

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Board Room of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Douglas Trustee Farrell Trustee Pandit Trustee Pomerantz Trustee Stris		Superintendent Evelyn Interim Asst. Supt. for CAT Martin Asst. Supt. for Business & HR Antoine Asst. Supt. for Spec. Services Sells-Asch Principal Capozzoli Principal Gruen Principal Huplosky Principal Steele School District Attorney Florence Frazier District Clerk Brewington Approximately 150 Visitors

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

Quorum QUORUM  
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION  
An Executive Session was held immediately at 7:15 pm to discuss the history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. Superintendent Evelyn and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources Antoine were invited to attend.

Reconvening RECONVENING  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:03p.m.by President Pomerantz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum QUORUM  
Sixmembers being present, a quorum was determined.

Approval of Minutes MINUTES OF 11/24, 12/8  
To approve the minutes of the November 24, December 8 and 12/15 MEETINGS  
December 15, 2015 minutes.  
APPROVED

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

Correspondence CORRESPONDENCE  
Memorandums from the Law offices of Frazer & Feldman regarding

- LIPA PILOT Payments
- New York Common Core Task Force Final Report
- 2015-2016 Application for 1% Cap Exception
- The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015
- Least Restrictive Environment Guidance (LRE)
- Annual District Election & Budget Vote Seminar
- Registration of Legally Blind Students

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
Constance Evelyn

Board of Education Commendation Ceremony  
Superintendent Evelyn led in District thirteen's 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Education Commendation Ceremony in a celebration of excellence. The recipients included students, educators and community members who were honored for outstanding achievement. The Commendation Ceremony will be a biannual celebration.

Chrome Book Presentation  
Melissa O'Geary with Andrea DiMango, Danielle Dodge, Karen Higgins and Enrico Perciballi  
Presentation by 4 classes in the district that are using chrome books in the classroom. The students demonstrated how technology can support learning and expand communication. Twelve students spoke about their experience with using the chrome books. There were also an audience participatory demonstration on KAHOOT!

**Break for Refreshments**

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [S. Douglas, W. Stris]

Education Report

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the credit for advanced study for the following teachers effective February 1, 2016, in accordance with the Board/VSTA contract:

CREDIT FOR  
ADVANCED STUDY

Johanna Land (D)	8MA+15	8MA+30
Melissa O’Geary (Wi)	2MA+15	2MA+30
Aleksandra Rance (H)	1.5MA	1.5MA+15

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

Resignation for Retirement – Building Principal

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Stephanie Capozzoli, Principal at Willow Road School effective July 1, 2016 in pursuant to section 5.5 of the Council of Elementary Association’s bargaining agreement.

RESIGNATION FOR  
RETIREMENT OF  
PRINCIPAL CAPOZZOLI

Moved by Trustee Douglas and seconded by Trustee Farrell and carried unanimously.

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher list for the 2015-2016 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
LIST

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

**B. BUSINESS COMMITTEE** [F. Chiachiere, V. Pandit]

Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2015.

TREASURER’S REPORT  
ACCEPTED

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

Bond Resolution

BOND RESOLUTION

Bond Resolution of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, New York, Adopted January 26, 2016, Authorizing the Construction of Additions, Alterations And Improvements to District School Buildings and the Sites Thereof; Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is Not to Exceed \$32,000,000; Appropriating Said Amount Therefor; and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$32,000,000 Serial Bonds of Said District to Finance Said Appropriation.

Recital

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on December 8, 2015, in the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, in the County of Nassau, New York (the “District”), a majority of the qualified voters present and voting approved a Bond Proposition authorizing the construction of additions, alterations and improvements to District school buildings and the sites thereof, at the estimated total cost of not to exceed \$32,000,000; and further authorized the Board of Education to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual installments to pay the principal of and interest on the not to exceed \$32,000,000 serial bonds authorized to be issued;

