ELA ACADEMY TEACHERS
APPROVED

James A. Dever

Annemarie Gunn

J. J. Weiner

Kim Spinner

Andrea DiMango

Eileen Wallace (if needed, based on enrollment)

Howell Road School

Pat Hopkins

Elizabeth Sweeny

Cindy Gervasi

Deborah DiBona

Wheeler Avenue School

Jennifer Ferreiro

Mary Ellen Vella

Rosemary Dellapina

Willow Road School

Mary Catherine Cullela-Sun

Melissa Bianculli

Donna Gonzalez

Mairead Dorry

Elena Bagge

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Employment of a Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations

To employ James P. Daly as the Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations effective January 26, 2011, and unless sooner terminated, at an annual salary of \$90,000.

J. DALY EMPLOYED AS THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

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

Treasurer's Report

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

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

Budget Transfer Effective January 26, 2011

To approve the following budget transfers effective January 26, 2011:

BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED

From:

A2630.400.01	Computer Assisted Instruction-Contractual	\$37,000.00
A2630.460.01	State Aided Computer Software	\$6,000.00
A5540.404.01	Contractual Buses-Special Education	\$20,000.00

To:

A2630.490.01	Computer Assisted Instruction-BOCES	\$43,000.00
A5540.405.01	Contractual Buses-Other	\$20,000.00

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Greco Jacobs]

Policies for 1st Reading:

POLICIES FOR 1ST READING

2110.1	School Board Access to Information & Reports
5300.25	Prohibited Student Conduct
5420	Student Health Services
5420.1	Administration of Medication to Students
5420.1R	Protocol Regarding the Office of the School Nurse
6240R	Investments Regulation
6700	Purchasing
6700R	Purchasing Regs
6710	Purchasing Authority
8332	Staff Use of Cellular Phones
8630	Computer Resources & Data Management

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee Special Education Reviews

CSE REPORTS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/20, 12/22/10, 1/4, and 1/10/11.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REPORTS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Reviews dated 12/6, 12/21/10, and 3 reports dated 1/10/11.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept the donation of 60 books for the Wheeler Avenue School library from Valley Stream Central High School Student Council with an approximate value of \$125.

Move with thanks by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

Home Tutoring

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

To approve home tutoring for a 5th grade student at James A. Dever School, intermittently as needed, during the 2010-2011 school year. Tutor: Annemarie Gunn

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

Specifications for Superintendent Search

To approve the specifications for the Superintendent Search.

SPECS FOR SUPT. SEARCH
APPROVED

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

President Chiachiere advised that 13 focus groups met with the search committee on January 10, 13, and 18 and discussed the qualities and characteristics recommended for a new superintendent. Five characteristics reported by all groups will be included in the ad in the New York Times and they are listed on the district website.

The successful candidate will be:

- An experienced elementary school teacher and principal, preferably the holder of an earned doctorate, with successful central office experience in a high-expectation school district
- A visible, approachable, motivational leader with proven success in raising student achievement in a diverse school community
- An outstanding communicator (listening, speaking, writing) with demonstrated skills in developing trust and understanding among all school district stakeholders
- A strong, child-centered leader with proven ability to generate and encourage creative, fiscally sound solutions to program improvement needs
- A politically savvy, collaborative leader who will be visible in the schools and classrooms of the school district and in the community at large

Report of the Attorney

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer gave the following report: A NYC music teacher sued the NYC BOE for violation of privacy because they disclosed that the teacher suffered from fibromyalgia. This teacher took a medical leave due to fibromyalgia, but after investigation it was determined that she was working as director and conductor of a symphony outside of her teaching duties. It was determined that since fibromyalgia is not a condition that would expose her to discrimination, the disclosure was not in violation of her right to privacy.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels

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District Clerk