Now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTEEN, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, in the County of Nassau, New York, is hereby authorized to construct additions, alterations and improvements to District school buildings and the sites thereof, substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by Burton, Behrendt & Smith, Architects & Engineers, P.C, Patchogue, New York, entitled “Proposed Bond Scope Accepted as of September 13, 2015,” including the construction of new cafeteria and kitchen space, and an elevator; interior reconfiguration and partial reconstruction of existing space; installation of new cabinet and sink casework for classrooms; lavatory, auditorium and gymnasium renovations; replacement of unit ventilators and roofs; upgrades to heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, electrical, plumbing, security, fire alarm, and public address systems; and improvements to doors, windows, walls, lighting, masonry and building envelope; and also including ADA, sidewalk, asphalt, building entrance, playground, and drainage improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is not to exceed \$32,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$32,000,000 serial bonds of the District, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$32,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”) to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and

interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in the “*Valley Stream Herald*” and the “*Franklin Square Bulletin*,” hereby designated the official newspapers for such publication.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Trustee Stris and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

Employment Agreement – Consultant

To approve the Employment Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Alan B. Groveman effective January 26, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT –  
CONSULTANT

Contract on file with the district clerk.

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [J. DiSibio, P. Farrell]**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption

To approve the following policies after a second reading:

2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND  
ADOPTION

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| 3220 & Regs. | Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees |
| 5110         | Elementary School Attendance Areas               |
| 8410         | Transportation                                   |

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

**D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President P. Farrell]**

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/8, 12/23, 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/12, 1/15 (JAD) 1/15 (WRS) and 1/19/16.

COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Adoption of the District’s Belief, Mission, and Vision Statements

To adopt the District’s Belief, Mission, and Vision Statements as listed below:

ADOPTION OF THE  
DISTRICT’S BELIEF,  
MISSION, AND VISION  
STATEMENTS

Belief Statement

We believe that:

- All children can learn at the highest levels;
- Teaching and learning should be differentiated and child-centered;
- Social and emotional learning is critical to the learning process;
- We should have challenging learning experiences for all educations and children;
- Children learn best by constructing a new understanding of their relationship to the world around them (i.e., constructivist approach)
- Children should become lifelong learners and well prepared for post-secondary life experiences.

Mission Statement

The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen offers our life-long learners a robust curriculum through the partnership of home, school, and community. We expose our children to important literature and ideas, to master fundamental skills, and develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. We promote social responsibility encouraging students and staff to set high personal goals.

Vision Statement

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen will treat each and every child as a scholar to be prepared to meet the challenges of their future.

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Adoption of the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Goals

To adopt the following Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Goals:

High Quality Curriculum and Instruction

The Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 will develop and implement a high quality curriculum, instruction, and balanced assessment model for all students. All staff will implement evidenced-based practices including high yield instructional strategies that increase higher order thinking, collaboration and creativity, and student engagement.

Leadership and Innovation

All members of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 community are valued and seen as contributors to the goals of the district. Allocation of resources will support job-embedded professional development dedicated to promoting creative problem-solving. We will seek district-wide expertise and insights to realize measureable achievement gains for educators and students.

Systems Thinking

The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen will continually create benchmarks for success that align targeted resources to evaluate and enrich the quality of our instructional and operational goals. Every student and educator will meet and exceed local and national measures of achievement.

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Home Tutoring

To approve home tutoring for a Willow Road School student on an intermittent basis for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year – tutor: Maureen Byrnes.

HOME TUTORING

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

Contract with Molloy College

To approve the contract between Molloy College Nursing Department and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2015-2016 school year and authorize the Superintendent to sign said contract.

CONTRACT WITH  
MOLLOY COLLEGE

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Donation

To accept a donation from the Babylon Public Library of a Baldwin piano for use in the District with an approximate value of \$2,500.

BALDWIN PIANO  
DONATION

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Donation

To accept a donation from Bernie Fabig of a wooden music stand for use at the Wheeler Avenue School with an approximate value of \$125.

WOODEN MUSIC  
STAND DONATION

Moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously.

**Report of the Attorney**

Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazier reported about a school official who misused school resources and lost his job. He sued the school district. The case was dismissed.

**High School Report**

Trustee DiSibio reported on the High School that met on December 12, 2015. Recognition was given for achievement in sports and stipends were approved for coaches. There was also a video presentation entitled, "Beautiful Me".

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously for the purpose of principal negotiations. The Superintendent and Asst. Superintendents were invited to attend.

No action is expected.

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45p.m. by President Pomerantz.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENING

ADJOURNMENT

*Patricia Brewington*

Patricia Brewington  
District Clerk